

## Ourganda Partnership with Project C.U.R.E.

#### Dear Friend,

We have a chance for Ourganda to bring \$400,000 in equipment and supplies to western Uganda!

This is huge. This will be a game changer for thousands of people in the Bundibugyo District where Ourganda serves.

We aren't ready yet to pull the proverbial trigger (unless someone calls us and says, Hey, let's do this now!), but let me introduce you to Project C.U.R.E. (Commission on Urgent Relief and Equipment). Please read this entire document and see if you end up feeling the same excitement that we feel.

One of Ourganda's long-term goals is to assure that medical care is available to every person in the Bundibugyo District. With 300,000 people living in 650 villages, how many years would that take? Is that even possible in our lifetime? (After all, if some of our board members live 25 more years, they will outlive George Burns.)

### Yes, it is possible.



Bundibugyo
District has
several
government
hospitals; a
few small,
private
hospitals;
and
hundreds of
small clinics.
Not one of

these has the equipment, medications, and supplies that they need (even the largest, most advanced hospital in the district is astonishingly primitive by Western standards).

While we continue to deploy mobile medical clinics into forgotten villages, we can multiply our impact by partnering with Project C.U.R.E. to assist hospitals and clinics that are already working in the district. We can assure that they have whatever they need so they can serve more people.

#### Here is how it can happen:

We have had several very positive conversations with Project C.U.R.E. (PC). Check out these facts about their organization at projectcure.org.

- PC collects medical equipment and supplies from hospitals and medical companies and is the largest distributor in the world of donated medical supplies to developing countries.
- PC started 31 years ago; they have 40 employees and 20,000 volunteers. PC is ranked by Forbes as one of the 20 most efficient U.S. charities.
- PC distributes \$80-90 million in medical equipment and supplies every year. They own six Costco-sized warehouses in the U.S., plus a number of smaller collection centers.
- PC partners with any organization that provides medical care in any developing country. They do not initiate partnerships; they respond to requests.
- A typical container costs \$25,000 to ship but contains \$400,000 worth of equipment and supplies.
- Only a small portion of the \$400,000 of equipment and supplies will be directly used by Ourganda in our mobile clinics, but Ourganda can make an immeasurable impact by serving as the organizing entity for this initiative.

#### Imagine the lives that will be saved.

In February 2019, Mike Davis and Ron Gladden visited the Bundibugyo hospital and talked with Dr. Amon Bwambale and Dr. Marc Carringan. Dr. Amon is Medical Superintendent; Dr. Marc Carrigan is an American doctor who works alongside him. Both of them are excited about the possibility of working with Ourganda on this project. They assured us that the Project C.U.R.E. resources will result in many saved lives.

Mike and Ron also talked in depth with our Ugandan medical care team. They are 100% committed to helping their people who desperately need medical

















care, and they are praying that the Ourganda - Project C.U.R.E. partnership will happen.

It is logistically impossible to work with every hospital and clinic in the district (in the near term, at least), so what are our priorities?

- Bundibugyo Hospital This is the largest health care provider in the district, and since we already have their enthusiastic support, we will start there. They are also able to receive the container and store it on the hospital grounds.
- 2. Small clinics in villages where people have no other option Ourganda has become known far and wide in the Bundibugyo District as the mission that takes medical care to people who cannot get it anywhere else. Our team will identify small, rural clinics that (a) are geographically positioned to save and extend lives, (b) are in need of equipment, medications, and supplies, and (c) are willing to meet our high accountability standards.
- 3. Once the partnership between Ourganda and Project C.U.R.E. has a track record of success, we will



assist any district hospital or clinic that meets our high standards of professional competency and accountability.

#### What does Ourganda need to do?

- Step one is to arrange for a field assessment.
  We pay \$4,000 and Project C.U.R.E. sends
  one of their agents to Bundibugyo to make sure
  everything is ready.
- Next, Ourganda collaborates with the hospital and clinics in Uganda and with Project C.U.R.E. to decide exactly what supplies are needed. We then pay \$25,000 to ship the container from a warehouse in the U.S. to Uganda.

- 3. Ourganda, under the supervision of a Ugandan NGO that has previously imported containers from PC, arranges for the container to pass through customs. We are responsible for the cost of approximately \$3,500.
- 4. Ourganda will hire a full-time project manager to oversee the Ourganda - Project C.U.R.E. partnership at an annual cost of \$3,000. The prevailing wage in Uganda is about \$250 a month.

The result will be that Ourganda, the Bundibugyo hospital, and a yet-to-be-determined number of clinics will receive equipment, medications, and supplies valued at \$400,000.

# Is Project C.U.R.E. able to help with some of the cost?

Yes. Once we pay for the field assessment, Project C.U.R.E.'s client care manager will work with their development team to find financial help. Options include a 50/50 arrangement for the \$25,000 fee or a one-time donation of \$10,000.

### How can you help?

Ourganda is working on some big priorities right now: We have to launch a second team soon so we can serve thousands of new people in three more villages. We have to bring clean water into Kinyante IV. But sometime soon, we will send \$4,000 to PC so they can send a representative to Uganda for the field assessment. After approval of our partnership, we will need to raise an additional \$31,500 minus whatever Project C.U.R.E. is able to do. Donations are deeply appreciated.

Thanks for reading all the way down to the end. Now

you know how Ourganda can almost exponentially accelerate our mandate to save and extend a lot more lives. Thank you!



Ron Gladden
Ourganda Director

One Time Projects	Total Cost	Raised	Needed
Mobile Medical Vehicle	\$13,900	\$8,500	\$5,400
Water System (Kinyante IV)	\$10,000	\$2,800	\$7,200
Project CURE	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000
Ourganda Campus (land)	\$12,500	\$0	\$12,500

Ongoing Projects	Cost	Needed
Kits (Birthing, Hygiene, Kids)	\$10 each	hundreds
Water Filters	\$50 each	hundreds
Urgent Medical Surgeries	\$1,000 average per person	