

# Ourganda

*Life-Saving Medical Care Wrapped in Kindness*

## I'mpossible

Dear Friend,

Which is it? Impossible or I'm possible?

When Ourganda launched in January 2018 by hiring four excited employees and taking delivery of an AWD Toyota van fresh off the ship from Japan, we signed up for a challenge. We knew that a lot of people in distressed Ugandan villages had no way of getting treatment or medications and were dying unnecessarily. Few could get to a clinic, and those who did often found that the clinic had run out of medications or the staff had disappeared because they had not been paid. Hope was all these people had, but it wasn't enough.



Was it possible to save and extend lives? What if we succeeded? What if hundreds — maybe thousands — of people experienced a dramatic improvement in their health and entire villages were transformed? We had to try.

The word 'Impossible' has always been banned around here unless it includes the apostrophe. On top of every agenda at every meeting are the words, "With God, of course we can."

We bought a ton of medications, adopted three villages, and set up a rhythm that took our care team into each village once a week. Doreen, Vincent, Joseph, and Joe found heartbreaking conditions and diseases that needed urgent attention. They started every day by teaching health classes. They organized wellness clubs. They distributed water filters, soap, shoes, hygiene kits, and birthing kits. They triaged



and treated children, moms, and dads. Our team took a number of patients to hospitals in Kampala or Mbarara where surgeons eventually performed operations that saved their lives.

Word spread and armies of people arrived from many miles away in hopes of receiving care.

Our care team made friends with each person, loved them, and administered life-saving medical care wrapped in kindness. Since that very first trip into Kitsolima II, Kinyante IV, and Sarakihombya, 2,000 people have joined our wellness clubs. Hundreds of kids and moms have received kids kits, hygiene kits, and birthing kits. Almost no one in our villages is rushed to the hospital anymore.

### So what did we do?

We adopted three more villages. We hired 5 more employees. Generous donors helped us buy a tough 1999 Toyota Prado Land Cruiser which allows a second team to bring education, wellness clubs, treatment, and emergency services to several thousand more people in the villages of Bubandi II, Karongoti, and Bulyambaya. Check out the smiling faces of some of the brightest, happiest people anywhere.

*“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”*

*Matthew 19:26*

the definitive answer to the question we asked 19 months ago: Is it possible to extend and save lives? It is possible. I'mpossible.



**What is next?**

We are always dreaming and planning to bring water into the next village so that the women don't have to walk so far every day. Land values are increasing in Bundibugyo and we want to buy land so we can eventually build an office and storage for our supplies and vans. We need to partner with Project CURE and bring an enormous container of medical supplies and equipment to the district. Long term, we will double life expectancy in our villages. We will bring about equal treatment of women in the villages we serve. And we will eventually assure that every person in the Bundibugyo District has access to medical care.

In the back row are Malikewa (nurse), Joseline (midwife), Judith (midwife), Vincent (clinical officer), and Benard (accountant). In the front row are Oscar (clinical officer), Doreen (clinical officer), Joe (driver), and Joseph (driver).

**Every one of them embodies I'mpossible.** Every one of them is a gift from God to the people we love in the forgotten villages of Bundibugyo District. They have created something effective and beautiful. They are

So many of you have already helped. We appreciate every one of you.

Thank you for joining us on the journey!

P.S. If you can make a donation right now, 100% of it goes directly to saving and extending lives. Thank you!



Ron Gladden  
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One Time Projects	Total Cost	Raised	Needed
Kinyante IV Water Project	\$7,800-11,800	\$11,800	\$0
Project CURE	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000
Ourganda Campus (land)	\$12,500	\$0	\$12,500
Nurse and Midwife (one year)	\$6,500	\$3,250	\$3,250

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