



Big Problem? Surprising Solution!

Dear Friend,

Our team felt like Napoleon after Waterloo. They had been rejected, verbally assaulted, and told to take their unwelcome mobile clinic elsewhere. *What just happened?* they wondered. *What do we do now?*

They prayed.

Physically, God may be 10 million light years away, or is He nearby? It doesn't matter. God listened to that prayer (as He always does), He smiled, and He said to Himself, *Wait till they see how I solve this one!*

Here are the details:

When our fantastic care team adopted the village of Bubandi II in western Uganda, they looked for the best place to set up the privacy tent, the treatment tables, and the portable pharmacy. The best spot, they agreed, was the grounds of a local private school.

Surprise #1: Vincent, our ministry coordinator, approached the school management to explain the mission and to ask permission to stage the clinic on the playground. Vincent

was surprised that the headmaster was an old friend from high school. "Of course you can meet here!" he offered. The team was thankful and began the work.

Surprise #2: Some time passed by. Vincent was in Kampala caring for Pophia, a teenage girl who was scheduled to have surgery to remove some polyps. The team called Vincent with an urgent message: The Reverend who pastored the church that owned the school had decided that Ourganda's team was not welcome to meet there because some of the

team members were from a different denomination. Their clandestine motive, the pastor surmised, was to steal some of his church members. Ourganda was ordered to leave the school grounds immediately and permanently. (Unfortunately, competition and suspicion runs high between some of the denominations in Uganda. We are trying to change that.)



A little girl at the village of Bubandi II.

Most of Ourganda's supporters already know that the Ourganda team is comprised of Christians from various denominations.

We have deliberately hired professionals with a balance of men and women and a mix of people from both of the major tribes. Every time they set up, the team hangs a banner that says, "Health classes, wellness clubs, and other medical services available to everyone regardless of tribe or religion." Ourganda serves with no strings attached.



Disappointment: Vincent and the team went to visit the Reverend. They unfolded the work of Ourganda and explained that their mission is simply to continue Jesus' ministry of healing. Vincent prayed for him; the pastor promised to circle back with Vincent and let him know if the moratorium was lifted, but it didn't happen. The team was still without a place to serve.

They huddled up in the van and Vincent led them in prayer. "We don't have to worry," he said. "God will provide a place, and don't be surprised if God changes the Reverend's mind."

Surprise #3: Gift Godfrey, one of our male nurses, was offered a scholarship to continue his studies, so he let us know that he would be stepping down from the team at the end of the month. We hate to lose a good nurse, but we respect his choice and it gave us a chance to hire another employee. "In the process of looking for a humble and committed nurse," Vincent reports, "we were connected to a male nurse in Fort Portal named Frankline Kiiza (pictured above in white). We decided to take the boy (he is 22 years old, but young in comparison to Vincent) as our next nurse."

The Big Surprise: As they were getting acquainted with Frankline, they were blindsided: Frankline Kiiza is the son of the Reverend who tossed our team off the school property. Vincent had no idea, but of course God did. And these are the words that came from the heart of the pastor when he realized that Ourganda - out of all the people they could have chosen - decided to hire his son: "It is by God's grace that these people have hired my eldest son. I know now that God is



leading. He has humbled me and I am speechless. God is behind the work of Ourganda, and it must go forward."

We can't help but smile when we see the way God is blessing Ourganda. Every day, our team is picking a fight with unnecessary death and extreme poverty. They are winning the fight. And we invite you to partner with God and with us as we make the world a better place, one person at a time.

Thank you!!!

P.S. Take a look at the enclosed Christmas Gift List, and choose whatever you find most exciting.



Ron Gladden
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One Time Projects	Total Cost	Raised	Needed
Project CURE	\$35,000	\$2,500	\$32,500
Ourganda Campus (land)	\$18,000	\$6,121	\$11,879
Water Project #4	\$16,000 (est.)	\$0	\$16,000

Ongoing Projects	Cost	Needed
Kits (Birthing)	\$15 each	hundreds
Kits (Hygiene, Kids)	\$10 each	hundreds
Water Filters	\$35 each	hundreds
Urgent Medical Surgeries	\$1,000 average per person	