



Audacious Next Steps

Dear Friend,

When you partner with Ourganda, people inevitably flourish.

2020 was Ourganda's best year ever (we're convinced it's a miracle). Donations from generous donors like you were up by a lot. Our teams helped more people than ever with weekly medical care, clean water, hygiene kits, birthing kits, kids kits and surgeries. We bought three acres and started the process of creating a beautiful community center.

We love changing the lives of hundreds of individuals, but our board of directors huddled up and said, "It's time to go bigger. Let's keep blessing as many moms, dads, and kids as we can. But why not transform entire villages?" After some conversation and prayer, they set an audacious goal of changing at least 12 misery zones into human flourishing zones by the end of this decade.



What's next?

- **Pure Water for 5,000 People** - A huge-hearted donor just made it possible for Ourganda to purchase 207 water filter systems for the people in our villages. Each system turns disgusting water into pure water for up to 25 people which means that over 5,000 people will be drinking clean water every day from now on. Thank you, Howard and Louise!
- **Sickle Cell Testing** - At one point, the World Health Organization identified Bundibugyo District as the NUMBER ONE epicenter for sickle cell disease in the world. Yet astonishingly, not a single hospital or clinic in the district tests for sickle cell disease - **except for Ourganda**. Our teams have begun the process of testing every child in our villages who is under 5 years old.

A physician and a nurse from our U.S. board are visiting Uganda this month and have delivered 500 sickle cell test strips to our teams. The first 100 tests are for children in our six villages, but Ourganda has arranged to partner with two nearby clinics to offer testing for 400 more children - at

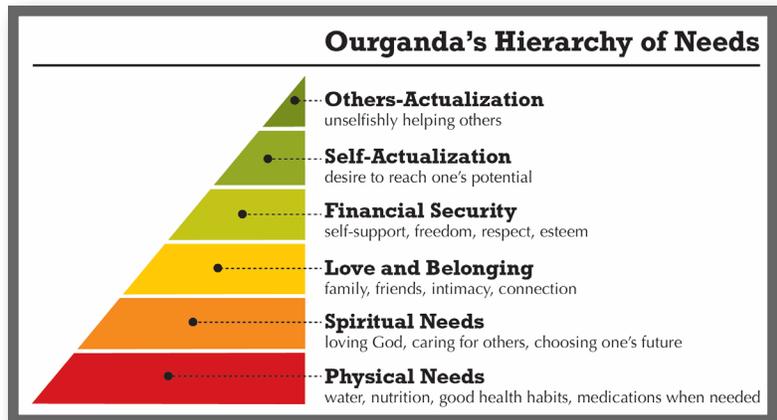
Ourganda's expense. We hope our actions inspire those clinics, and maybe even the local hospitals, to eventually make sickle cell testing available to every parent and child in the district. Ginormous thanks to those of you who donated directly to this groundbreaking sickle cell testing project!



- **Hygiene Kits for Hundreds of Women** - A retired seamstress (who loves the women in Uganda she's never met) is trying hard to wear out her sewing machine so that no girl has to miss school and no woman misses work because of menstruation. She literally, and

joyfully, spends hundreds of hours making beautiful, durable kits that replace the rags, leaves, rocks, and sometimes even cow dung that women are forced to use. Thank you, Betty! Our mission team from the U.S. agreed to limit their personal items so their suitcases had room to carry as many hygiene kits as possible.

- **Financial Self-Reliance** - We could not be more delighted to provide clean water, shoes, hygiene kits, and professional medical care, but a person cannot truly flourish when crushed by poverty. If we're serious about flourishing, we have to move people up the pyramid. We have to create sustainable and transformative industries where people can enjoy the dignity of providing for their families, pay for their children to get an education, and reach their personal potential while passing along a portion of their blessings to others.



My niche is not starting businesses in developing countries, but I have connected with people who can. While you are reading this letter, I am traveling around the Bundibugyo District with a businessman from South Carolina who has opened a successful business in northern Uganda and is researching the possibility of expansion into our neck of the woods. At the same time, we are in dialogue with other entrepreneurs who can't ignore the calling God has given them to help people flourish. We are waiting with bated breath to see how the future unfolds.

We don't have a crystal ball so we can't predict the future, but we can create it.

And we need your help. Ourganda is praying for more generous, unselfish people who want to become someone's hero. We no longer feel confused about how to help our brothers and sisters in western Uganda. **We invite you to join us.**

P.S. Every penny helps. Thank you!



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Ongoing Projects	Cost	Needed
Water Backpacks	\$5.50 each	hundreds
Kits (Hygiene, Birthing)	\$8 each	hundreds
Kids Kits	\$12 each	hundreds
Water Filters	\$40 each	hundres
Urgent Medical Surgeries	\$1,000 average per person	