



Healthy, Happy, Safe, and Hopeful

Dear Friend,

Q: What do the first two chapters and the last two chapters of the Bible have in common?

Check out Genesis 1 and 2. Then skip to the back of the book and read Revelation 21 and 22. You'll be encouraged, and you will find the answer.

A: Before our world turned away from God, everyone was healthy, happy, safe, and hopeful. After the awful experiment is over and God makes everything new, everyone will once again be **healthy, happy, safe, and hopeful.**

That's the big picture.

We are stuck in the middle of the story. Every one of us faces circumstances that we wish were different, but in places like Kinyante IV or Bulyambaya in Uganda, the challenges are especially harsh. Not many people feel healthy, happy, safe, and hopeful.

I just returned from another trip to Uganda, my third in nine months. Accompanying me were Ralph from Kansas City, Juliet from Kampala, and Dzintars from Latvia. I am genuinely excited and optimistic—and more committed than ever to the mission of transforming misery zones into flourishing zones.



What happened?

Here are some highlights:

1. We met three women who were forced into marriage as children. Against their will, of course.

Polygamy is legal in Uganda. Even in 2021, girls as

young as 10 or 12 become child brides. Sometimes a father agrees to sell his daughter to an older man because the father believes the family's need for money is greater than the future and the dignity of his daughter. One of our Ugandan friends told us about her grandmother who was stolen from her home, taken to another part of the country, and forcibly married to a much



older man. In that case, she was able, eventually, to escape and make her way to safety. Even as the years went by, she frequently relived the fear and trauma.

It is difficult to process. Somehow, these girls survive, but their lives are difficult, and they struggle to understand why life is so unfair, why someone else controls their lives. Unless something changes, they have little chance of feeling healthy, happy, safe, and hopeful.

What is Ourganda doing about it? Vincent, our ministry coordinator, is teaching men how to love and cherish their wives and how to lead and protect their families. His classes are well-attended and growing every week. Men are listening, learning, and beginning to change their families and their villages for the good.



2. We observed our medical teams in action. Ten full-time Ugandan employees take medical education, triage, and treatment to 8,000 people in six villages. The impact of their ministry is almost immeasurable. If you have received our newsletters for the past 3.5 years, you know how successful they are in saving and extending thousands of lives!

3. We officially kicked off our micro business movement. We were delighted to meet Godfrey, our new Empowerment Leader. He and Vincent are gathering and training young men to start a carpentry business, young women (and one man!) to start a tailoring business, and others to begin bee-keeping and other ventures. In a short time, almost 40 people are creating businesses that will lift them out of poverty. If Godfrey and Vincent worked without any outside coaching or assistance, good things would happen.

But now add Juliet Kasiita. She lives in Kampala, has visited the Bundibugyo District many times, and has extensive experience in micro finance and in helping hundreds of

people start small businesses. In addition to her other work, Juliet is coaching Godfrey weekly on the phone and plans to travel to our villages once a month for in-person support.



And now add Ralph. He earned an MBA, he and his family were missionaries in Pakistan for almost 20 years, and Ralph has devoted his life to helping thousands of people start businesses in developing

countries. Ralph led an outstanding two-day workshop in Bundibugyo for 20 people, some of whom will work with Godfrey as he helps the people in our villages start businesses that will change their lives.

Where is all of this headed?

Our villages are changing. No place on earth can possibly be perfect, but Ourganda is well on the way to transforming villages into places where the majority of people feel **healthy, happy, safe and hopeful**.

We thank you for your support. Our Ugandan employees are the heroes of this story, but **you can be a hero, too**. Your gifts are powerful tools in the hands of these people who are eager to take control of their own future. They are brilliant, hard-working, capable men and women who look forward to a brighter future.

Every dollar matters. I cannot thank you enough!

Ron Gladden
Ourganda Director



Ongoing Projects	Cost	Needed
Water Backpacks	\$5.50 each	hundreds
Kits (Hygiene, Birthing)	\$8 each	hundreds
Kids Kits	\$10 each	hundreds
Urgent Medical Surgeries	\$1,000 average per person	