

WHICH WOMAN IS *Happier!*



**Check out these stories, then cast your vote.
Would you guess that Esther or Dolice is the happier woman?**

Esther

If you keep up with Ourganda's domestic violence program, you might be half as excited as we are. Esther has been leading the charge in pro-

tecting women, engaging authorities and changing offenders' behavior. She is fearless. She is determined. She is focused.

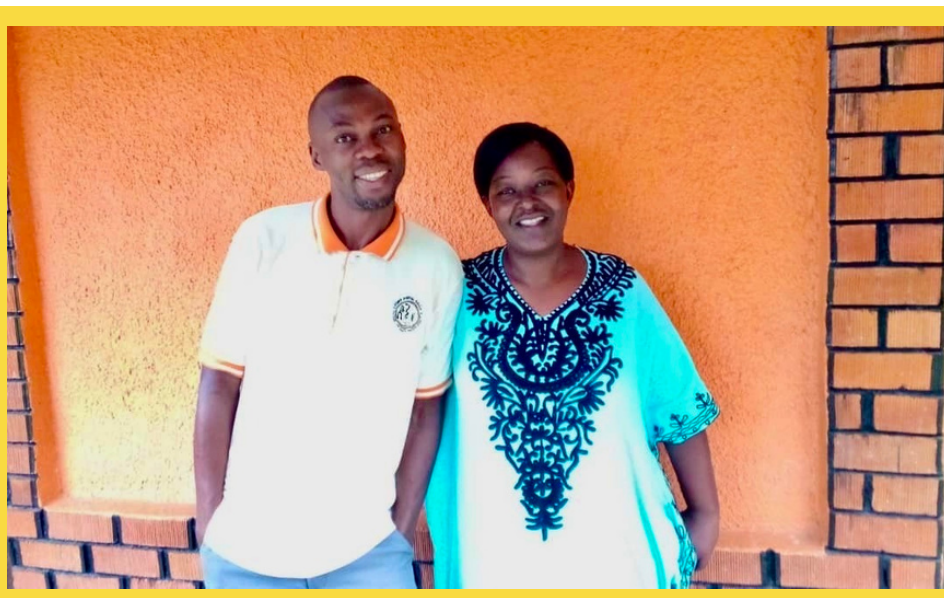
Esther's unique approach is solving this 'unsolvable' problem. She does all the things other domestic violence (DV) ministries do, but here is why she is experiencing

extraordinary success: She is creating a 'Rapid Response' team comprised of three components:

- **Mankind Clubs** - A fired-up gang of men who are committed to preventing DV in their village.
- **Call Center** - Esther has a phone line dedicated to DV calls.
- **Conversation with Offenders** - When an offense is reported, someone shows up at the offender's door within three hours (12 at the longest).

In one recent month, Esther and her team of Mankind Club members confronted 32 offenders. In one month! The offender is kindly but firmly given a choice: prison or kindness. If he chooses kindness, Mankind members offer to walk with him in a new direction, and they do their best to connect him with a micro-business so he can devote his energy to something productive and his family can prosper. If he rejects kindness, he chooses prison. In that case, the police show up and escort him to a cell where he awaits trial and prison. Overwhelmingly, men who once abused their wives whenever they felt like it, are now choosing kindness.

Esther is a blur of human lightning. She wears out her clothes from the inside. Her work has been so insanely successful that some of our donors decided to pay for a full-time associate to multiply Esther's success. Even as we speak, she and the Ourganda leadership team in Bundibugyo are praying and interviewing prospective candidates. We hope to welcome a new member of the DV team within a few weeks.



See why
Esther is so
happy!



Dolice

If you have a spirit of adventure and want to accompany the Ourganda medical team to one of our villages, you could squeeze into the AWD van and join their weekly rhythm of struggling up steep hills and fording mountain creeks to bring medical care to our sisters and brothers who can't get to a doctor or a clinic.

Back in November, the team met a beautiful woman named Dolice in the village of Karongoti. Dolice was fighting a losing battle with a terrible growth on her throat. She experienced pain, heart palpitations, and profuse sweating. She was in agony. A scan revealed that Dolice had a multi-nodular cystic goiter that progressively increased in size. It was only a matter of time.

Frank, one of our professional nurses, sent us some photos with this note: "What is needed? This mother needs Ourganda to help. She waits for our rescue."

That is exactly what Ourganda does.

Frank and Oscar accompanied Dolice to a hospital 440 kilometers away in Kayunga. A skilled surgeon named Dr. Kazooka performed the surgery. The

morning after, Frank sent us an update: "We had a very long and tiresome day but your prayers are working. Dolice has recovered from anesthesia. She is happy and thankful. She asks that we thank the Ourganda Bundibugyo team, the Ourganda USA team, and all of our donors." A few days after surgery, Dolice was back in her village. Her nightmare was over. Her future is bright.



So which woman is happier, Esther or Dolice?

We love helping our friends in Uganda. Our payment is the stories, the photos, and the smiles. And, of course, when people like Esther and Dolice send their thanks, they are in fact thanking you.

What's next for Ourganda? We don't have a crystal ball so we can't predict the future, but we can create it. And soon we will share with you where God is leading Ourganda next. You will love it!

In the meantime, **please send the most generous donation you can.** And let us know if you want us to apply it where it's needed most – or for the next surgery, our domestic violence program, birthing kits, sickle cell testing, finishing our Community Center, or something else. Every penny counts.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



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