

OURGANDA

Let's ignite hope.
Let's change things.



We love saying **YES!**

Dear Friend,

Peter is exceptionally glad that Ourganda said YES. (So are we!)

Q: *Who is Peter?*

A: A 10 year old boy who came to our village clinic with pain below his left knee and a wound draining pus. He had been suffering for two long years.

Q: *What could be done?*

A: Ourganda's medical team looked closely and identified the infection as osteomyelitis, a bone infection that can be caused by bacteria, injuries, surgeries or even other factors. Cleaning the wound and antibiotics are not enough.

Unfortunately, our team has seen this before. In many cases, the infection is caused by a spread of bacteria from the skin, bowel or throat to the blood stream. A staph germ gets into the blood stream causing a sepsis or infection of the blood. Then the germs float into a bone and begin a bone infection. The body's immune defenses might contain the infection in one place in the bone but cannot expel the infection. A small piece of bone dies at the point of infection and keeps the infection from healing.

This is what happened to Peter.

Q: *When something like this develops in one of the villages, what can they do?*

A: The patient is trapped. His leg is painful, he is partially crippled, the pus continues to flow, but his family has no recourse. They have never traveled outside their immediate community, so where would they go? Could a hospital help him? If so, which one? Where? Suppose they could get him to a surgeon many hours away, how could they ever hope to pay?

That's where Ourganda comes in. We are thrilled to say YES!

- In Peter's case, our Ugandan professionals shared their diagnosis and photos with Dr. Mike, our medical advisor on this side of the ocean.
- "Surgery is the only path forward," Frank explained when he met with Peter and his mother.
- Evaline's forehead wrinkled with concern until Frank assured her that generous donors would cover the cost. The donors would likely never get to meet Peter, but their compassionate hearts were eager to bless whomever needed help.
- Frank connected the logistical dots between the family and the hospital, then boarded a bus with Peter and Evaline that traveled almost four hours to Kilembe Orthopedic Hospital near Kasese.
- They prayed, and the surgeon operated.





The surgery was a success (YAY!)

The morning after, this resilient young man laid in his hospital bed with a bandage around his leg and his thumb in the air. Evaline was thankful. Peter is home now, and it won't be long until this 10-year-old boy is bouncing along the village trails to school, to church, and to play with his friends just like it never happened.



Ourganda's mission is to ignite hope in the communities of western Uganda where men, women and children feel safe, healthy and happy. We love knowing that, thanks to our outstanding medical teams, many thousands of people are enjoying good health. Because of Ourganda's highly-successful domestic violence program, over 700 families resolve differences with words instead of fists and machetes. Hundreds have completed our financial literacy courses and are starting to lift their families out of poverty by joining savings groups and starting businesses. Over 100 men and women gather every week to support one another as they transition from addiction to freedom.

We smile every time we are able to say YES. We absolutely love to say YES.

Who will be next? Which girl, boy, mom or dad will Ourganda be able to help? We will let you know.

In the meantime, here is what you can do:

- Give online – Scan this QR code or visit ourganda.org/donate.
- Mail a check made payable to Ourganda to PO Box 874205; Vancouver WA 98687.
- Pick up the phone and call 360-624-7271. We can take your donation over the phone.



Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!