



# OURGANDA

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

## Is this a Ridiculous Question?

Dear Friend,

**It seemed like a ridiculous question, but I asked it anyway.**

I was in Uganda meeting with the Ourganda leadership team. I shared my laptop screen with Vincent, Rose, Joinus, and Frank. We read this Bible promise together:

*"However, there need be no poor people among you, for in the land the Lord God is giving you to possess as your inheritance, He will richly bless you."*

**Deuteronomy 15:4**

**Here is the ridiculous question:**

**"Does Deuteronomy 15:4 apply to Ourganda's villages?"**

**Don't answer yet.**



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Before Ourganda adopts a village, self-sufficiency is a foreign concept. People don't even talk about it. They don't dream about it because it is so far out of reach.

- No one has running water or electricity. Their houses are **fragile huts** made from mud and sticks that literally wash away in a serious storm.
- Every family hopes to live in a permanent home someday, but a more pressing dilemma is **whether they can feed their children** tonight.
- A lot of people have **never washed with soap** and many don't have shoes. The only clothes they own are on their back.
- If they need to go somewhere, they walk because **public transport doesn't exist** and no one has a car, a scooter, or even a bicycle.
- Most of the villagers cannot read or write in any language because **school isn't free** and the average income is a drop in the bucket compared to the cost of tuition and supplies.
- Paying for unforeseen expenses like an emergency visit to a clinic **is impossible**.



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**Q: Why don't they just get a job?**

**A:** They would love to but in Ourganda's villages, there are no go-to-work & get-a-paycheck jobs. No one has ever seen a 'Help Wanted' sign. Their daily 'job' is to survive one more day.

**Imagine seeing something that isn't there:** A business ecosystem in which people benefit economically from the work of their own hands. A pathway that starts where people are and empowers them to lift themselves out of poverty.

**This is exactly what Ourganda is doing.**

Rose and Godfrey lead Ourganda's empowerment team. Last year, these intensely-passionate leaders taught financial literacy classes to hundreds of people, most of whom have started small businesses and are able to send their children to school and meet their families' other needs for the first time ever.

**Their goals for 2025:**

- Teach 'Financial Literacy' classes to **twice as many people**.
- Teach 'Business Practices 101' to **at least 250 people** (These 7 modules were created and customized by the Enactus Business Club at Southern Adventist University).
- **Enroll 500 people** in 'Saving for Life' groups using a model perfected by [SeedEffect.org](http://SeedEffect.org) that has helped 100,000 people across Uganda and South Sudan lift themselves out of poverty.



Godfrey teaching

**"Does Deuteronomy 15:4 apply to Ourganda's villages?"**  
**We believe it does.**

It is happening already. Hundreds are becoming self-sufficient. By the end of this year, those numbers will double. In five years, maybe ten, our villages will be totally different. Moms, dads and young people who walk the pathway will become self-sufficient.

We urgently need your financial support to significantly expand this program. A one-time gift goes so far in Uganda, and an ongoing monthly gift blesses hundreds of families over time.

**Thank you for partnering with Rose, Godfrey and all those who are lifting themselves out of poverty!**

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