

OUR GANDA



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

The Dignity of Safety

Dear Friend,

This is important. Can you help? Let me explain.

In the last few months, two of our employees were badly injured in separate motorcycle accidents. The roads are dreadful, the weather is often crazy, and many boda-boda drivers are way too aggressive and careless.

Rose is our outstanding empowerment leader who teaches financial literacy classes, organizes savings groups, and coaches people to start micro-businesses.



Rose was terribly hurt last fall. She suffered in the Bundibugyo Hospital for more than a week, followed by nine days of treatment in a local clinic, plus six more weeks of recovery at home.

Vincent and I went to visit her when I was in Bundibugyo last November. A bathrobe covering scrapes and wounds greeted us at the door. We were so happy – and thankful together – that her life was spared.

Frank is a registered nurse and our almost-irreplaceable associate ministry coordinator.

In January, Frank was thrown from the back of a motorcycle like a sack of cocoa beans when another boda-boda slammed into theirs. Frank found himself in a pool of blood with injuries to his hands, legs, and chest. When someone dropped him and his driver off at the hospital, the doctor found awful scrapes and torn muscles but no broken bones. Two months later, Frank is still bouncing back. Again, we are so grateful that he didn't break his leg or his neck.



Day after day, every single week, Ourganda's three Toyotas travel to the villages stuffed full of midwives, nurses, medical officers and medications. But when Esther and Benard need to meet with a domestic violence offender in Kakuka, when Rose and Godfrey travel to Bulyambaya to teach Financial Literacy, or when a child is in danger and Joinus needs to consult with the Community Action Team, they end up hanging on for dear life to a stranger who charges 2,000 shillings for the privilege of transporting them along roads that would scare Evel Knievel.

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These indispensable leaders don't hesitate to take the risk, but we know this: Most of us wouldn't do it. We would insist on a safer, more predictable way to travel.

Here's where we need your help:

Ourganda needs to buy a van that can be shared by the domestic violence, micro-business, and children's protection teams. They have agreed to sync their schedules as often as possible to minimize their time on the back of boda-bodas. **We owe them the dignity of safety.** They deserve to feel safe when they work so hard to protect and support the people in the villages.

Here are some details:

- Vehicles aren't cheap In Uganda because of sky-high customs, but our team has located a high-clearance, low-mileage Toyota HiAce van for 83 million shillings. In U.S currency at today's exchange rate, we need \$23,500.
- The van is AWD with a diesel engine and automatic transmission with only 45,000 miles (72,400 km).
- Almost half of the money is already committed. We just need to raise the balance.
- When you make a special donation to Ourganda's 'Safe Transportation' fund, every dollar you give goes directly to that cause.



Boda-boda



Once we make this purchase, Rose, Frank, and the rest of our team will be extremely excited and thankful.

Please take a look at their faces, imagine them riding safely in a beautiful van like this, and make your most generous donation possible.

Thank you, sincerely.

Make a Donation

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