

OURGANDA



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

Every Child is Safe Campaign

Dear Friend,

Earlier this month, **OurGanda adopted three more villages**. Our 19 Ugandan professionals now serve 17,000 people in 13 villages.

Eight thousand of those are children.

Let me explain up front that Linda gave us permission to share her story and photo. Who is Linda? A beautiful 14-year-old girl who was forcibly raped last summer. In early March, she gave birth to a handsome boy named Happy. One of our donors put her arms around Linda, paid for her C-section and hospital expenses, and provided new clothes for her and the baby and food for the next month. *Flip to reverse to see a photo of Linda and Happy.*

Question: What would you do if you knew that most of the girls (not just Linda) have been sexually violated at least once (and some of the boys)? What would you recommend if the deputy director for the Bundibugyo District announced that thousands of girls are raped every year and no one knows how to stop it?



Answer: We are going to stop the madness. Tuesday, July 1, marks the official launch of OurGanda's "Every Child Is Safe" campaign. We are **declaring war** on the biggest problem we've ever encountered.

Between now and then, EVERY person in our villages will hear this:

- "Starting July 1, if a child is sexually violated, we will find the offender and he will be prosecuted. If he ends up in prison for 2 years or 10 years, it was his choice.
- "This is the process we will follow. We have an army of trained and dedicated volunteers who have pledged to protect the children: A Kampala-based law firm, Mankind & Soul sisters, teachers, pastors, parents and local political leaders. The Community Action Team (a local government entity) will lead the prosecution process.

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- “You are invited to join the army of men and women who are dedicated to protecting our children from sexual violence.”

When July 1 arrives, all 17,000 people in our villages will say:

- **Adults** — “We will not be quiet anymore. We will speak up. We will protect our kids.”
- **Perpetrators** — “I don’t dare do this again.”
- **Children** — “I’ve always been worried and afraid. But I feel safe now because the rules have changed.”

Our children’s team in Uganda meets every week to plan and pray. They are creating a multifaceted ecosystem that rewrites the future. So far, their plans include:

- Recruiting a massive army of **hundreds of volunteers** in every village.
- **Legal training** for the Community Action Team and the volunteers.
- “Every Child Is Safe” rallies in every one of **Ourganda’s 13 villages**.
- A powerful and unforgettable convocation on launch day to celebrate the **beginning of a new era** for kids and their families.

Here’s where we need your help:

- Our Kampala-based law firm is coming to Bundibugyo to train hundreds of government officials and volunteers.
- Our children’s clubs will perform skits that demonstrate that they are joining with adults to stand up for their rights.
- Our team will purchase radio time to announce to thousands of people that the rules will change on July 1.
- They will purchase water & snacks and rent chairs, tables & tents for the biggest extravaganza our villages have ever seen.
- Our team is buying beautiful dress shirts for every Community Action Team member embroidered with Ourganda’s logo on one side and ‘Bundibugyo Community Action Team’ on the other.
- Our team will provide hundreds of volunteers with T-shirts that announce the ‘Every Child Is Safe’ campaign to everyone in their world.
- The budget, so far, adds up to several thousand dollars. Every penny is vital to the success of this campaign.



Linda & her son, Happy

Will you join your voice with ours?

Will you help Ourganda prepare for the biggest breakthrough for children that has ever happened in these villages?

Right now, we need early adopters.

Pioneers who will help our team launch something monumental.

If you need more details or have ideas, feel free to contact me personally. My cell phone is always on and ready to hear from you (360)624-7271. And if you are a praying person, **please pray**.

Thank you! Thank you!

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