



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

One Big Thing: Ending Sexual Violence on a Massive Scale

Dear Friend,

Sexual violation of children is coming to a screeching halt in Ourganda's villages.



Why It Matters

- More than half of girls in our remote villages have been sexually abused.
- Over a year ago, the deputy director of our district asked if Ourganda could protect children from being violated. Not just a few kids here and there, but 1,000s of children.
- We agreed to try. It's the **biggest challenge** we have ever faced.
- We are attempting the impossible.

Our goal: Put a permanent smile on the faces of thousands of children.

September 5 is the pivot point.

That's the date when 500 people will gather on Ourganda's Community Center campus to celebrate. To announce that the rules have changed. To spread the word that "Every Child Is Safe."



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Behind the Scenes

Here's what is happening to prepare for the September 5 extravaganza:

• The authorities have pledged to enforce the law. Ourganda and government leaders established a Community Action Team that will follow through when someone harms a child.

- Literally hundreds have joined the army of volunteers to protect the kids. How did that happen? Joinus, our children's champion, and her team of volunteers are right now conducting 60 meetings with teachers, pastors, parents, government leaders in every one of our villages and asking them to step up and speak up.
- A law firm from Kampala has conducted legal training at the Ourganda campus, not once, not twice, but three
 times. At our latest training on August 1, 121 people—half of them men!—volunteered to use their voice and their
 influence to protect the kids.

When September 5 arrives, we will celebrate with (energetic) skits, (live) music, (short) speeches, (tasty) food, a marching band, drones, banners—and an appeal to join the children's protection army. 1,200 people will receive wrist bands with a phone number to call if a child is in danger or has been hurt. We anticipate an **unstoppable commitment** to do something that has never been done.



Join the Fight

This is a complicated issue. More than a few have predicted that we won't succeed, but we're ready to prove them wrong. We are confident that a whole new reality is about to transform children, families—and entire communities.

Please help us empower Joinus and her team. Every dollar you donate helps her sponsor another training, recruit another volunteer, reimburse the police for travel to the village, and cover legal fees for a victim.

They are fighting the best they can. **Please join the fight** by donating online, or by sending a generous check in the return envelope.

Thank you! Thank you! **Thank you!**

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