

Join us in giving thanks— for healthy mothers and babies!

In the US, it's the season for Thanksgiving. In Uganda, it is sometimes difficult to give thanks because life is so uncertain. Safe delivery of a healthy child is a major struggle for many families. The maternal mortality rate in rural Uganda is 880 maternal deaths for every 100,000 births (in the US the rate is about 8 per 100,000). In other words, for every 113 births, a mother dies.



After two failed deliveries at home, a mother is about to hold her first living child.

We are very thankful that Bwindi Community Hospital is saving mothers' lives. Out of 1100 births at Bwindi last year, there were only 2 maternal deaths, despite caring for the sickest of the sick. Bwindi Hospital has reduced maternal mortality by 80%! This reduction is due to a well-trained staff providing safe deliveries, including Caesarean sections when necessary, and to our 48-bed Waiting Mother's Hostel, where expectant mothers who live a difficult distance from Bwindi can comfortably await the birth of their child.

Word has spread in rural communities that here at Bwindi Hospital mothers are more likely to survive giving birth and to have a healthy child, so in-hospital deliveries are increasing dramatically. Three years ago, we safely delivered about 30 babies a month; we now average 120 babies a month. Providing this high quality care is expensive by Ugandan standards. Generous underwriting from Marie Stopes International had covered maternal care, but this temporary funding source has come to an end. We now have a substantial funding gap for continuing this invaluable service.



New mother with her healthy twins

When you give thanks this year, please pause a moment to consider supporting the maternal health program at Bwindi. Your generosity will allow families in Uganda to give thanks, too, for a healthy mother who can now hold her safely delivered, healthy baby (or twins)!

We at Bwindi are especially thankful for your generosity over the years. We look forward to hearing from you and receiving your support. Feel free to contact us by email at bwindicommunityhospital@gmail.com.

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