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A NIGHTMARE COME TO LIFE.**



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WE KNOW THEIR NAMES.

CAROLINE, AGE 13. PATRICK, AGE 6. SARAH, AGE 14. BETTY, AGE 7. JOHN JEROME, AGE 11.

JENNIFER, AGE 13. JOSEPH, AGE 16. ANNA, AGE 13. ROBERT, AGE 13. ALEX, AGE 13.

SIMON, AGE 14. EMMANUEL, AGE 11. RICHARD, AGE 12. NANCY, AGE 14. JOSEPHINE, AGE 12.

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Over the last three years, tens of thousands of children from a single area smaller than Los Angeles County have been kidnapped in the dead of night. *Thousands* of boys and girls forced from their beds at gunpoint, tortured, terrorized.

How is this possible? How can this be true?

It seems too horrific to be real – but it is. The kids are from the northern part of the small African nation of Uganda. They are ordinary kids – going to school, listening to hip-hop, dreaming of their futures – but nightly they face a terrifying and all-too-real possibility: being kidnapped by a rebel leader named Joseph Kony, who heads a group called “The Lord’s Resistance Army.” He’s a Christian extremist who wants to take over the country and run it according to the Ten Commandments. He’s doing what he’s doing in the name of God. And the rest of the world is, for the most part, standing by and letting it happen.



The UN is now calling the situation in northern Uganda the worst humanitarian crisis on the planet. Kony kidnaps the children – and forces them to kill that same night, often a member of their own family. If he takes three brothers, he forces two to kill the third – or all to die at once. He preys on their minds, telling them that once they’ve killed, they’re part of his army forever. He pulls them from everything they know – their parents, their homes, their schools – and forces them to steal and kill as roving packs of rebels – or face certain death.

The Night Commuters

To avoid being kidnapped, every night thousands of children travel from their homes before dusk and sleep in two protected villages. The sight is almost unbelievable. Children sleeping crammed on church steps, bus station floors, anywhere they can find – just to be safe for the night.



Some of the kidnapped children do manage to escape – but even then they can't return home. Kony will search them out at their villages, and if he finds them, force them to kill their parents and loved ones. A few organizations have opened "re-education centers" for the children. The first night after they arrive, counselors walk up and down the open sleeping areas all through the night, telling the traumatized children, "We love you. You are our children. We are sorry we could not protect you. We welcome you home. What has happened is not your fault..."

Whose fault is it? How can it be stopped? Why can't someone get this guy?

It's a complicated situation. Kony is surrounded by his "rebel army"- which is composed of abducted children. The Ugandan government is using foreign aid – including US money – for a military campaign to fight the rebels called "Operation Iron Fist." Unfortunately, when the reports come in that the Army killed "forty rebels", the truth is – they've killed forty children. It's not a solution that is humane – nor is it working.

How can I help? Really?

A massive, collective outcry is needed to stop the horrors in Northern Uganda. The International Criminal Court has just issued its first arrest warrants ever – and they're for Joseph Kony and five of his followers. The charges include "crimes against humanity" – including killing, maiming, abduction, rape and forced recruitment of thousands of children.

The UN has officially affirmed that "The international community, through the UN, has the responsibility to use appropriate diplomatic, humanitarian and other peaceful means... to help protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity." This Responsibility to Protect calls for "collective action...in cooperation with relevant regional organizations as appropriate, should peaceful means be inadequate and national authorities manifestly fail to protect their populations."

We are taking a stand by asking ourselves, the UN, and Uganda to live up to its responsibility to protect these children. We've collected the names of thousands of children abducted by Kony and have imprinted each one on a distinctive silver dogtag with a green band. All profits from the sale of the tags go to advocacy and care for children of Northern Uganda. But even more than financial assistance, the children need someone powerful to speak for them. To end this. Now.

Money won't solve the problem. Your voice will.

We need a partner like you to help us create a movement.

To lend your voice.

To tell the story of these children,
until everyone knows it and no one can turn away.

Until the world comes together and brings them home.



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And 20,000 more.