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Summertime's "dog days" remind us that it won't be long before the snow flies. Uganda also endures the challenges of weather, though it's the rainy seasons – with mudslides,

rutted roads and ailments irritated by moisture – that give the greatest trials.

If you've ever had a tough time navigating our roads during summer's "construction season" or held your breath on an icy highway in winter, be thankful you don't drive in Uganda. Winding, hilly and bumpy dirt roads are tough on cars and drivers alike.

Nevertheless, travel, Ugandans do: bicycles, scooters, motorcycles, buses, trucks and cars crowd the landscape.

Four-wheel-drive vehicles are prized for their usefulness on this terrain.

Which brings me to the reason I'm writing: We hope to purchase a lightly used, double-cabin pickup truck for the Ruth Gaylord Hospital staff as soon as possible. They've been relying on the hospital's ambulance for public health outreach missions, transporting staff, supplies and medications along these deeply rutted roads. It's tough on the ambulance and takes it out of service for its primary purpose: bringing patients to the hospital for emergency treatment.

Depending on age, mileage and model, we should be able to find a used Toyota or Ford pickup for about \$25,000. Please consider helping us today.

With my perpetual gratitude,

Reverend Dennis Dease



The Ruth Gaylord Hospital's trusty ambulance needs a helper!

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