



*Merry
Christmas,
Happy
New Year
and God's
richest
blessings on
you and
your family*



We are once again grateful for the end of a successful year, for the health and welfare of our staff and children, and for God's blessing in so many areas.

We are deeply appreciative of all you do on our behalf, for your prayers, your technical assistance, your financial support, your visits, your love, your interest and your encouragement. It is only through this that we can progress as we are.

We love you very much, and pray that you will have a joyous Christmas as we remember the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, and what He means to us.

With much love from Marita, Jaz and the Ugandan and Australian Amari Staff



Key Activities in 2014

1. New intake of children into Lower Nursery
2. Teaching of Nursery to P2 classes
3. Constructing 4th and 5th classrooms, office space and lunch area
4. 10-stance primary school latrine
5. Stage 1 of solar installation



Staff, children and visiting solar installation team (July)

Working on the latrine



Staff and Students as at Dec 2014



Building Staff: Charles, David, Denis, Gerard, Marion, Robinson (on ground)



Teaching Staff: Albert, Lilian, Julius, David and Joan (I couldn't get Julius or David to smile for the camera!!!)



Grounds Staff: Brian, Dan, Muhangi, Steven (who also helps with administration)



Cooks, Cleaners and Domestic Staff: Oliver, Eugenia, Jennifer, Annet and Scovia



Staffing and Students (as at Dec 2014)

Staff:	22
(including a security guard, social worker and myself not in the photos)	
Lower Nursery:	33 (14 boys, 19 girls)
Top Nursery:	30 (19 boys, 11 girls)
P1:	26 (15 boys, 11 girls)
P2:	20 (11 boys, 9 girls)
Sponsorship:	119 currently sponsored (most will be in school in 2015)

For various reasons, we reduced our workforce towards the end of this year. Some of these staff will be replaced next year, when we look at budgets and ascertain what is needed.

Highlights and Other Bits and Pieces for 2014



Solar Installation Team

We were again blessed in July with a visiting team from Australia, who funded and installed the first stage of a solar farm. A brilliant job, and we are loving the use of uninterrupted and plentiful power!



Long Term Assistance

We had the privilege of having Deborah (far left) with us for 18 months, helping with curriculum development, and Nicola for 3 months, doing lots of bits and pieces.



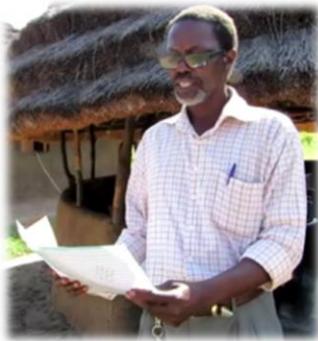
Community Use of Borehole

As well as being extensively used by Amari staff and those who live onsite, our borehole is used on a regular basis by our neighbours and other community members. For example, problems with the town tank water system over a few days meant the local Catholic school sent their students up for water (above).

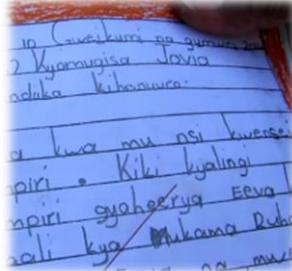


Ziiza (Grandmother) Day

Lower Nursery children show their grandmothers and other carers how a lesson is done (focus on the 'z' letter).



Teaching in Local Language



Moses Babyenda, who works in recording the Lugungu language and Bible translation and does a lot of consultation with Amari, is very pleased with the way our children are learning to read and write in mother tongue. We are pioneering this in Buliisa District.

Planned Activities for 2015

- New intake of Lower Nursery children
- Classes from Lower Nursery through to P3
- Completion of the P2/3 classroom and administration block (currently under construction)
- Completion of the P1 verandah, children's and children's sheltered dining area
- Providing furniture for the new classrooms, and updating some existing furniture
- Building more staff accommodation
- Working on plumbing existing buildings and providing project irrigation

Who We Are

Amari CDO was established in 2008 to help relieve the effects of poverty through the support of education, development and welfare programs conducted in developing countries, principally Uganda. We have 40 acres of land at Kisiabi in Buliisa District.

We are registered as an NGO (Non Government Organisation) in Australia and Uganda. Our emphasis is on the education and support of orphaned and vulnerable children. We aim to invest in them educationally and spiritually through quality Christian education.

If you would like to assist financially in any way, you can do the following:

(a) donate through Life Ministry Centre

or (b) pay directly into our CAPITAL bank account, with your name and a reference e.g. 'land' or otherwise or

(c) contact us (see bottom of newsletter) for other options

CAPITAL Bank account details:
Amari Community Development Organisation

Bank of Melbourne
BSB Number: 193 879
ACCT Number:
410281010

SPONSORSHIP Bank account
Amari Community Development Organisation
Bank of Melbourne
BSB Number: 193 879
ACCT Number:
411041958

If you would like to donate extra support for your child or family, you can make a direct deposit into the **SPONSORSHIP** account. Please write the word "extra" next to their number as you deposit. Or contact us to let us know.

Amari now has a partnership agreement with Australia Hope International and COME Uganda, so if you are interested in sponsoring a child or other donations, and would like tax deductibility, this can be arranged through them. Contact sponsorship@amari.org.au

We gratefully acknowledge the support and partnership of

AUSTRALIA HOPE INTERNATIONAL
Website: www.ahi.org.au
Email: hope@ahi.org.au



COMEaid UGANDA
Website: www.comeaid.org
Email: admin@comeuganda.org.au



Some of our new students coming into Lower Nursery in 2015

These children are not yet sponsored – if you can help, or know of someone who might like to sponsor a child, please refer to our webpage: www.amari.org.au



Joseline is the 8th of 13 children. She lives with siblings and her parents, who are also caring for another 6 children of her uncle. Her father struggles as he is lame, and some of the children also have ill-health.



Katherine is the 1st of 2 children. She has been living with her grandparents for 2 years as her mother returned to another district, and her father, who is a fisherman on the islands, has not returned home at all.



Anon lives with his parents, 2 siblings and 3 step-siblings. His father is a fisherman, which earns a little money for renting a garden to grow crops for food the family. Anon's parents still struggle to provide.



Tulinawe is the second of 4 children, living with his mother and father who are also caring for his grandmother and younger uncle. His father struggles to provide food for the family.



Calvin is the 3rd of four children.. In addition to Calvin's family, his father is also caring for other children and he struggles to make ends meet. Calvin has a problem with his leg(s) which hinders his mobility.



Jovia is the 3rd of three children. She lives with 15 other people, including her mother, orphaned cousins and siblings. Her father has remarried and has another 6 children of his own.



Atwirarize is the 2nd of three children. She is living with her grandmother and father, as her mother absconded and never visits. Her grandmother is also caring for 8 people.



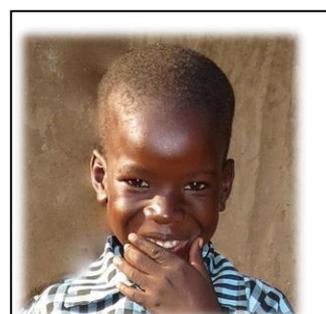
Teddy is the 5th of 9 children. One of her siblings recently passed away, and her father has just abandoned her mother. Teddy, her mother and 2 siblings are living with her grandparents



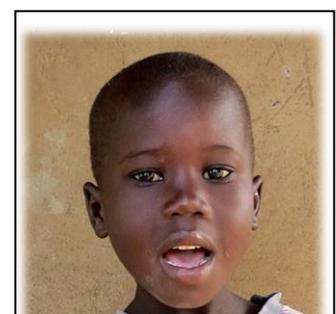
Tevin is an only child, whose father passed away in 2012. His mother moved in with his grandparents, who are also helping care for 6 other dependents. They struggle to provide for the children.



Nisha is the 10th of 11 children (3 of whom have passed away). She is living with her father and mother. Her father also providing for another family, and finds it hard to cater for them all.



Patrick is the 7th of 8 children. His mother recently abandoned them. Patrick and 5 of his siblings live with his father and grandmother.



Paddy is the 2nd of 4 children. He lives with his parents and siblings. Paddy's parents are also helping support his grandparents, and it can be a struggle to make ends meet.