



(Left) School lunch area almost completed. (That is firewood for cooking in the foreground.) **(Right)** Well, it might LOOK like our water tank is getting raised and installed but in a rather funny, 'yes, this is Africa', kind of scenario, the crane (hired by the installation company) was too short. So they hired another one from a construction company based about 15kms away. But, as we found out this morning, THAT crane has a dead battery (and there appears to be no jumper leads available in all of Buliisa.) So now we are waiting to see how the installation company will resolve that issue!!



Last week we were privileged to host a two-day seminar/workshop run by an organisation called 'Surprised by Hope'. About 80 parents and community people participated, along with the 35 Amari staff. Participants were taught about how they can use creative and critical thinking to help with life and running small businesses, and how they can use their own skills and available resources in an ethical and cooperative way, to help generate income. (And hence help themselves rather than having the mentality that outsiders always have to help). It was good teaching, both from a Biblical and business point-of-view, and our staff appreciated it.



(Left) Rev. Moses, who helps Amari in a lot of different ways, has been up here in Buliisa for the last couple of weeks doing some checking of the Lugungu New Testament with local pastors and community. After about 20 years of translation work, the Lugungu New Testament is almost ready to print, and will be of great benefit to the community, and to our school learners. **(Right)** This being rainy season, travelling to and from Hoima is a bit of a challenge! These two trucks were stuck on either side of the road, meaning we had to (with a bit of help from numerous pushers and shovels!) skirt around, in a rather slip-slidey manner, on the rather swampy right-hand-side! (Driving in Australia is comparatively rather boring!)



We had a somewhat bitter-sweet occurrence this month, when a baby who had been abandoned for a couple of days was taken into care by this woman (about an hour up the road from us). Unfortunately the baby died about a week later due to tetanus complications from insect bites. It was lovely, however, to see Africans wanting to look after their own, with this woman taking the baby into care, the church providing a burial plot, and others collecting firewood etc to help with the burial service.

I know, on one level, that God is in control, and our times are in His hands, but on another level I do wonder why He allowed the baby to live for two days in the bush, only to die later. And while we (Amari) helped a little bit with some initial material support, I do wonder if we should have facilitated a trip to Kampala for more thorough medical checkups when the baby was first found. But God knows, and at least the baby is at peace.



It is lovely having Tahnee here for a few weeks. This is Tahnee's second visit, and over the years she has been an incredible fundraiser for Amari, and very encouraging on a personal level. I think I need to keep her on as my P.A. Not only is she cooking yummy food, entertaining and bathing our onsite staff kids, cleaning my cupboards and sorting out the kitchen, but she is also helping tally some (lots!) of accounting, keeps me plied with coffee, walks the dogs, and is braving snakes, bats, frogs, and herds of cattle.



Geoffrey (left) is a great example of how helping a child educationally can help get them off to a good start in life. I started paying school fees for Geoffrey some years ago when he was in about Year 9. He came from Northern Uganda, which was then involved in civil war. When he reached university level, I stopped supporting him, but he went and farmed and raised fees for paying half of his tuition. So I decided since he was obviously keen enough to work hard himself towards fees, I would top up. He has now graduated as a clinical officer (somewhere between nurse and a doctor), and will have no trouble getting work in the medical field.



When we send patients down to CoRSU Hospital in Kampala, for assessment and treatment, our staff member Moses ('young Moses') usually accompanies them, as many have never been to Kampala before. (Here with Baby Emmanuel who is being treated for a cleft palate.)



Jaz is rather enjoying having Gerry live with us on school days. (He goes to his father on weekends). Although by the end of the day they are usually both ready to kill each other (and I could quite cheerfully throttle them!), it is teaching Jaz how to share, and he loves the company.

Praise and Prayer Points

- Thank God His continued provision in all areas, and for the work that has been done in preparing for our July visitors. Pray for the team as they prepare to come, and for the final stages of raising the water tank and connecting the solar pump.
- Pray for the adoptive mother of the abandoned baby (who lost her own son earlier this year), and for the biological mother who has been found and is now in police custody.
- **On a VERY THANKFUL note, the bar music that has been going on for over a year has stopped! I am LOVING our peaceful nights!**

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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 Kisabi 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

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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

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