



School opened again on February 22nd, with our new intake of another 25+ new students. We now have 6 classes (Lower and Top Nursery, and Primary 1 to Primary 4) and about 165 students. Our youngest students are excited to be starting, but a bit unsure about it all! (Give them a month or two and we'll get some photos of them smiling!!) School started late this year due to the presidential elections held mid-February.



Older students lining up for early morning assembly.



Julie and Di have been visiting the Amari project for the past three weeks. Our staff and children have really enjoyed having them around. They have been taking photos of our children, staff and homes, which we will be able to use for promotional purposes. They have coped very well being up there 'on their own' and during election time!



Helping move some new chairs that we've just had made. Thank you to those who have donated to our capital or general funds – this enables us to buy furniture and other capital items not covered through child sponsorship.

Gerard, Eugenia and their family are staff members who live onsite. Gerard is a builder and my 'go to' handyman. His wife helps with cooking and cleaning. Gerard is one of our pioneers and has been with us for 7 years. The family are living in two huts, so one of our building projects this year is to build the family a bigger house.



A huge thank you to those who are sponsoring our children. We are delighted that over half our new intake is already sponsored.

One of our children still needing a sponsor is Pius. His father died around 2011, and he is being raised by his great grandparents, who are also caring for 4 other great/grandchildren.

If you would like to help with Pius, or find out more about sponsorship, could you please contact us at sponsorship@amari.org.au

Jaz and I are finally heading back to Uganda, and have our tickets booked for the end of March. I am now up and walking around (albeit still with a bit of a limp!). Not sure how excited I am, but Jaz is looking forward to catching up with his friends (though he is also enjoying his school experience over here!)

Praise and Prayer Points

- Thank God for a relatively peaceful election period – though prayers are still needed, as there is still a lot of restlessness around.
- Thank God for Julie and Di's health and safety, and for their contribution to the project.
- Pray for our staff, directors and children as the new school year starts, and for Jaz and I as we prepare to travel back.

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

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