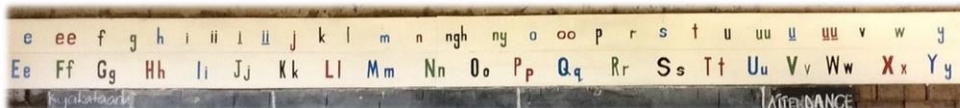




*This year is rapidly turning into 'the year of the snake' as far as our Amari property is concerned! Buliisa has a high incidence of snakes generally, and it is exacerbated onsite because of the chainlink fencing. Snakes come in or are born as babies, grow up, and can't get out. (Photo: 2m 'young' python – one of our new kittens didn't stand a chance against it!) In the last two months, staff have found a variety of venomous and not-so-venomous species.*

*We are working with a couple of snake handlers who are among the leading experts in Uganda and East Africa, and looking at tackling this from a number of angles – putting snake-proof mesh along the bottom of our perimeter fencing, spraying snake repellent around the living and school areas (which lasts for about 6 months), flushing out and removing as many as we can, education as to the various species around, and what to do if you come across one, and what kind of antivenins we should be stocking.*

*The education system in Uganda, in general, does not teach students to think laterally. So I was rather impressed when two of our teachers asked me if they could paint the alphabet letters (English and Lugungu) across our bricks. And when I said no, they came up with the idea (with absolutely no input from me) of painting it on some moveable pieces of timber.*



*We still have 12 children in school this year who are unsponsored – Kedrone is one of these. Kedrone's father is a teacher, but he has health issues, and is struggling to provide for about 8 children, one of whom also has a serious medical condition.*

*Please contact us if you would like to help sponsor Kedrone or one of our other children.*



For those of you who sponsor through AHI to access Australian tax deductability, we are requesting your patience and understanding when waiting for receipts. AHI has very kindly let Amari come under their umbrella, so that our donors can access tax deductability, which we cannot get in our own right.

Ros, who handles sponsorship for the AHI office, does it on a volunteer basis, not only for Amari, but also for another six organisations. This means that she has several hundred sponsorships and hundreds of donations to process each month. She handles it very professionally, we have a good relationship with her, and have had minimal issues over our six year partnership with AHI.

This year in July, Ros and some of the other AHI team are travelling to Africa to visit projects, so we would again ask you to bear this in mind if your receipts are taking longer than usual or longer than expected.



*Sometimes, because of the nature of our work over here, you can tend to get a bit blasé and immune to people's situations and the hardships they suffer. And sometimes it takes a bit of a shock to jolt you out of that.*

*Last Tuesday, Mama Sheila, the mother of one of our children, came up onto our property to seek for a little bit of food assistance. We have, on a monthly basis, been assisting her, as she is epileptic. She is raising two primary-aged children on her own, as her husband was killed in a gardening accident some time ago.*

*Staff had told me a few weeks ago that she had had an epileptic fit while cooking, fallen into a fire, and burned her hands. I did not, however, visit her, and it was not until she came onsite this week that I realized the severity of her injuries. Our location, lack of access to specialized medics, and poverty means she has only been treated at a very basic level.*

*I was able, through an intra-missionary group here in Uganda, to get her an appointment with a doctor in Kampala, and she is down there now. The doctor has already amputated some of her fingers, and I think they will be doing some skin grafts over the next couple of days. (A beautiful lady running mobile medical clinics in Kampala is experienced in burns, and connected me with the doctor. Her clinic also donated the immediate cash needed for the transport, accommodation and initial consultation. Another friend also involved in medical work has told me this doctor is the leading burns/plastic surgeon specialist here in Uganda, and a Christian, so that is brilliant.)*

*We do not usually get involved with situations involving adults, but this is an exceptional case. In addition to getting Mama Sheila attended from a medical point-of-view, we would also like to raise money to purchase some land for her that her family can cultivate for their own food, or rent out to provide a stable source of income.*

*If you would like to help Mama Sheila, you can:*

- (a) Deposit into our CAPITAL AND GENERAL Donations account (details below, write 'Mama Sheila' the reference), or (b) through a 'Gofundme' page we have set up on <https://www.gofundme.com/Mama-Sheila> (Note: This kind of medical assistance is not an allowable tax deduction)*

### **Praise and Prayer Points**

- I have, once again, had firsthand experience of the power of unity, and of the maxim 'Love one another' being lived out among people over here in Uganda (both expat and Ugandan), who have stepped in to help with Mama Sheila, although they did not either her or I personally. Also for those in Australia and around the world praying for her, and already committing some financial support.
- Things are generally running pretty smoothly. We would though appreciate continued prayer for the school licencing and registration process, and other admin and legal issues that go with running an organisation.

## **Amari Community Development Organisation**

*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.*

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