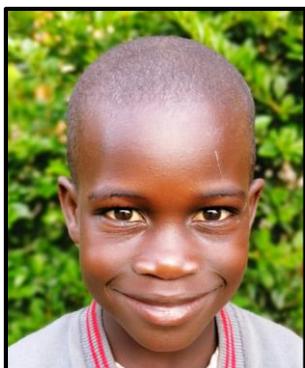
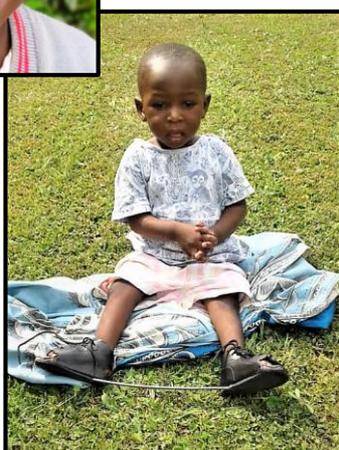


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To those who have taken on sponsor children

Pretty is our most recently sponsored student. As is typical for this area of Uganda, her father is a fisherman, and her mother cultivates a half-acre garden. However the fishing industry is unstable, and the garden small, so having Pretty's education sponsored is a blessing and relieves the family of at least one of its' burdens.



To those who support our children's medical fund

James is now out of plaster, and into some new orthotics. This month we have Shamima (hermaphroditism) and Angela (tumour) booked in for operations, two new children getting assessed, and a few heading to Kampala for reviews.

To those who contribute towards capital works:

Our builders have finished up the new school admin offices, and are now focussing on the Amari School Hall.



To those who step in when we have crisis care cases, and contribute to our general fund.

We are continuing to support a number of families and individuals who need some emergency and crisis care support. Types of support includes food assistance, assistance with educational needs, house repairs and family reunification facilitation.



To those who take the time to remember us in prayer and encourage us in a variety of ways.

To those who visit and support the work of Amari onsite.

To those who donate their time and expertise helping with admin, compliancy and technical issues.

THANK YOU

Celebrating our Staff

We love our staff! Couldn't do what we do without them. They handle all the day-to-day operations of Amari, interact with the community on our behalf, and pour themselves into loving, teaching, training and supporting our children.

So we would like, from time to time, to share a bit about them with you.

Meet **Denis** – **our lead builder**, who is our second longest serving staff member. He began in 2012 as a raw, inexperienced builder. and was a somewhat undisciplined young man.



Denis in 2012, the early days!



Denis this year working on the school offices

Today he is happily married with 3 children, is actively involved in his local church, and a lynchpin in our building team.

Denis tells me, with a big smile on his face, that Amari can help a person know the Word of God, and that he now 'has experience', can look after his own family properly, and even advises his elderly parents.

The school is Amari's primary focus, but an integral part of our work is to train and disciple staff, and to help strengthen them in their own personal lives so that they can positively impact their immediate communities. As Denis says, "I like Amari because my previous boss didn't give good advice and didn't teach about God."



Denis and Jennifer's wedding day in 2015



Denis with his oldest daughter Mercy who began school this year.

We appreciate Ugandans of Denis's calibre, who have persevered through the hard times in their own lives, who have responded positively to discipline and advice, and who have a heart for the children of Buliisa and for their own families and communities.

Community Family in Focus

As our oldest students head towards the end of their P7 year, and hence the end of Primary School, we thought it would be good to interview one of these families, and specifically how their involvement with Amari has impacted them.

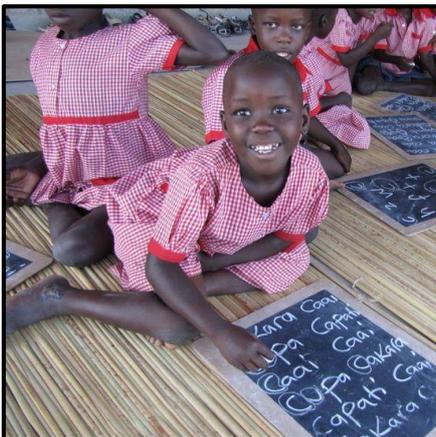
Meet the family of Juliet – P7, and Jovia – P4.



Mum Jackeline, Baby Joanne, Juliet, Jovia, older brother, Gilbert, Clare and Dad Stanley



The very first photo we took of Juliet in 2011, before she began at Amari



Juliet in her 2011, her first year



Jovia eating maize and beans for lunch



Juliet this year with her baby sister Joanne

Juliet and Jovia live with their elderly father, and their mother. Stanley (Juliet's father) lost his first wife to a sudden illness, and has one surviving child from his first marriage. He has six children with Jackeline (Juliet's mother), the eldest of whom is 15, and the youngest 18 months.

According to her father, Juliet was in trouble with her teacher during her first year at Amari, but now she is disciplined, both at home and at school. He appreciates that his children are in school, because it means they are not sitting at home doing nothing, and creating problems. Juliet and Jovia walk half an hour each day to school, and at night help their mother with cleaning and fetching water, and in the garden on weekends.

As well as educating Juliet and Jovia, Amari also contributes towards the school fees of younger sister Clare as she studies in another local primary school, and towards Baby Joanne's transport costs to get to Kampala for medical reviews. Also, when Buliisa was facing famine conditions a few years ago, Amari provided the this family (along with a number of others) some emergency food to help over the holiday period.

Stanley and Jackeline are also appreciative that the sponsors of Juliet contributed extra towards iron sheets for their roofing, and a bed and mattress for Juliet. Cash is very tight in a lot of our families and they appreciate that sponsors care for their children, and are helping ease the financial burdens they face.

Medical Moments

This week I was going through some old photos, and was able to reflect on God's goodness when I compare the 'then' with the 'now' of some of our medical children. And what more fitting one to start with than our very first medical case – Brian. We came across Brian in 2012, down in a fishing village on the shores of Lake Albert. With the help of some generous donors, we were able to get him to CoRSU Hospital in Kampala for assessment and surgery. Today he is a student at Amari, and is walking and running around like any other child. Amari still assists him in getting down to Kampala annually for a review.



- (1) In 2012 when Brian was first identified.
- (2) After 2 months of surgery and hospital rehabilitation and therapy
- (3) Today as a student at Amari

Reminder about a couple of Amari fundraisers currently happening



Julia, who co-manages the renowned Holy Basil Thai Restaurant in Croydon, is a Tupperware consultant, and raising money to build a dining shelter for our children. If you book a Tupperware Party through her, she will also demonstrate by cooking Thai food for you! (Yum!) Julia can be contacted on 0406 900 256 or through www.tupperware.com.au.

SistersAbroad Winery Tour



Julie and Di (Sisters Abroad) are hosting a Winery Tour on Sunday August 4th. Meeting time : 10:30am at Coldstream Foodworks Car park. Cost \$85 a head, including lunch. Finishing up at Coldstream Brewery 4.30pm. If you are interested, you can contact Julie on 0413 845 475 or via the 'Sistersabroad' facebook page.

Praise and Prayer Points

- Praise God we have had a stable month, and that generous donors have covered the cost of our two medical cases needing operations
- Pray for our builders as they begin the next stage of the School Hall, our teachers as they prepare the P7 students for their final examinations, and for our students.
- Pray for teachers and other staff who are preparing to wed (it's not easy in this culture!), and we thank God for staff who are willing to adhere to accepted Christian practices in the Ugandan context.

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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