

Building Programme



Our 'big' building project at the moment is the school hall, which is progressing well. Our builders are up to ring beam level and putting in columns while doors and windows are being custom-made and will be put in next.



We are also building a small gatehouse next to our main gate. This will be more practical for Fred, our daytime gatekeeper, and Christopher, our night security guard.

I'm also delighted that the bougainvillea is starting to take off along the path leading to the school buildings!

School Holidays and Training



We are now in the middle of school holidays, and have had two days training for our staff and P6 and P7 students. The training was run by Richard (who used to work with Amari some years ago, and now works with Watoto Childcare Ministries).

Our staff are doing more training this week with an organisation who will teach on positive discipline in the classroom. (Corporal correction is still very much a part of the Ugandan teaching psyche, and our teachers need to be taught alternative strategies.)



Medical Moments



Thank you to those who contributed to Shamim's surgery. Her operation was a success, and she is one happy girl!

Those who donate to our children's medical program are making a difference in their lives!



Was lovely to see Safina in church on Sunday and looking so happy! She has just returned from a review in Kampala.

Thank you to those who help support her!



This month Francis (left) and Trever (right) have also been down at CoRSU for operations.

Francis has a case of rapid onset osteomyelitis, and Amari was asked by visiting health officials if we could get involved as it needed urgent attention.

Trever has been undergoing further reconstructive surgery on his face. His jaw had been unable to open properly as the result of a motor bike accident a couple of years ago.

Thank you for helping impact their lives!



We do have a couple of more 'complicated' medical cases we would like to assist with.

Firstly Baby Bright, who has hypospadias (penis not formed properly), and requires a specialized operation that will apparently cost around \$4000.

Then Godwin from our neighbouring village Kigoya who requires a heart operation that will cost around \$2000. (The family will try and raise a third of that, and Amari will work on the balance.)

If you would like to contribute towards these specific cases, or to our general children's medical fund, could you please contact us directly or go via the website on www.amari.org.au

Community Emergency and Crisis Care



I love stories that highlight God's restorative nature and one of those is that of Patrick and his twin boys. Patrick came to us last year really struggling and wanting to hand over Caleb and Joshua to us. We were able to provide them with temporary accommodation, get the boys treated for malnutrition, and then worked with our local church and some of Patrick's extended family to keep them together. So it was lovely to see him in church this past Sunday, with a big smile on his face, twins in tow, and taking part in the service.

Today Patrick came up to visit and say thank you for the assistance Amari has given, and that he was delighted the children are now healthy and going around the house happy.

Thank you to those who support our Community Crisis Care – you are making an impact in the lives of families!



We've just completed school holidays, and, much to Jaz's and Fausta's delight, we had a visit from the Biiso children for a week.

These are the children we helped reunite with their grandmother last year.

Generous Amari supporters donated to build the grandmother a brick house. We still, however, need about \$1500 to finish off the doors, windows and sealing the walls.

Far left photo – Grandmother and three of the children she cares for (Henery, Juliet and Janet). The children lost their parents in tragic circumstances, and two of the children have terminal illnesses and require extra care and nutrition.

If you would like to contribute towards these specific cases, or to our general emergency and crisis care medical fund, could you please contact us directly or go via the website on www.amari.org.au

Celebrating our Staff



Meet Oliver, who has been with Amari since 2013, and wears a number of hats. She started 5 years ago with Amari, beginning as a cleaning assistant. Now, as well as overseeing the cooking and cleaning for any onsite visitors, she also assists with school cooking and making sure our security guards are fed at night. Her biggest job, however, is working as my house help, and keeping myself and anywhere between 3 and 10 children at any given time fed and tidied up after. She has a beautiful servant heart, is adored by my children (above) and is a real gem.

Oliver is the youngest of 12 children. Her father died rather suddenly when she was around 12 years of age, and medical authorities believe it was from food poisoning. Oliver's oldest sibling Enoch also works for Amari as our home liaison social worker, and a couple of her nieces and nephews are also in school here. On Sunday each weekend (and sometimes Saturday), Oliver goes to her home place to spend the day with her mother and other relatives. According to Oliver, the best thing about being the youngest of 12 is that they all love her so much! 😊

Children Requiring Sponsorship

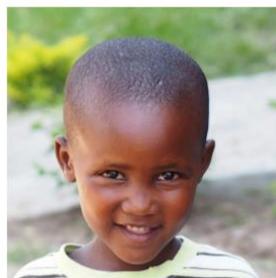
Amari's primary role is to support low income families in our community, by helping them get a child(ren) in their family educated at the Amari-Gardiner Nursery and Primary School. Each year we interview guardians then select children who will be aged five years old. These children then begin with us.

The process works like this. At any stage in the year, a parent or guardian will fill in an initial 'request for sponsorship' form. Later in the year, Amari staff then do more indepth interviews with the guardian/parent, and will do a home visit if further clarification is needed. Before the final selections are made, we run the names past the relevant village chairman. We deliberately keep the following things in our thinking as selection is made – gender of the child (we want to promote girl-child education), poverty levels, vulnerability due to physical disability or illness or loss of parent(s), number of children from the same family already in school, proximity to school and how the child was referred to us.

We are about to begin selection for our 2020 intake. However, we still have a number of children from our 2019 intake yet to be sponsored. If you feel you could fully or partially sponsor a child, could you please contact us or go look at details on our website at www.amari.org.au. Two of these children, Justine and David, are below.



Justine is the 5th born of 6 children. Her father is a diabetic and sometimes struggles to find work. Her mother buys and sells fish, and they rent land for gardening when they can afford it.



David is the 4th born of 5 children. His father suffered from polio and has difficulty in walking. He does, however, herd cattle to help feed the family, but struggles as they own no land to cultivate for food.

Fundraising



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
We thank you



A big Thank You to Sisters Abroad and their team who have raised over \$2000 that will go towards boarding school bunks and bedding that is needed for next year. We very much appreciate those who put in the time and effort to raise funds for the ongoing development of the school and property.

Praise and Prayer Points

- We are thankful that our teaching staff and students started the term well, and other building and support staff are reliably and capably continuing on with their work
- We would appreciate prayers for our Year 7 students as they lead into their national exams in a few weeks time, and their teachers as they help prepare them.
- Pray for wisdom as we start selection for next year's intake of new students in the Lower Nursery.

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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