

Amari

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION

2019
End of Year Newsletter

Kisiabi
Buliisa District
Uganda



As we head into Christmas 2019, we reflect on the impact Christ had on the world both while He was here on earth, and now, 2000+ years later. We can see how Christ is impacting on our community through Amari, and we are very conscious that it is your support – through sponsorship, medical and crisis care donations, capital development funding, prayer, encouragement, visits and friendship – that enables this to happen. From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU, and may God continue to bless you as you have blessed us.

Love Marita, Jaz, Fausta and the Amari staff, students and Boards



Amari students having fun when our June visitors were around

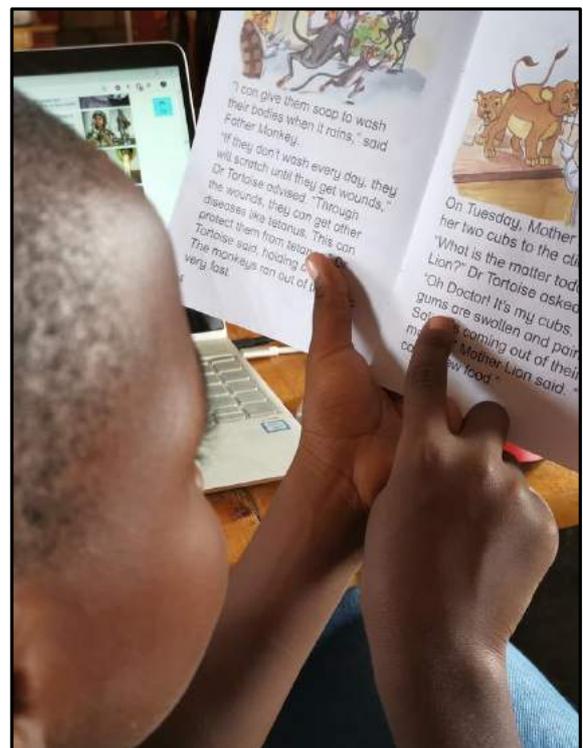
Building Programme



At the moment our building staff and roofing contractors are finishing off the new school hall. This will be ready by the end of the month, and be used for the new secondary school, until other facilities are built.

Around the school

The Amari-Gardiner Nursery and Primary School is the core of our organisation, and this year around 50 staff (school, building, grounds and support staff) helped educate and support 293 students. These include 232 children on our sponsorship programme, 14 staff children and 47 fee-paying students from the local community.





This is about 30 of our 50-odd staff. At the end of 2019, Amari had 22 teaching staff, 18 buildings and grounds staff, 4 administration staff, 2 social workers, 2 security guards and 5 cooks/cleaners.



Our students are now getting older, and this year they completed in the Town Council and Buliisa District sports and music competitions. They had a lot of fun, and are to be commended on their performance, especially since it was the first year Amari has completed in most of the competitions held.

Community Children's Medical Programme and Crisis Care Assistance

As well as running the school, Amari also assists in helping children in our community who need extra medical care, and those whose families need extra support (either temporarily or on an ongoing basis). These are some of the children we have been assisting this year.



In 2018 Amari assisted twins Joshua and Caleb in getting back to good health, and we now provide some ongoing food assistance to help their father care for them. Morgan (middle) is a triplet whose family is being assisted on a monthly sponsorship basis. In 2015 Amari assisted in sending Winnie (right) down to a specialised hospital (CURE) for head surgery, and now continues to support her as she is educated in a local school.



Amari was requested by visiting medical authorities to assist with Francis (left), whom they had come across in village visits, and who had sudden onset osteomyelitis, and needed urgent treatment. We were able to help his parents get him down to Kampala (CoRSU hospital) for assessment, and then surgery, which was successful.

James (bottom left) has been having ongoing surgery, treatment and reviews for clubbed feet.

Robinah (middle bottom) had a fire accident, and has been under ongoing care and reviews. She is pictured here in a burns pressure bandage which will help reduce her scarring.

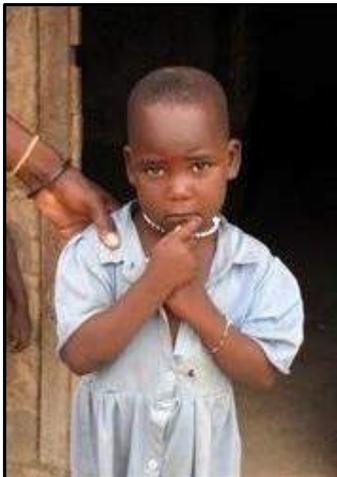
Godfrey (below right) has been fitted with special shoes to help correct clubbed feet.



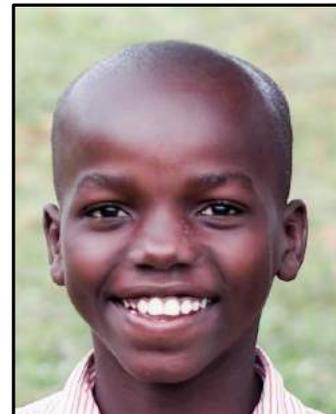
From Lower Nursery (2011) to P7 (2019)



Shamima



Clever



Yokisani

Our very first intake of 20 students (2011) have this year completed their final year of primary school. We are so proud of them, and grateful to our teachers for the work they have put into these students over the last nine years.

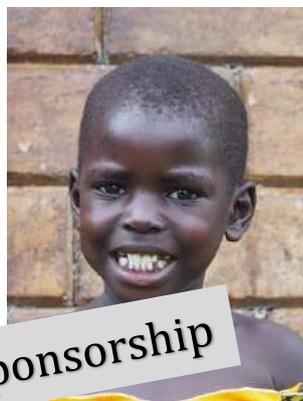
Thank you to those who have so faithfully sponsored these students from the beginning. We are so deeply grateful for the way you have loved and supported your child(ren), and for the care you have shown their families and our community. It is also a testament to your faithfulness that all of our sponsors who began with these children have stuck with them (apart from one who passed away).

You **HAVE** made a difference in the lives of these children and their families, and we look forward to continuing to partner with you as these children progress to secondary and further education.

Looking forward to 2020

2020 is a BIG year for Amari, as we are beginning our secondary school. This will require new teachers and support staff, and new school buildings and staff accommodation. We are also taking on a new class of Lower Nursery children, 30 of whom will be on our sponsorship programme.

How can you help?



Sponsorship

One of our new 2020 children is Delisha, who was born to a Karamojong mother (nomadic tribe from the North East of Uganda), who left when Delisha was one years old. Delisha is being raised by her grandmother, who is also caring for another 9 relatives. Delisha's grandmother struggles to feed and educate those left in her care.

As well as the new children in 2020, we still have a some children from our 2019 intake still needing sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor Delisha, or one of our other children (see attached list of some of our 2019 children yet to be sponsored), could you please contact us.

Prayer

Pray for wisdom for our Boards and those in leadership. Pray for our staff and their families. Pray for our P7s entering Secondary in 2020



Word of Mouth

Tell other others about Amari and the work we do in Uganda!



Medical/Crisis Care

Medical and crisis care funding enables us to help families get sick children to Kampala for assessment and treatment, and to support families in our community in times of crisis.



Buildings and Capital

Donations for capital works enables us to build the classrooms and other accommodation needed to run the school, and to develop grounds

Praise and Prayer Points

- Praise God for another sound year, and for how He has sustained us over the last 9 years, and continues to do so
- Thank God for our staff who manage the day to day running of the Amari projects, and for our Board and other consultants who provide direction based on their wisdom, experience and understanding of the principles of God.
- Pray for our Year 7s as they await their results, and prepare for Secondary in 2020. Pray for staff as they head for holidays, and time with their families. Pray for those staff transitioning to other places of work.

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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