



I heard it!

This afternoon as I was walking past our fence to measure where the flood waters were, I heard it! The hippo. The one the kids said they heard. The one they talked about at Songalendu as 'being a mother and baby seen near Amari'. So such is life at the moment. Floods and hippos and no Australia for Christmas.

Staff Training

This month Amari staff took part in 2 days training with New Hope International - an organisation that trains teachers as to what it means to be a Christian educator.. The teaching in this series was actually relevant to everyone, so we hired in extra cooks and security for the day so all staff could participate. Everyone enjoyed!



P7 in Boarding

In Uganda, schools are still out except for those sitting external exams.. At Amari, this is our Primary 7s. This week, we have just been given permission to bring them into a boarding situation since we are set up for SI boarding. Both students and teachers are excited, and students are looking great in their sports (casual) uniform!

Around the property

Rainy season means our building program is a bit stop-start, as trenches are dug and then fill with water. So in the meantime, our builders are doing maintenance work, and keeping the grounds around the living areas cleared (helps deter any overly-friendly snakes!)



Angela and Community Medical

A huge **THANK YOU** to those who so promptly, willingly and generously gave towards Angela's surgery. The operation was put off, but she has been rescheduled for next week. We deeply appreciate those who give towards our medical fund - it means children can get access to medical services otherwise unavailable.

Changes to CoRSU Costs

CoRSU hospital in Kampala has been performing free reconstructive surgery, and we could send a child down, and just paid for the incidental costs like accommodation, lab work, medicine, casts etc. Now, however, they have introduced charges, and surgery will cost between \$1500 and \$3000 depending on the type. Which is understandable, but means we will now have to find extra funds for reconstructive surgery like cleft palate or clubbed limb surgery.



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[Flood Information Here](#)

Flood/Covid FUND- Flooding is still ongoing and worsening crisis here in Buliisa. Here at Amari, at its closest point, it is 12m off our back fence line. Five Amari staff are facing having to move, either for the first time, or for up to the 3rd time, as waters keep moving inland. The government is releasing the dam at Jinja (Eastern Uganda) each day for six hours, which is releasing water to take pressure off Lake Victoria. Trouble is, that water is being forced into Lake Albert (Buliisa's shoreline), and decimating our fishing villages. Health centres, schools and other institutions across Buliisa are now uninhabitable, putting pressure on health, education and civic services.

The floods are ongoing, but slow-moving, and as such not getting a lot of press. But people are suffering. Please don't forget them!

Donate towards tarps and flood relief at www.amari.org.au/donate



I'm taking this photo standing at the flood line looking at our back fence, 12m away. Jaz and Fausta are on the road in between. The waters sometimes don't move. On other days it moves 50cm to 1m. We are now starting to think about what needs to be done if water actually enters our property and makes its way up towards the school. Not a situation I EVER envisioned happening!!

CAN YOU HELP US SHARE ABOUT THE FLOODS?

As mentioned, *the flood situation here in Buliisa is worsening*, and it is estimated that *over 10,000 households* have been impacted.

Now not only are individual homes being destroyed, but *schools and health centres are also getting flooded out*. And the waters have almost crossed over the main access road into Buliisa.

We would love to be able to raise funds for at least another 1000 tarpaulins.

To that end we have put together another website specifically relating to the floods.

<https://buliisa-floods.mailerp...>

Child Sponsorship

Natasha is one of our students needing sponsorship. She lives with her two parents and a younger brother. Her father is a fisherman, and her mother subfarms ½ an acre of land for food. Natasha's cousin also lives with the family. If you would like to help with Natasha or another child, please use the link below.



Gifts that Impact

You can purchase a gift that will impact a Ugandan child, When you purchase one, you will receive a card with a photo representing the gift you have purchased. A great Christmas present if you are not sure what to purchase someone!. (Gift cards can be purchased at any time during the year.) See here: <https://amari-gifts.company.si...>

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Praise & Prayer Points: Praise God our P7s have now been given to be permission to lie in as boarders. Prayer for them and their teachers as they go through the next few months. And pray for our community as they continue to battle floods.

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Amari CDO began in 2008 to help relieve the effects of poverty through the support of education, development and welfare programs conducted in Uganda. Amari has 40 acres of land at Kisiabi in Buliisa District. It is registered as an NGO (Non Government Organisation) in Australia and Uganda. Its' primary focus is the education and support of orphaned and vulnerable children. Amari aims to invest in them educationally and spiritually through quality Christian education.



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