



### ***Official School Opening***

One of the highlights of a very busy couple of months was the official opening of our Nursery and Primary School. This was an all-day celebration, that included speeches from our District dignitaries, presentations and traditional dancing from our children, and the (all-important) feeding of our children, their guardians and other invited guests. We concluded the day with an Amari staff vs the District civil servants soccer match.

So a big thank you to those who began the journey with us in 2009, to our staff, students and community who have chosen to partner with us on the ground, and to those who have so faithfully supported us from afar.



The Chairmen of our Australian and Ugandan boards (Ps Graham Nelson and Akeny Emmanuel) planted a mango tree as part of the ceremony.



Our parents, guardians and other guests added vibrancy and colour to the celebrations.





### ***Amari-Gardiner Nursery and Primary School***

Our school has been named after Ken and Dorothy Gardiner, who, along with their organisation Life 4 Kids, donated \$10,000 for our first classroom, which was an enormous encouragement when nothing else was happening very fast!

They are also highly regarded in the area of children's ministry, and have impacted many people through their teaching and mentoring, including myself.

### ***Visiting Team from Life Ministry Centre, Australia***

We hosted a team from my home church for three weeks in June (I use the word 'hosted' very loosely, since the only thing I really had to do was organize who was sleeping where! The team did everything else, including their own cooking and work program!



Breakfast and devotions before the day starts. (Well, some of them actually started at 6am, before the day got too hot, and then took it easy(er) in the afternoons!)



Paula helping Fausta (my foster child) with English



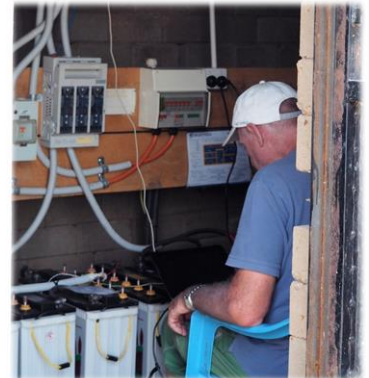
Working out where the trench was to be built to connect electrical cables from the solar farm to the house



Working on the solar pump



Jill and Kris cooking up a storm, and making sure the team was well-fed



Dolf getting the solar up and running again





Ric and Duncan have made my life a bit easier by taking all our individual and class photos. And our office staff have been able to get them ready for sending out.



After our school opening, Amari staff played soccer against a team of Buliisa District civil servants. Invited guests and other community members stayed to watch.

After 18 months of no mains solar, and 6 months of limited onsite water supply, we are enjoying , thanks to our team and their technical expertise.

For those technically interested, the solar farm problem was the batteries died and the system shut down. Replacement batteries were rewired incorrectly. That is now rectified, and we also have a new generator as a backup.

Our solar pump for the water tank was also wired incorrectly (from the original installation) and a switch box wasn't sealed off properly, providing a home for some lizards etc.







One Sunday Ps Graham, chairman of Amari Australia, and head pastor of Life Ministry Centre Australia, dedicated our staff. He also dedicated Fausta and Jeremy, who have been living with us the last couple of months (at top with my parents, and Oliver and Steven, who also help look after them). ("Dedication" means you hand something back to God, and agree to follow in the ways of God for the organisation and for raising the children.) We also had the privilege of watching Duncan get baptized by the river Nile.

### ***Community Medical and Crisis Care***



This month we were able to assist Geoffrey's family get him a special chair. We have received a number of new cases (or referrals), including little Byron (above) who has a cleft palate, and will be reassessed for surgery in a few months.

Kevin, who has cancer, is still under care of Mulago Hospital, Kampala, who are still waiting for his body to strengthen before further treatment.

*Thank you also to those who have contributed so generously to our crisis care fund. We will continue to supplement our children's lunches, and to provide extra assistance to our families most in need. We have had a lot more rain over the last six weeks or so, but people are unable to harvest crops that would usually be harvested around this time.*



It's lovely that our team visit has resulted in some more of our children getting sponsored. (Left: Nazir is now going to be sponsored by a relative of Liv's).

If you are interested in sponsoring Ivan (right) or another child please contact us via [sponsorship@amari.org.au](mailto:sponsorship@amari.org.au), or visit our website. Ivan is being raised by his mother, who is a deaf-mute, and his grandmother, and they appreciate Amari giving educational assistance to Ivan.



#### **Praise and Prayer Points**

- We had a very successful work party, and we are most grateful for our now fully-functioning power and water!
- It was lovely that 11 of our team were return visitors, and were able to be here to help us celebrate the opening of the school
- On a personal level, it was a great honor and joy that my own parents were once again able to be here, and to meet Jeremy and Fausta, and to see firsthand the progress of the last few years.
- Pray for our social workers and other staff involved in registering new children for 2018. Pray for those of our community who will be very disappointed when we cannot take their child(ren).
- Pray for safety for our staff who travel, particularly those going to Kampala accompanying medical patients. The Buliisa road has been made wider and smoother, which speeds up the trip, but has also resulted in more accidents.

### **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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