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Seek, Serve, Share with the Ainomygisha's









Overview

Amy has been sent to **Uganda** for long-term missionary work with the mission organization

International Teams NL, and her Dutch Reformed home church in Hardinxveld-Giessendam.

What is she doing there?

- Evangelizing in Word and Deed among people with disabilities & their families, under the name Special Joy.
- Supporting in building up the Ugandan church.
- Learning Luganda the local language.

Amy is married to Derrick
Ainomugisha and together they
take care of Alannah and
Matthian.

Derrick:

- Works with Special Joy.
- Does ministry as a presenter on a Christian radio/TV station with a music show aimed at young people and the gospel.
- Coaches a soccer team called Sports For Christ who share the gospel and unity across church walls through sports, preaching and music.

'We love, because He first loved us.' - 1 Joh. 4:19

What a difference in a few months!

3 months later, 26 therapy sessions further. What a difference. From a boy who didn't eat, to a boy who asks for food when he is hungry. From someone who can't take care of himself, to someone who brushes his own teeth, showers himself and can dress himself almost completely. His attention and concentration have also improved by leaps and bounds. In fact, he has progressed in many areas, sensory, cognitive and mobility. We are very grateful for that. His mother no longer recognizes her child.

Our goal was to allow him to go to the autistic school, which would improve his eating pattern and that he would be welcome at that school to work on his hyperactivity, for example. But guess what! He has progressed so much that he could go to a normal school! So on June 29 the day was there; the first schoolday! We were wondering how the teachers would handle it, because many teachers still find it difficult to deal with children with disabilities in the classroom. But luckily we hear good news. They get on well with Cainan and the occupational therapist has visited Cainan's class several times to teach the teacher some things. A great collaboration for the well-being of Cainan!

Cainan's father also notices a difference. He doesn't say anything, but doesn't get aggressive either. The therapy sessions could even take place at their home! We would like to talk to him, so will you pray for an opening?

A new wheelchair for Wasswa

Wasswa is a man of 26 years old and he was in the class of one of our team members. He lives with his twin brother who tries to help where needed. He has a small business repairing phones.

Unfortunately, we heard that he had been robbed. His wheelchair was broken as well as his arm and his phone was taken. Life without a wheelchair is really difficult for him. Without transport and also because of his arm he could no longer work.

Special Joy went looking for a new wheelchair, and luckily we found one with the help of another organization (thankful for our network of connections!). So we are very happy that Wasswa received his new wheelchair on June 16th! Such a blessing to him!

Sports For Christ

Around a year ago Derrick started a football team. Unfortunately, in Uganda there is a lot of division within the churches, including within the Christian media, since the media stations are owned by pastors. So there is sometimes more of an atmosphere of competition than of unity. He therefore had it on his heart to bring radio and TV presenters, artists and ministers together through sport. And so the football team Sports For Christ was born. They have a football game every week and invite other teams, usually from other churches. The team has now grown considerably and professionalized with a board and all. They have also done various evangelistic campaigns, for example in schools. Each week they discuss after the game and address each other about behavior that is not according to the biblical lifestyle. Prayers and a short meditation are also given. And they notice change! The team members notice changes within the team, but also in the teams they play against. Discipleship in practice! And there are already several people who did not know Jesus yet, but have now accepted Him as their Savior by playing a football game. We are amazed at God's work through Sports For Christ!

SFC has the desire to reach out even more and reach high parties, such as political parties but also parliament, so that they can get more publicity and thus share more of Jesus. And guess what? A few weeks ago Derrick was asked by the parliament football team if they can schedule a match. So special! Big things are happening.

Time in the Netherlands

Now with a baby it is kind of extra special and precious to be in the Netherlands. What a joy it is to see Matthian with Amy's parents and family and friends! Truly a gift, that precious time! Amy and Matthian also had to be in the Netherlands to arrange several things. They had not yet been deregistered, so they can only live outside the Netherlands for a maximum of 8 months per year. They have now been deregistered - so no longer Dutch residents - and are now allowed to live in Uganda for a longer period of time. The deregistration also included things such as arranging insurance, stopping benefits, opening an extra bank account, and saving the right documents. Glad that's behind us! The medical checks have also been done again, such as the dentist and optician, and Matthian has been able to get his 11-month vaccinations for free in the Netherlands. ITeams, the church, the ThuisFrontTeam and Amy also had a good, encouraging meeting with each other and the 'mission contract' was extended for another 2 years! And now that Amy was in the Netherlands, there was also the opportunity to receive a wonderful check from the flea market committee of our church with the large amount of 6000 euros!

Amy was also able to give a presentation in a church in a town next to her howmtown and there were great reactions to that. Beautiful how God sometimes opens doors from an unexpected angle and gives opportunities to share our story!

Bur love from Ugarda to you, the Ainomugisha's









No you want to share along?

We believe that as children of God, we are one family as the body of Christ, and that we have been given different tasks that suit us. Together we may let this body bring Love in this world, with Christ as our Head. And, Love becomes more when we share it together.

Which task fits you? How may you share along?

You can share along and be involved with us:



Stay involved through personal contact, the newsletter and the channels below.



Special Joy Uganda



Praise and Prayer

- Pray for administrative tasks for Special Joy, for easy-to-use reporting documents to work with.
- **Pray** for wisdom on what to do with Brian's aunt when it comes to her business. It's not going so well.
- Praise Him for finding a wheelchair for Wasswa.
- **Praise** Him for Brian is settled in school and doing well.
- Pray for Cainan's family, for finances, for a changed heart from the father, for courage for the mother.
- Praise God for a great 24-hour evangelistic outreach a few weekends ago that Derrick attended. During the lunch hour alone, 1,503 people received Jesus! Praise God!
- **Pray** for the upcoming game against the Parliament.
- Praise Him for a good football game a few weeks ago where several people gave their lives to Jesus.



Amy is not receiving a salary in Uganda and is living by financial support. Derrick earns approximately 133,- euro a month.

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