



Seek, Serve and Share with the Ainomugisha's



Patrick



The ground floor is our office!



Cynthia

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

We got an office space!

And that is quite a step for Special Joy. Your own office space!

At the moment we are all working from home and of course we make home visits and have appointments with our families at, for example, the school or hospital. That went well, although sometimes I thought it would be nice to have a little more focus, without a toddler hanging on my legs :-). I also dreamed about a location where we could have family days, where we could get together as a team, and where we might even offer therapy! An office space is also required to officially register as an organization.

This was a dream that seemed quite far away due to insufficient finances. (An office here easily costs between 250 and 500 per month in rent.)

Until Cynthia, one of our team members, shared the story of Special Joy with her father-in-law, a retired doctor. When he heard our story, he thought it was time for us to take this seriously, because an organization without a location; That is not possible. :-) That's why he made us this incredibly generous offer, namely that we can use his old office space for free! When we went to see it, it was more beautiful, and bigger, and better than I ever thought possible! God and His care for us; it makes me smile. He's so good!

We are extremely grateful to God for this place that we can use for free (for now). We want to make this a warm place for our team and for our families, a place where the Love and Joy of God will be visible and tangible! We need your (financial) help for this. For renovations, decoration, office materials, refrigerator, whiteboard, etc. Would you like to do donate to this, to make a one-time donation?

We look forward to using this beautiful place to build His Kingdom!

Ps. Do you see the photos of Patrick and Cynthia? We gave them, together with the 6 other team members, a 'Certificate of Appreciation', because they are worth it!

And what is an office space without people? What is Special Joy without team members?

Our team is indispensable! Without them I would not be able to do the work here, especially now that Special Joy is growing and we are able to guide more and more families.

Our team members have always volunteered so far, for which I am extremely grateful. But you know what? Sometimes they struggle just like the families we work with and life is not easy... Uganda is a poor country with high unemployment. And without a salary, life presents many challenges. That is why I would like to boldly ask you to also support Special Joy on a monthly basis. With regular donations we can give team members a salary/compensation for the work they do, so that we can continue to provide good guidance and care to more and more families!

- For **25 euros per month** you can support a team member who works with us **1 day a week**.
- For **50 euros per month** you can support a team member who works with us for **2 days a week**.
- Etc.

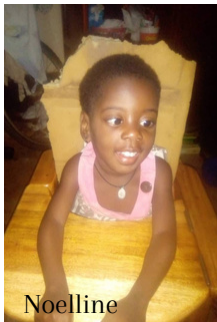
What happens within Special Joy and Sports For Christ?

- Do you remember when Wasswa was robbed and broke his arm? Unfortunately, his arm did not heal properly, so he had to have surgery. That has now happened, Special Joy was able to pay for half of the operation and the other half was paid by his family.
- Cainan is finished with his 2nd series of 3 months of therapy. We will soon evaluate how to proceed, but what we can already say with certainty is that Cainan has made a lot of progress! His head teacher is completely impressed and his mother thinks he will grow up to be a doctor. "My Cainan will amaze everyone!" Even Cainan's father shows interest in Cainan! How grateful we are for all these positive developments!
- There are 2 new families within Special Joy: Myra and Noelline. 2 completely different stories, both filled with sadness and worries.
- In the previous newsletter you read that Sports For Christ had contact with the parliament football team. Unfortunately that has not come to anything so far, but who knows in the future! In any case, contact has been made, and things often go like this here in Uganda ;)
- On October 29, SFC has planned a major evangelism campaign in one of the most secure prisons in the country with about 2,000 men. They hope to travel with the entire team to Jinja (a town about 3 hours from Kampala) and there they will evangelize, sing, preach and share a meal with them. For this purpose, 2 cows will be brought to the prison and prepared on the spot.
- And much more. We will be sharing more in the next newsletter

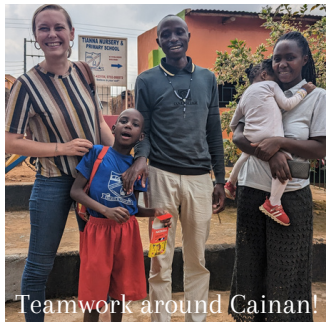
Love and Blessings, de Ainomugisha's



Myra and her mother



Noelline



Teamwork around Cainan!



School visit with Brian

Will you share with us?

We believe that as children of God we are one family as the body of Christ, and that we have all been given our own task that suits 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 suits you? How can you share?

You can share with us and be involved by:



Encouragement

Stay involved through personal contact, the newsletter and/or the channels below:



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Special Joy Uganda



Amy in Uganda - Special Joy



Praise and Prayer

- **Pray** for Brian who is having seizures and needs medical attention.
- **Pray** for Myra's family, a new family within Special Joy. Pray for strength for the mother and God's presence in Myra. **Praise Him** that her therapy sessions will start soon.
- **Praise Him** that Wasswa's operation went well. **Pray** that his arm will heal completely.
- **Praise Him** for having Brian, Cainan and Daniel back at school for the last term of the year.
- **Pray** for Noelline's health. It is very fragile because of its growth retardation.
- **Praise Him** for a good conversation with Brian's aunt. A woman with a heart full of scars. **Pray** for recovery.
- **Pray** for Sports For Christ and their upcoming evangelism campaign on October 29th in one of the most secure prisons in the country with 2000 men.



Finances

Amy does not receive a salary in Uganda and is dependent on donations. Derrick earns avg. 133 euros per month.

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