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new logo!



Seek, Serve, Share with Amy

Together with
some families
with children
with disabilities.



*'Whoever is generous
to the poor lends to
the Lord, and He will
repay him for his
deed.'*

- Proverbs 19:17

Overview

Amy is living in **Uganda** for long-term missionary work, working together with the mission agency **International Teams NL**, and her **Dutch Reformed home church**.

What is she doing there?

- **Working with Special Needs People and their families** under the name **Special Joy**, by working together with several Ugandan NGO's and with the church Streams of Life.
- **Being part of the Ugandan church** by being an active member of the church Streams of Life.
- **Learning Luganda**, the local language.

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

Yesu yebazibwe!

Praise Jesus! This is how many people greet each other in Uganda, because there is so much reason to praise Jesus, despite poverty, lockdowns, unemployment and broken families. Unfortunately, that is the harsh reality here, and I too was faced with the facts again during my first weeks here in Uganda.

June 15 I arrived in Uganda and how good it is to be back! Of course it is wonderful to see Derrick, my fiancé, again and to share life together after being in a long distance relationship. Just after my arrival, an apartment became available around the corner from Derrick's place, and that's where I live now. So we live practically next to each other, which is an absolute blessing (especially during the lockdown because we could easily walk to each other) and the timing was perfect!

We hope to get married in Uganda in December, so the preparations for our wedding are in full swing. By the way, arranging a wedding in Uganda is a whole new cultural experience :) I learn new things every day!

Besides the fact that it is nice to be in Uganda because of Derrick, I really notice in various areas that Uganda is really my second home. Unfortunately I was ill for a good month and I was confronted with the challenges of healthcare in Uganda. That was not an easy period, neither for me nor for my family on a distance, but despite that, I knew that Uganda is my home now and that I really wanted to avoid a repatriation to the Netherlands. I would like to learn to live here and get to know this country well, even if that brings challenges and uncertainties compared to what I was used to in the Netherlands.

I am grateful for the lasting peace in my heart, every day, when I consider that Uganda is now my home and the place where I will live for years to come. It's good,
Yesu yebazibwe!

With love from Uganda, Amy

The first months in a nutshell

- Uganda was in complete **lockdown** due to covid from June 19 to July 30. At the moment we are in a partial lockdown, because the schools and churches are still closed (already for 1,5 years!). The lockdown had and has major consequences for the Ugandan people, because many people buy their daily food with their daily salary. During the lockdown, many people were unable to work, which meant that no money came in and no food could be bought. That's why we started another food fundraiser.

- **Language study** has started! Every Tuesday and Thursday I have 1.5 hours of Luganda class via Zoom, and I also work on homework assignments and try practice a lot :).

- We went to the countryside for a weekend, to **Namayumba**, where we met a group of people with disabilities. They don't receive any help so far.

- **Special Joy** is getting more and more shape and contacts. We dream big, we work on a project plan, but above all we want to go where God leads us and where He opens doors. In every new situation, with every new child and his/her family, we start with prayer and ask God to give us wisdom, love and discernment, to show us the way forward. We are curious, hopeful and enthusiastic, and we go into the future with faith and trust! Step by step, while holding His hand.



Brian



The foodpackages

Food fundraiser

Due to the high money/food shortage in the country, I decided in July to start another food campaign, to at least do something! Your gifts have been generous and great, and we are so grateful to you for that! The people were so happy, so grateful, so happy that they had food again, because the situation was really tight. Mothers with children were moved by the fact that they could feed their children again and that they did not have to go to bed on an empty stomach. Some were close to despair...

Here are some numbers: In total we received an amount of 917,50 euros in donations, and together (partly in collaboration with an organization called MAP) we were able to help 55 families, including 14 families who are affected with disabilities. Each food package consisted of 10kg posho, 5kg beans, 5kg rice, 3kg sugar, 500g salt and 6 blocks of soap. An average family of 5 people can live on this for a month.

While distributing the food packages, we met several families with children with disabilities, including Brian. I will tell his story in the next newsletter!

Do you want to share along with us?

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 with us by:



Involvement

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



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Special Joy Uganda



Amy in Uganda - Special Joy



Praise & Prayer

- **Give praise** for the good start here in Uganda!
- **Give praise** for the food fundraiser!
- **Give praise** for meeting people who fit in the vision & mission of Special Joy!
- **Pray** that people may recover again (financially), due to the effects of the lockdowns.
- **Pray** for wisdom and discernment in regards to Special Joy.



Finances

Amy is not receiving a salary in Uganda and is living by financial support.

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