



AMAZING LOVE DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

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Our 6th annual fundraiser



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Hello Amazing Love, friends and supporters.

Fall has arrived! It is time to pull out our favourite sweaters and wrap our hands around hot mugs of our favourite beverage. I personally enjoy fall immensely. We are fortunate that the Canadian landscape announces the change of seasons so beautifully each fall. It can be a busy time, as we say goodbye to relaxing vacations and longer days, and hello to familiar routines as the children return to school. But fall is also a very important time for us at the Amazing Love School ... for many reasons.

For our students, it marks the beginning of our third term in an academic year. And for our Canadian board of directors, it marks a time we look forward to all year ... where we plan to meet with you, face-to-face at our annual fall fundraiser. Our date has shifted back a little bit this year and we are now going to hold our event at the end of November. Read on in these pages to learn more about how you can attend this event. It promises to be full of interesting speakers, great food, and a beautifully curated African market of handmade items.

As always, we appreciate your support for the children of the Amazing Love School,

Sheilagh Clifton

ACTIVITIES AROUND THE SCHOOL



PROGRESS IN SCHOOL FARMING INITIATIVES

Amazing Love's founders James and Phoebe Gonahasa recently returned from a one-month trip to the school to check in on the progress of the many projects we have embarked upon. One of the major highlights of their trip was the continued success of the school's farming activities.

A substantial amount of maize, which forms a staple part of the students' diet (used for porridge and corn bread), was harvested during this second term. This yield is expected to significantly reduce the cost of purchasing maize flour at market rates. Notably, students actively participated in both the cultivation and harvesting processes, providing a valuable opportunity for hands-on learning and community contribution.



In line with sustainable agriculture efforts, a science-based composting initiative has also taken root. Under teacher supervision, some students began using compost-filled bags to start nursery beds for vegetables, such as collard greens and eggplants. These small plots serve both educational and nutritional purposes, and the team is now preparing to establish a demonstration garden. We are excited to monitor its progress during the upcoming third term.



The school's small livestock project is also thriving. The goats are in good health, and we are currently exploring ways to diversify their diet by sourcing a more suitable variety of grass, alongside supplementing with bran for added nutrition. We now have 32 goats and two goats are pregnant.



EXPOSURE THROUGH THE ONE-ACRE MODEL VISIT

To broaden the students' understanding of sustainable and profitable farming, a group of 30 students and several staff members visited a well-established local farmer. This community leader generously offered a tour of his farm, showcasing a variety of innovative agricultural techniques. Highlights included fish farming, vertical agriculture, banana plantations, and poultry production.

This visit was part of our broader One-Acre Model initiative to inspire students to reimagine agriculture as a viable path, even when working with limited space or resources. The enthusiasm from the students and staff was palpable, with many expressing a desire to implement what they had learned at home and at school.

ALDO is currently fundraising for this effort. If you'd like to help, please reach out to us at :

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YOUTH CONFERENCE: BUILDING CHARACTER AND PURPOSE

Beyond academics and agriculture, we continue to invest in the holistic development of our students. In line with this, a one-day Youth Conference was held at Amazing Love School, drawing 152 participants from the Namutumba District. The session was designed to equip young people with essential life skills, nurture responsible decision-making, and provide spiritual guidance that aligns with the school's mission of developing well-rounded, purpose-driven individuals. Key focus areas included personal integrity, respect for others, and the importance of making godly decisions in areas such as purity, character, and long-term life goals. This initiative served as both a moment of reflection and empowerment, encouraging the youth to become agents of positive change in their communities.



LEARNING WITH A PURPOSE

Amazing Love teachers continue to design purposeful programming for our students, not just to help them grow academically, but also personally. During the visit, students shared several key reflections with James and Phoebe that highlighted their personal growth. Many spoke about the importance of effective time management and taking personal responsibility in their daily lives. Respect for elders and appropriate behavior in communication were emphasized, along with the need to develop humility, self-respect, and a strong inner character, rather than focusing solely on outward appearance.

These insights, though simple, marked meaningful shifts in how the students view themselves and their roles in the community. A strong emphasis was also placed on spiritual integrity and moral courage. Students were challenged to practice Christian values over peer pressure and to make godly decisions, especially in difficult situations.



Your support will help us finish these essential components and provide a safe and comfortable space for our students

They were reminded of the importance of perseverance and the principle that “we should finish whatever we begin, for destiny waits for no one.”

Additionally, the concept of hard work resonated deeply with many participants, particularly the idea that completing tasks, such as school assignments and chores requires discipline and effort. A key phrase repeated during the sessions was, “hard work minus laziness equals success,” which became a memorable takeaway.

Amazing Love staff continue to explore ways to deliver youth mentorship programming and even explore opportunities to host similar sessions in neighbouring schools to extend the reach and deepen the impact.



DID YOU KNOW? Uganda has the youngest population in the world with 50% of the population under 17 years of age



SOCCER OUTREACH

Soccer and netball play a big role in the lives of our students. The great news recently was that some of our boys and girls were selected to be part of the National Elementary Soccer and Netball Team competitions. Our students continue to make us proud and amaze us.



ROBOTICS CLUB PREPARATION AND MENTORSHIP

Founders of **JUST CAUSE EDUCATION OUTREACH** and also the Canadian sponsor of the robotics club, Michelle Massaro and Sara Hansen, paid to school a visit specifically to support the growing Robotics club.

They brought along key resources and official maps in preparation for the March 2026 robotics competitions. The club's supervising teacher received the materials with great appreciation, and students have already begun familiarizing themselves with the requirements and expectations. The excitement among the learners was clear, and with continued mentorship and access to tools, we are optimistic that our students will be well-prepared and confident competitors when the time comes.



BIBLE DISTRIBUTION AS A LITERACY AND SPIRITUAL TOOL

We were also blessed by a generous donation of Bibles for students in Grades 5 to 7. These Bibles not only serve as a source of spiritual enrichment but also act as a tool to enhance reading fluency and comprehension. Additionally, they are used in the school's Religious Education curriculum.



GIRLS' MENSTRUAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SUPPORT

Continuing our efforts to support girls' education and well-being, Michelle Blackwood contributed to the Menstrual Bag Project by organizing the making and packing of the reusable hygiene kits that we distributed to the girls in Grades 5 through 7.

This initiative ensures that female students have access to essential supplies, allowing them to attend school more consistently and with confidence. Projects like this address a critical barrier to girls' education and demonstrate our commitment to holistic student support



MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION SUPPORT AND TRAINING



Another exciting development came through the generosity of our friend and educator, Cyril Lewin from Canada. After donating a set of Math manipulatives, Cyril conducted an online training session with both teachers and students. He demonstrated how to use these tools to better understand and teach complex mathematical concepts.

His encouraging feedback about the quality of Math instruction at Amazing Love School was affirming. Cyril expressed a keen interest in visiting the school in person in the future and continuing to engage with both staff and learners—a promising connection we look forward to nurturing.



DID YOU KNOW? Uganda's education system is experiencing several challenges, such as overstretched facilities, overcrowding in schools, especially those in urban slums, child labor, mostly in rural areas, high pupil-teacher ratios, and limited learning materials such as high pupil-to-textbook ratios.



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