

*Kamya Stephen Does Not Speak or Write English fluently and so the following text is written (with his knowledge) by AGLMUK.*

Most of the native Ugandans know him as Kamya but we generally refer to him as Stephen. This is a short history of his life to date and the interaction that he has had with AGLMUK.

Stephen was born in Mukono (Western Uganda) in around 1990. His father died in 2001 of AIDS related diseases and his mum was unable to look after the children. Somebody Stephen calls Mum still lives in Kiboga – about an hour's drive to the west of Bulabakulu (this may or may not be his real mother).

He has three sisters and one brother (Christopher) and they all came to Bulabakulu after his grandma found out about the opportunity through the Kibuli Miracle Centre. Grandma (Naomi) was one of the widows at the village during the early years – arriving in 2003 and still lives there.

Stephen started at the primary school at Bulabakulu in year 4 (P4) and continued on until P7. He started at secondary school as a day student at St John's, Wakiso but only made it the second year before deciding that he was not able to sensibly continue. This is likely in good part to be as a result of his limited ability in English, as by this point all lessons are conducted through this medium.

With encouragement from AGLMUK Stephen started to learn about fish farming under the tutelage of Moses, a local expert in the subject. As the course continued Stephen, under Moses's watchful eye took on the supervision of the newly created fish pond at Bulabakulu where Tilapia were raised. Not everything went according to plan and things weren't as successful as was hoped. Undeterred, Stephen went on to undertake further training and is now trained to be a trainer.

His determination to succeed has seen him use some income that he received from advising others on fish farming to set up a small business at the side of the road in a growing village between Bulabakulu



and Wakiso town. He sold charcoal, fruit and vegetables and earned enough to enable him to live an independent life. He has subsequently moved on to operate his business, now concentrating almost entirely on charcoal, from a larger, brick-built, premises nearby. He is married and has a daughter.

