



Greetings from Mandy & all the children.



The first day in the new sun room.



Jonathan goes home to the village



Jonathan, William, bed & bag of goodies



Immaculate and Stephen greeted by siblings Joshua Agnes Joy and James (Emma)

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Welcome Home Friends and Family!!!!

This has been a month of mixed emotions for all our Welcome Home family. We were able to see a large number of our children move onto their new lives away from the home. For all of us who love them so much it has been a bitter sweet time of releasing them. Many we have had since they were new born or very small. They were all very excited to leave and go onto **Big Kid School at Watoto**, their **Adoptive Family** and Jonathan onto his **Village** with family. We purposely moved such a large group to Watoto so they could continue to grow up with the friends they have had all their lives. They are all in the one village area as neighbors and will be school mates. My phone call to them on the day they left to tell them how proud we are of them and how we love them was met with lots of excited laughter as they told me where they were going. Their bags were packed and they were ready to get in the vans to leave. We have a promise to meet in April 2010 after my plane lands.

Plot 10 Bell Avenue is **very quiet** for the first time since we moved in October 2003. While we wait for all their beds to be filled with new needy children we are refurbishing the empty beds by sanding, repairing and re-varnishing them. Many of the Mums, eight at a time, are taking their vacation to visit their family in the villages while our head count is low. We have been too busy in the past for many of them to go.

Jonathan has returned home to his family village with 3 goats. He will be staying with his Grandmother until next year and when school starts again he will come to the cane fields and stay with his dad so he can go to school. He has waited very patiently for his family to be ready to take him and was so very excited.

Alex and Olivia are still with us even though the courts have granted their Guardianship to their Mum and Dad from Canada. Mum and Dad had to return home while Canadian Immigration sorts through Immigration matters. Please for the sake of all children pending immigration into Canada that issues get sorted out well and quickly.

Stephen now TB clear, and Immaculate a paraplegic arrived in the USA in time for Thanksgiving. These are the two medical village cases that we helped find family with three of our children who came over in 2008. Pray for them to settle well and make the adjustment to having parents who are involved in their lives. Pray also for their medical care.

## Blessings from Your Welcome Home Family

*Reminder We are collecting for the **Staff Christmas Bonus** (please designate these, and any other special gifts)*



Mummy Rose and graduates for Watoto.



Watoto bound kids excited to get into van.



.Waiting to meet their new house mums.



Richard & Pius meet their new mum.



Grace tries out her new bed.

**PREEMIES (6)** ADAM, AGNES, Alex, Christie, Christine, Megan.

Katrina, Mark, Nickolas, Olivia, Onduro Gloria, Resty Kako, Ryan, Susan.

**TODDLERS(29)** Allan M., Benjamin, Brenda, Brian, Charles, Edwin, Elizabeth, Gloria Misaki, Gloria Sakira, Henry, Immaculate, James K, James Waiswa twin, Jaqueline (Jackie), Joanita, Joel, Joram Latif, Martin, Matthew, Owen, Paul (Nino), Peter (Kayita), Resty N, Seth, Shiba & Jonan (twins), Spencer, Victor, Wilson.

[ **NEW (bold)**, **MOVED (Underlined)** ]

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