WELCOME HOME MINISTRIES - AFRICA

"To Love, Care, and Pray Destitute Babies Back to Health, or into Jesus Loving Arms."

November 2005

Dear Foundation Family and Friends,

This has been a blest month of new little ones joining our Welcome Home Family. There are 5 of them (*underlined in the names list*) who have all suffered tremendous loss & need our prayers.

We have **Pius** who is between 2 & 3 years old who is obviously a very serious long term starvation case. He is improving daily, has a very sweet nature and is settling in well. He was abandoned in the cane field by his father after his mother had left the home so the police are investigating the matter.

Mercy came to us at one week old via the Social Workers at the local Jinja hospital where her mother had just died. Mercy is HIV Positive and needs our prayers for a miracle. She weighed in at 4lb 4oz and has been taking her formula well.

Paul came in at 2 days old weighing 4lb 14 oz after the death of his mother. His father is unable to care for him at this time but will stay involved in his life.

Margaret and **Emmanuel** are brother & sister who come from a very poor village that is within 100 yards of a resort. Margaret is 3 months old & Emmanuel will be 2 years old on Christmas Day. **A village visitation** to Jonah & Jeremiah's mother did not go as we ex-



pected. We had hoped that she may be in a position financially to work toward having her twin sons return to her now that they are older. We found her struggling to take care of her deceased sisters 2 children in a severely poverty stricken state. It was obvious that the children were both very hungry & malnourished. They both now reside in our Preemie House together. It was precious to see how Emmanuel embraced his sister when they were reunited after a short time.



Mandy, Becky, Judy & Nancy at Watoto

US Board Visit: Board members **Nancy** & **Judy** (and also Becky) joined **Mandy** for the last 8 days of Mandy's 6 week visit to the home. They were given a very intense look at all aspects of the ministry going straight from the airport on arrival to visit the Watoto village where 4 of our children had just recently been transferred. The children were thrilled to see Mommy Mandy & Uncle William & had a time of singing together with the visitors before they left. Little Jackie did try to sneak into the back seat to leave for her old home.

Judy & Nancy were with us when Sissy & Juliet returned home to their father's home in the village. Simion the dad enjoyed their visit as they could all discuss farming together. We saw his vanilla bean farm & the preparation of land he is doing for his tomatoes. They went on visitation to Martha & Matthew's home as they are being prepared to return to their father. They were also involved when Margaret & Immanuel were picked up from their village & witnessed the abject poverty in which these children struggle to survive.

They thoroughly applauded the choice of the 8 seater 4 wheel drive Toyota Prado as they were taken on some very rough village trails to do all these visits.

Timothy had another echogram of his heart, is on new medication & is awaiting his call to go for his difficult surgery. Meanwhile he is a beautiful little active happy boy who has found his legs & is constantly having to be fetched back to where he should be.

P.S. Christmas: Several have asked about collecting funds, as Jackie did, for the workers and staff. If you wish to donate for this, just add the extra amount to your check and mark in the check memo line "workers" and the amount you wish to give to them. We will divide the fund to each of them and wire the amount to Uganda for Christmas, just as in the past.

Your Welcome Home family

PREEMIE HOUSE: Agnes, <u>Emmanuel</u>, Grace, Isaac, Jeremiah, <u>Margaret</u>, <u>Mercy</u>, <u>Paul</u>, Sarah, and Timothy

BABY HOUSE: Allan, Andrew, Elizaphan, Jeremiah, Jesse, Joel, Joseph, Joshua, Lawrence, Lukas, Moses, Noah, <u>Pius</u>, Richard, Shammah, William, and Wilson.

TODDLER HOUSE: Amos, Andrew, Becky, Billy, Dafin, David, Hayley, Hope, Jenay, Jeremiah, John Otata, Jonah, Jonathan, Joshua, Linda, Lisa, Lois, Lora, Maria, Martha, Mary Claire, Matthew, Michelle, Miriam, Paul, Peter, Rachael, Rachael Mukisa, Raymond, Rhoda, Rosie, and Zachariah.



An Outing for fries and ice-cream for our 34 Toddlers – a gift from a Friend in California