

Welcome Home Ministries – Africa

May 2009

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

Dear Welcome Home Friends & Family,

The trench being dug at the front.



Alibert on a home visit to Wilson.



Annemie & Mandy visit the triplets



Mandy with David (doing well at home).



A new quilt for all the children.

Another busy month has flown by with a 5 day delay in my (Mandy) return to the USA. Please accept my sincere apologies for the resulting delay of this newsletter.

The work on the house repairs continue, the first part (completed) is seven foot deep trenches dug all around the 2 walls of the office corner of the house, then a cement brick wall built within the trenches to block tree roots. This next week there will be roof supports put in place and the entire compromised front wall of the home will be removed and then replaced by a new one. The whole main house will be fully restored. After completion the preemies will all be moved so that their quarters will be totally repaired. It will be wonderful when the work is all completed. The children have really done well with all the activity and have not been a bother to the work crews. Pray that it all goes well and that the structure becomes sound again.

April had return visits of friends from England and the Netherlands all bringing some new visitors with them. We appreciated their generous loving hearts. Their gifts enable us to complete some needed projects. *England* donated the funds to repair our canvas Gazebo and make a cement floor for it (this is where the older children attend their preschool classes). *Holland* gave us a wonderful new playground fully cemented and edged with a metal white picket fence (termite resistant) to keep the big babies safe in a shaded area, also donated a wonderful new cooking stove (both electric and gas combined) – now cakes actually rise as they are supposed to.

The first weeks of April were spent checking on some of the children who have gone home to the villages. We are very pleased with how well the children are doing and how well the families are coping with the responsibility of caring for them. It is good to see that our investment into the parent's lives has made such a difference for our children's future.

The health of the Welcome Home children continues to be very good with only a few minor rashes, colds and some ear infections – conditions that are all easily treated. We have treated some village children this past month whose lives were in danger because of the lack of medical care.

Some of our children have now welcomed their adoptive families. It is such a blessing to have families come and take our children with medical needs that we cannot meet. A family that already adopted from us intend to return and adopt the two medical needs village children - Steven and Immaculate.

Blessings from Your Welcome Home Family



Umbilical hernia surgery (see navel)



Moses & Togia prepare for their family



Peggy cooks cakes for party



Babies new shaded safe playground

PREEMIES (10) Alex, Christine, Esther, Joshua Gimey, Megan, Moses Emmanuel, Naomi, Olivia, Onduro Gloria, Ruth, Babies (19), Benjamin, David, Edwin, Gloria (Glory), Henry, Immaculate, James K., James Waiswa (twin), Joel, Joram, Latif, Luke, Mark & Matthew (twins), Musa, Resty Kako., Spencer, Susan, Wilson Toddlers(36) Alan, Allan M., Andrew Okirior, Brenda, Brian, Charles, Daniel, Elizabeth, Emmanuel, Grace, Jaqueline (Jackie), Jeremiah, Jeremiah Moses, Joanita, Jonah, Jonathan, Joyce, Kisakye, Lukas, Margaret, Maria, Michelle, Nathan, Noah, Owen, Paul (Nino), Peter (Kaita), Pius, Rachel Mukisa, Resty N, Richard, Seth, Shiba & Jonan (twins), Togaya (Tony), Veronica Rose, Victor Steven (village) [NEW (bold), MOVED (Underlined)]