



# Welcome Home Ministries – Africa February 2008

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



Katie and Bianca with the big babies.



Emmanuel (rescued from a pit latrine) admitted New Years Eve after a week in hospital.



Your support changes lives!! Above is Brenda on arrival and now (below). She is HIV positive but doing well. Her mother is an ill 17 year old with AIDS and is unable to care for her.



## Dear Welcome Home Friends & Family,

It seems as if we are already heading to Christmas again as we work with the calendar to organize volunteers for this year. It is a blessing for our children to experience many cultures as people come to love them and help serve. Thank you to all our volunteers who have been and served and for those planning to come this year. You all make a big impact in our children's and staffs lives. You are hands of love extended. The things that you do for us are a blessing but the most valuable and life impacting is the love that is poured into our little ones lives. It is healing balm to those little orphaned, rejected and abandoned hearts which are so vulnerable.

Katie and Bianca from Newcastle Australia have been with us since mid December and have really been enjoying themselves with all aspects of the ministry. They have really been a real blessing to all the children.

Emmanuel whose arrival was announced with a PS on the bottom of our last letter came to us on New Years Eve but was actually born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December. Boda-Boda riders (bicycle Taxi drivers) about half a mile from Welcome Home heard the cries of a new born baby coming from within a pit latrine (a toilet that is a deep hole in the ground). They called the police and fire fighters who came and rescued the very healthy looking baby weighing over 8lbs. His first blood test was HIV positive. We are praying that his next blood test in three months will be negative (sometimes a positive reading is false in a new-born - the mother's HIV antibodies ONLY are in the baby's system).

Thank you for your faithful prayers for the children. All of them at this time are very healthy. This is partly due to the fact that Beatrice who we sent to nursing school is back at work again and is watching over the health of all the children taking those who need it to the clinic.

### **Congratulations Jarred and Esther !**

Esther, our administrator for the past 3 years has returned home - they are preparing for their May marriage in NJ.

William (manager) has really risen up well into his full leadership role since November. He is doing a great job but I am sure would appreciate prayer as there is always a lot of work to do. William who does well on computer, Beatrice and Puru Jane will be taking computer classes this month so they are more comfortable being a computerized home. Pray for them as new things can be overwhelming.

Thank you all for your faithful support of the ministry. Without you we could not care for all these children.

### **Your Welcome Home Family**

PS Paul is transitioning home to his grandparents.



Katie & Bianca with the Toddlers who love the trampoline.



**Brian** - From a dying little boy with severe malnutrition, pneumonia and TB - to a healthy vibrant boy (see below). Brian's dad has not been very responsible with him thus he has been in our care and will go onto a long term orphanage



**PREMIES (11)** Benjamin, Edwin, **Emmanuel-3**, Gloria (Glory), Grace (C Palsy- day care), Mark & Matthew (twins), Rebecca, Seth, Resty, Wilson  
**BABIES (13)** Ben, Brenda, Charles, Elizabeth, Immaculate, James, James Waiswa (twin), Jeane, Joyce, Luke, Sheba & Joaner (twins), Victor  
**TODDLERS (40)** Adam, Agnes, Allan(1), Allan(2), Andrew Okirior, Andrew Otto, Becky, Billy, Brian, Daniel, David, Emmanuel-1, Emmanuel -2, Hodgkins, Grace, Hayley, Jaqueline (Jackie), Jeremiah Moses, Jeremiah, Jonah, Jonathan, Joshua Menya, Joshua, Joshua Angelo, Lukas, Margaret, Melissa, Mercy, Nathan, Noah, Paul (Nino), Peter (Kaita), Pius, Rachel Mukisa, Richard, Shammah, Veronica Rose, William, Wilson, Zachariah