



Welcome Home Ministries – Africa

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

October
2008



Joshua Menya goes home



A very happy Shamma goes home



Mercy-Ben learning of family



Precious now a big talkative girl



Amos and Linda love visits

Dear Welcome Home Friends & Family,

This has been a month busy with some joys and some sadness. Little **Helen** (her mother died in childbirth) a new admission and surviving newborn twin suddenly started to have severe trouble breathing. She was rushed to the clinic and then to Int'l Hospital Kampala, but sadly she died from severe congenital heart abnormalities. **Debbie** our 5 month old preemie with AIDS also lost her struggle for life after a season of the best care at Int'l. Hospital.

It was also a very hard month for our Manager William who lost his mother to complications of Diabetes. He has been a wonderful son to her and was able to return to the North for her burial. We express our love and condolences to him.

On a very positive note we had two of our boys return home to their families in the village. **Joshua Menya** a quiet timid boy was very happy to return to his family. **Shamma** just so full of joy - was welcomed by his grandma. We discovered that his mother is still alive - we had been told she had died but she had just abandoned him and she is still irresponsible. Thankfully grandma is healthy and well able to care for him. Pictured with him are the Welcome Home Social Worker Hope and Sister Eva from Iganga Babies Home who is doing her one month Social Worker Internship with us.

We are seeing many more starving children brought to us that need help, from the hospital, and by parents that are losing hope. In Uganda it is becoming a **greater economic struggle** for the local people (as well as for us), since the price of everything has shot up because of the oil shock (petrol is about \$7 per gallon). This has greatly affected the price of everything, especially food.

Financially we have been hit with a double setback - we need nearly twice as much support as we did 5 years ago. Since then the US dollar has devalued about 30% to the Ugandan Shilling, while the Ugandan costs have risen at least 30% ($70\% \times 70\% = 49\%$). We are very frugal- **NO WESTERNER IS PAID WITH WELCOME HOME funds in the US and Uganda, our US overhead is less than 5%, and we get an annual audit in Uganda.** A long time supporter of ours named Ray M. gave a one time gift of \$10,000 Dollars (a life-line) and challenges others to help take up the slack where peoples giving ability has been hurt by the financial slump. God has faithfully taken care of us even if it is a bit scary at times.

Some new friends in Holland **Ron and Karin** (they will visit the Home in December with their children) just held a Blues concert to raise funds for the home, and **Annemie and Alibert** joined them to sell the wares they brought from Uganda to help raise funds. We really appreciate all their work, as it helps relieve the burden of supply. We really appreciate their effort and care for our children.

Reunion - We had the joy of visiting with 3 beautiful Welcome Home children settled in their families here in California, **Amos** and **Linda**, and **Precious**. **Ben** and **Mercy** will arriving here (Cal) soon.

Blessings

From Your Welcome Home Family

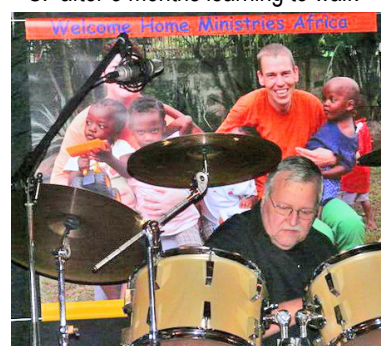
Now is the time to send your love gifts for the staff's Christmas. Please add a note to designate how you would like your gift split.



Susan on arrival end April, & Below



S. after 5 months learning to walk



The Blues concert in Holland



Alibert & Annemie - Selling beads & wares at the Blues concert Holland

PREEMIES (10) David, Henry, **Janet Justine**, Kisakye, Moses Emmanuel, Musa, Naoimi, Olivia, **Ruth**, Spencer, **Dianne**, Edwin, Elizabeth, Gloria (Glory), Immaculate, James K., James Waiswa (twin), Joanita, Joel, Luke, Mark & Matthew (twins), Rebecca, Resty Kako, Resty N., **Ryan**, Seth, Susan, Wilson **TODDLERS (35)** Allan H., Allan M., Andrew Okiror, Andrew Otto, Becky, Ben, Billy, Brenda, Brian, Charles, Daniel, Emmanuel, Grace, Jaqueline (Jackie), Jeremiah, Jeremiah Moses, Jonah, Jonathan, Joyce, Lukas, Margaret, Mercy, Murani, Nathan, Noah, Paul (Nino), Peter (Kaita), Pius, Rachel Mukisa, Richard, Saaka, Shiba & Jonan (twins), Veronica Rose, Victor AND Steven (village) **[NEW (bold), MOVED (Underlined)]**

BABIES (21) Amanda Rose, Benjamin, **Dianne**, Edwin, Elizabeth, Gloria (Glory), Immaculate, James K., James Waiswa (twin), Joanita, Joel, Luke, Mark & Matthew (twins), Rebecca, Resty Kako, Resty N., **Ryan**, Seth, Susan, Wilson

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