



Welcome Home Ministries – Africa

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

November
2008



Club Feet (Rogers, below, & below left)



Next - Feet are broken & put into casts



After 2 months - walking flat on their feet



Ashleigh - a total natural in Africa



Farewell to Ben and Mercy

Dear Welcome Home Friends & Family,

We continue this year with joy and sadness. Joy because we see the many very needy children coming in with severe starvation and their lives being turned around by lots of love and good food and medical care. Sadness because we had another little one - Janet Justine - go home to be with the Lord after a 3 week battle for her life at International Hospital. She was HIV Positive and had a severe congenital heart condition but was a tiny little fighter who did not want to give up. We do appreciate the care that all our children are given by International Hospital Kampala and its clinic in Jinja. Their care for our children has made our work at **Welcome Home** much lighter than it had been in the past.

On a very positive note we had 2 of our village boys that we paid for **Club Foot Surgery** return the home to show their "new feet" after two long months in hospital. What a great blessing for them to be able to walk on the soles of their feet. It was very humbling to see how thankful they and their families are. It also opened a door for the Gospel in their villages. *Note the pieces of bicycle tires laced on to protect the casts – quite innovative! (picture on left)* Education is a factor – if caught at birth it is simply cured with casts.

Merlouf our really severe **Hydrocephalic** came for a visit to get his transportation money for his follow up visit to Cure Hospital in Mbale. It was good to see his improvement. There is always a stream of children coming for the transportation help to go have their brain surgeries so that they can have a normal healthy life.

The home as usual is a very busy place. **We appreciate the volunteers** who come and serve alongside our workers adding the touches of love that the children need above what the staff can manage to give. A natural in Africa is **Ashleigh** from Canada. At the home or in the village she fits in and flows so well with all the people she meets. The children love her. Thank you for your love!!

A "chance" meeting on Mandy's and Stacy's (a Californian volunteer) flight to Uganda on the 3rd October ends up with us being given a **Water Purifying Unit** for reduced cost. Thank you to the team of Pastors from Alaska (<http://waterfortheworld.com>) who supplied and installed it for us. No more boiling or chemical drops to purify the water. The unit takes one cup of salt and a 9 volt battery and one hour and we have enough clean water for a week.

The older children enjoyed a visit to **St Philomena's in Iganga**. Sister Elizabeth enjoyed showing her cows and goats.

In Jinja the **handicapped children** are in great need. We are giving this much consideration and prayer, if we are meant to have a home (permanent, and day-care so their mothers can earn a living). Please pray about this area as we consider this project.

Our Evonne (who was adopted to Wisconsin) is in need of prayer as she continues to struggle with life threatening seizures and needs to have double hip surgeries to help lessen her pain.

.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.



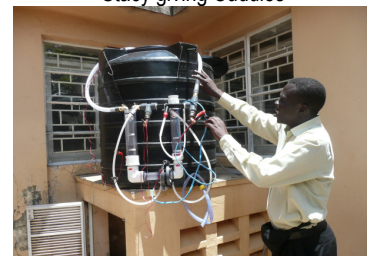
Susan on arrival end April, & Below



Playing a cognitive game with Edwin (L)



Stacy giving Cuddles



William and our NEW pure water unit



A visit to Iganga & Sr. Elizabeth



A visit to a handicapped childrens home.

PREMIES (10) Alex, David, **Diana**, Kisakye, Moses Emmanuel, Moses (Musa), Naoimi, Olivia, Ruth, Spencer **BABIES (21)** Amanda Rose, Benjamin, Edwin, Elizabeth, Gloria (Glory), **Henry**, Immaculate, James K., James Waiswa (twin), Joel, Joram Latif, Luke, Mark & Matthew (twins), Rebecca, Resty Kako, Resty N., **Ryan**, Seth, Susan, Wilson **TODDLERS (35)** Alan H., Allan M., Andrew Okirior, Andrew Otto, Becky, Billy, Brenda, Brian, Charles, Daniel, Emmanuel, Grace, Jaqueline (Jackie), Jeremiah, Jeremiah Moses, Joanita, Jonah, Jonathan, Joyce, Lukas, Margaret, Nathan, Noah, **Owen**, Paul (Nino), Peter (Kaita), Pius, Rachel Mukisa, Richard, Saaka, Shiba & Jonan (twins), Tony (Togia), Veronica Rose, Victor AND Steven (village) **[NEW (bold), MOVED (Underlined)]**

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