



Welcome Home Ministries – Africa

April 2006

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

Dear Welcome Home Friends and Family,
Your partnership means so much to us.

Eastern Africa Drought Thank you for your prayers for rain. Many of the affected countries have received some rain but the drought is far from over and it will take a lot of outside help to recover.

In **Jinja** we have had some gentle soaking rain, mostly at night. The rain (and its timing) is a blessing, as grass is watered and the children can still go outside to play during the day. It gives the children an opportunity to discharge some of their abundant energy and makes the home a happy place. We do have many wonderful rainy day activities for the children but there is nothing like the fun of running outside or playing on the trampoline or swings.

Orphanage News

Timothy who needs to travel to America for his open heart surgery is still waitlisted. We did have a visit at the home this last month from the **Samaritans Purse** representative from the Kampala office to discuss what would be involved.



Nathan (above) one of our new HIV positive babies has been ill & spent several days in hospital in Kampala. He is now home recovering but we covert your prayers for him to continue to improve & experience a miracle.

We praise God that the rest of the children are doing well.

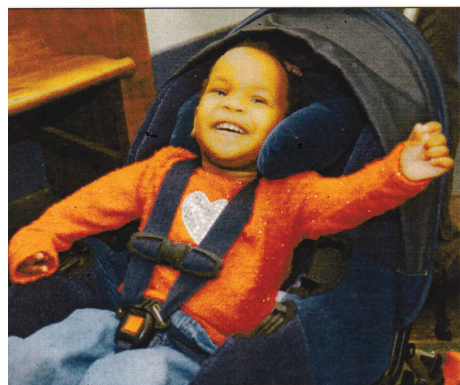
By now **Raymond** will be in his new home at Aidchild. **Johnny** will be attending

school with the children of his new home but will be sleeping over with us until they move into their new facility in a few weeks. Please keep them in prayer as they make their transitions.

Updates on our transplanted girls (due to many inquiries):



Evonne in Wisconsin still struggles with her health issues – severe cerebral palsy, 80% blindness, and on occasions, severe (life-threatening) breathing problems. When she bounces back she is her normal happy self & is a beautiful little girl. She has a wonderful family and a good medical team looking after her. Please continue to pray for her health.



Ruth in Maine is now officially adopted into her family. She goes to 2 days of deaf school and 3 days of physical therapy for her Cerebral Palsy. On May 5th she goes for an ear evaluation in Boston to see if it is possible for her to have a Cochlea Implant to help with her hearing. She is well settled in her family, is very alert & eager to learn.



Maria & Rhoda in Wisconsin are settled in well and have adapted to the extremes in weather that they are now enjoying. It is a big change to the tropical heat of Uganda (at right). Rhoda has been having medical treatment for the problems with her left leg & foot. She now has her third cast on to help lengthen her calf muscles but needs prayer for her foot muscles to be strong enough to bring her foot into a good position. Please pray for her complete healing.



THANK YOU PATRICIA!

Patricia our senior (74+) volunteer has returned home. For the past 1 ½ years she has done a lot of reading with the older children and supplemented their pre-school lessons. She will be greatly missed by all the children and staff.

Please consider volunteering Especially LONG term.

We love to have volunteers as they help round out the experience that our children have. So far for the rest of this year we have 27 short term volunteers booked to come. We would really like to have one or two more **full time** volunteers come to help. Would you pray about coming to join our team of workers? Please contact **Mandy Sydo** (Operations Director) at LMSydo@sbcglobal.net or. 714) 282-7050 (after she returns from Jinja mid-May)

Thank you so much for your faithfulness,

Your Welcome Home family

PREEMIE HOUSE: Joshua Angelo, Jaqueline, Mercy, Nathan, Patricia, Paul, Precious and Veronica Rose

BABY HOUSE: Agnes, Allan, Emmanuel, Grace, Isaac, Jeremiah, Jesse, Joel, Joseph, Joshua, Margaret, Melissa, Moses, Pius, Richard, Sarah, Shammah, and Timothy **TODDLER HOUSE:** Amos, Andrew (1), Andrew (2), Becky, Billy, Dafin, David, Elizaphan, Hayley, Hope, Jeremiah (1), Jeremiah (2), John Otata (transitioning), Jonah, Jonathan, Joshua, Lawrence, Linda, Lisa, Lois, Lora, Lukas, Martha, Matthew, Michelle, Miriam, Noah, Paul, Peter, Rachael, Rachael Mukisa, Raymond (transitioning), Rosie, William, Wilson and Zachariah.

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