

## Welcome Home Ministries – Africa March 2008

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



The first day of "Big school"



Hayley returns to the village



Paul goes home to grandparents.



Wilson goes home to grandma.

## Dear Welcome Home Friends & Family,

This past month has been another busy one for Welcome Home with lots of good things to share with you.

Our biggest joy is that our dear Timothy (now named **Levi Timothy)**, adopted by a wonderful family last year, is doing well. He had **two open heart surgeries** on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of February. Please pray for his complete recovery. He should be home by now. He still needs healing for Pulmonary Hypertension that has affected his lungs and can later cause problems for his heart. You can see him "sing" at:http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SaDK-CNDQKQ

Our next point of rejoicing is that our two year old **Mercy** now has an **HIV Negative blood test** after testing positive for the past 2 years. She and Ben who is HIV Positive are in process for a medical adoption to the US.

Our children are growing up - 8 of them are now going to "**Big School**". Some of these are waiting for the next intake to Watoto so Emmanuel and Margaret will be old enough to go with their twin brothers. Some are waiting for their adoption to be completed. Pictured is the excited group just before they left for their first day of school. They love going and have lots of stories to tell their mums.

Children go Home: Small business loans make it possible for remnant families to afford to take their children home. Note in the pictures they go home supplied with mattresses if needed, blankets and mosquito nets some clothes and of course a stuffed animal. Hayley has gone home to her Dad and Step Mum and older brother and sister. Paul has gone home to Grandma and Grandpa who look young enough to be his parents. Wilson has gone home to Father and Grandma. All the children have settled well into their new homes. Please keep them in prayer for their continued health so that they may escape the ravages of Malaria.

We have two beautiful new babies.

**1. Resty Kako** was brought to us by her aunt who is unable to care for her. Her dad had died in a car accident and her mother died immediately after her birth.

2. Amanda Rose was found by a student after being abandoned in the Walukuba Mosses division of Jinja. She is estimated to be about 1 year old.

It is wonderful to have so many positive things to share with you. This month all the children have been healthy.

We are very proud of our fully Ugandan staff led by our manager William, head mum Rose and the senior mums. Together with the superb crew, the home is run very well. We are also thankful for our two board members Jose and Sol who drop in for regular visits to confirm how things are doing. The children enjoy their visits as Jose loves to sing with them, and Sol often brings roasted corn for them.

Your Welcome Home Family



Mercy - now HIV Negative !!!!!



Levi Timothy (Our favorite picture).



Resty Kako with her Aunt.



Amanda Rose (abandoned).

 PREEMIES (10)
 Edwin, Gloria (Glory), Grace (*C Palsy- day care*), Mark & Matthew (twins), Moses Emmanuel (3), Rebecca, Seth, , Resty Kako, Wilson

 BABIES (15)
 Amanda Rose, Ben, Benjamin, Brenda, Charles, Elizabeth, Immaculate, James, James Waiswa (twin), Jeane, Joyce, Luke, Resty, Sheba

 & Joaner (twins)
 Adam, Agnes, Allan(1), Allan(2), Andrew Okirior, Andrew Otto, Becky, Billy, Brian, Daniel, David, Emmanuel-1, Emmanuel -2 Hodgkins, Grace, 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, <u>Victor</u>, William, Zachariah

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