

WELCOME HOME MINISTRIES – AFRICA

So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. . . And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

Col 3:12, 14 THE MESSAGE

March 2005

Dear Foundation Family and Friends,

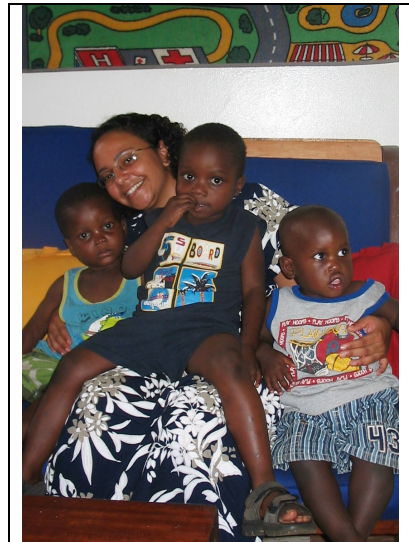
God is doing great things in Jinja! Last Month we welcomed preemie Grace, little **Richard**, and baby **Noah** to Welcome Home and said “Goodbye” to one of our toddlers, **Christopher**, who went home to be with his family.

Yvonne, (one of our special needs girls), is back with us for again while she waits her adoption finalization by a family in Wisconsin. We give a big “**Thank You!**” to Kevin & Kristy, along with their daughters Jennifer & Deborah, who were Yvonne's foster family here in the states and for the excellent care given her during the last 6 months. She came back a little chatterbox who knows her cerebral palsy exercise routines very well and her health has improved dramatically. She is a delight to our staff and workers.

We have implemented a **new program of photo medical cards**. These will be used for Welcome Home children who return to their village families. For these families, proper medical care for their children is difficult and sometimes not easily accessible. They will be able to use the card at two local clinics and the children's hospital. Welcome Home will pay their bill (usually between \$1.50 and \$10.00)

Last month we featured a picture of beautiful little **Terry** who returned home to her family in the village with the 2 goats we supplied her parents to help cover her expenses. Her home & family had been inspected by the child protective services & the return to her family was approved. Three weeks after she went home she had a raging fever & died. Her death might have been prevented if the family had the funds for transportation and medical care. We never want that to happen again so Welcome Home is taking steps to do our best to see that these children receive medical care even after they leave us.

God has blessed us with a new social worker! **Esther Nunez** comes from California and is a BIG blessing to Welcome Home. She is helping with fostering, adoptions, new arrivals and dismissals of children as well as assisting with things that previously needed to be done but no one had the time to do them. One of Esther's priorities will be to assist in the smooth transition of our children to families and villages and work with the government to assess both the family and home to assure that our children are safe. She will also teach some basic medical care, (for example: a cool bath for a child with a fever can save its life) She will also teach about the new medical cards and how they are to be used.



WELCOME ABOARD, ESTHER!

Please pray with us for the following:

- We have three special needs children being adopted to families in the States. Please pray for all the legalities & the immigration process.
- We have two commercial washing machines and dryers at the Kenyan border waiting for customs paperwork to be processed (the wheels turn here very slowly).
- Continued health and blessing on our staff and babies especially Yvonne while she waits to return to America.
- The need of an increase in monthly funds as more often than not our budget is very strained.

Isn't God Good! Thank you for joining us in this adventure and for your love, prayers and support.

May God Bless You Richly!

Janet, and your Welcome Home family

PREEMIE HOUSE: Allan, Grace, Isaac, Jeremiah, Jesse, Joel, Joseph, Joshua, Richard, Sarah, Shammah, and Timothy

BABY HOUSE: Andrew, Andrew, Becky, Billy, Elizaphan, Hayley, Hope, Jenay, Jeremiah, Jonathan, Lawrence, Lucas, Maria, Martha, Matthew, Noah, Rachael, Rachael Mukisa, Rosie, William, Wilson, and Yvonne.

TODDLER HOUSE: Amos, Anastasia, Cissy, Dafin, David, Emily, Jackie, Jeremiah, John Otata, Jonah, Joshua, Juliet, Linda, Lisa, Lois, Lora, Mark, Mary Claire, Michelle, Paul, Peter, Raymond, Rhoda, Victoria, and Zachariah