



Welcome Home Ministries – Africa

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Dear Welcome Home Friends and Family,

Once again we come to you with grateful hearts for your faithfulness to support the vision of Welcome Home. Without you we would not be able to care for all these children who would most likely not survive without the intervention of the ministry.

You provide them with a place of safe refuge, physical and emotional nurture, education and lots of fun. With our newsletter we do our best to give you a glimpse into the lives of the children and how the home functions. We thank the Lord for you as without you we could not do the things that are so needed. We also appreciate your prayers for the health of the children and staff as we see the results of those prayers. For the most part our children are really very healthy.

Dr Elgon from the Medical clinic we use told us of a discussion that he had with his staff about why our children do as well as they do. They came up with the only one answer. Our home is covered with a lot of prayer. Thank you for your part in this.

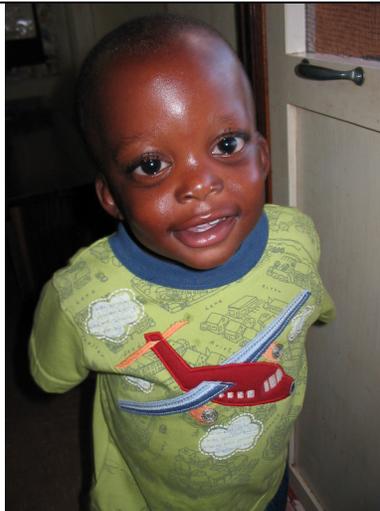
Some of our new supporters are not familiar with the workings of the home & have had many questions of where do our children come from.

This month we want to share why the children come to our home. The guiding question is still the same as when our home opened.

“Will this child die if it is not admitted?”



NATHAN - ABANDONED at Birth at Malago Hospital –He was very sick, in and out of hospital. After prayer in April he now stabilized and thriving.



ELIZAPHAN – Mother died, Low birth weight – 3 lb 5 Oz, now enjoying life and makes obvious he is 100% boy

Why? The reasons are varied. Some come because the mother has died in childbirth due to the results of very poor nutrition, poor medical care, or AIDs. Some are just very low birth weight babies or premature and would not survive in the village. Others are abandoned at the hospitals where the mother went to have the child giving a false name and they run off abandoning the child there. Others are abandoned on the trails of the tea or sugar plantations beside the roads, in dumpsters, at the garbage dump, down pit latrines or with the village neighbors. Others the parents have died with AIDs. Some have loving parents who just too poor to sustain the life of the child. Often this is the case with multiple births (very common in Uganda).

(Why? cont.) Sad to say some are abused and neglected and some are starving and would die if we did not help. Some the police bring us because they are so badly neglected or abused. Some of the children come to us from the women’s prison where the mothers are in serving time and the child is in prison with her.



ABANDONED at Garbage Dump. JOSHUA still has a sad haunted look in his eyes some of the time. He was about 10 months old when he was found, alone and uncared for (with starvation & skin problems), crawling around and searching for food at the local Jinja dump.



MICHELLE (and her 2 older sisters) discovered next to her dead mother. Her 2 sisters are in the US (with ongoing medical needs). They will all be adopted by the same host family.



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Where? They come from a large area. Some are from as far away as Gulu in the war zone, some are from the hospitals in Kampala where they have been abandoned and the rest come from the surrounding areas of Jinja - from towns and villages very local, and up to 6 hours drive away.



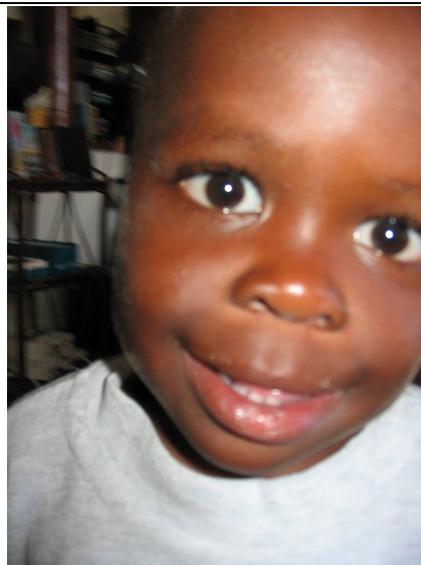
JOEL & JOSEPH – Multiple Births – Triplets, brother is at home. Mother could not breast-feed all 3 (often all would perish). Now on solid food, and being prepared to return home.



LISA, LOIS & LORA - 3 Survivors of Quads – Father died 1 week before birth, brother (4th Quad) at birth. Mother had no hope and was in the village hut waiting the children to die. Now she is in business preparing for their return.

Q. Where they go from our home as we only have them from birth to their 6th birthday.

We try at the right time to restore the children to whatever family there is left, making sure that they can give the child an adequate home to sustain their lives and provide an education. With help from a church in California we try to set up the family with a business or goats that will ensure an income for the family. Some children are adopted or fostered locally by Ugandans. Some children move onto another orphanage for older children called Watoto where they live out the rest of their school years and are helped settle into an adult life. Some are adopted out of the country to America, Canada and England (most of these foreign adoptions are for medical reasons).



Mother Died After Childbirth. -- ANDREW came as a newborn after her death. He will be returning to his Dad and family soon. The Aunt is being helped with a small clothing business to help support him.

Washing Machine News Item:

The three phase power for the Washing Machines donated to us by Samaritans Purse is getting closer. The Underground cable that was dropped at the home in April is now in position all connected at our end waiting for the electric company to connect it to the line in front of our home. The staff are eagerly waiting as this whole process started back in February 2005 when the machines were purchased. Our Laundry staff have done a wonderful job of washing by hand for nearly 2 years. To economize we will still use the clothes lines to dry the clothes in sunny weather putting the clothes in the dryer for just 10 minutes to sanitize them. The dryers will be wonderful in the wet weather.



YOUNG PARENTS – DAVID was born to a YOUNG High School Girl. She could not care for him, but is nearly ready to take him home.

We hope that we have helped you understand our work of love.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support of the children.

Your Welcome Home family

PREEMIE HOUSE (9): Jaqueline, John, Joshua Angelo, Mercy, Nathan, Paul, Patricia, Precious and Veronica Rose

BABY HOUSE (19): Agnes, Allan, Brian, Emmanuel, Grace, Isaac, Jeremiah, Jesse, Joel, Joseph, Joshua, Margaret, Melissa, Moses, Pius, Richard, Sarah, Shammah, and Timothy

TODDLER HOUSE (33): Amos, Andrew (1), Andrew (2), Becky, Billy, Dafin, David, Elizaphan, Hayley, Hope, Jeremiah (1), Jeremiah (2), John Otata, Jonah, Jonathan, Joshua, Lawrence, Linda, Lisa, Lois, Lora, Lukas, Michelle, Miriam, Noah, Paul, Peter, Rachael, Rachael Mukisa, Rosie, William, Wilson and Zachariah.