

# WELCOME HOME MINISTRIES – AFRICA

*“Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a real blessing. The sons a man has when he is young are like arrows in a soldier's hand. Happy is the man who has many such arrows. He will never be defeated!” Ps 127:3-5 TEV*

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Dear Foundation Family and Friends,

**Our God is so Good! Janet's Report.** Our newest Welcome Home baby is **Richard**. A few weeks ago, a missionary came to the door with a one year old baby that appeared to be seven months old. She went on to say that Richard's mother had fed him nothing for several days. When asked why, the mother replied, "I don't want this one." Today he is enjoying healthy, nutritious foods, toys, and a staff who loves him. His smile speaks of the transformation from despair to hope. Thank you for being a part of his life.

I've discovered that there are many ways people have given to our ministry. Neighbors have left care packages at our door, food items such as milk, fruits and vegetables, etc. We have volunteers, giving of their time and their talents to assist our workers education and the welfare of our babies. A pre-school teacher from California will be coming for three weeks to train our resident teacher. In September two women are coming from Australia for three weeks to teach practical nursing to our staff. Esther and I are both full time volunteers serving in administrative positions. Our director Mandy comes twice a year and brings us supplies to meet our needs – things like cloth diapers, clothes, and medicines - all donated by friends in the states. All of our volunteers donate their time and pay their own expenses when ministering – none are paid. They help to keep our spending to a bare minimum.

As I was finishing financial reports a month ago, I realized that Welcome Home is able to house, clothe, feed, provide medical treatment, provide nursery school and care for 60 babies. We also house, feed, pay the salaries and provide the medical care and training for 50 workers. We pay rents, utilities, and maintenance on both the orphanage and our staff quarters, maintain two vehicles, and miscellaneous ministry expenses. We accomplish all this on what one professional worker in the States might make in one month. This can only happen with God's help and with your help. We count the pennies and the shillings. All the money we receive is very carefully used to the best advantage for our home.

**Mandy's Report.** Despite all our good efforts we find that we need to appeal to you to help us raise more funds. Our last three months have been a struggle. Lower contributions and a poor dollar/shilling exchange rate have hit us hard. Are you a member of a group like the Lion's Club, the Rotary Club, a Women's Group, Scout Clubs, Bible study groups or some other? Do you have some creative way you could help bless our home? Would you consider helping us raise needed funds? We have brochures, pictures and helps we could supply.

I want to share an example of how one man, a member of the Lion's Club, helped us. He is a businessman from Kampala who has been very supportive of our home for many years. Raj is the head of the Nestle Company in Uganda where we have obtained our baby formula. The malnourished babies were heavy on his heart and he wanted to do more to help us, so he made a Power Point presentation with some pictures he took. He took his presentation and shared with the Lions Club in London, England, introducing the work of Welcome Home at a fund raiser. They raised enough money to pay for baby formula which lasted us over a year. This businessman made the funds go even further. Because of his generosity; we were able to obtain formula at his cost. Thanks again to you Raj and all the Lion's club members in London for their generosity.

On the 8th of April, I will arrive again in Uganda with a team of three volunteers. It will be a blessing to meet the new babies and see if I can remember all the names of the children I met last October. I promise that I will have new pictures to share with you when I return.

Please continue to pray for Welcome Home, our babies and staff. We survive and are blessed by your bountiful prayers and support. We know that God answers prayer and that He uses loving, compassionate people, like you, to accomplish His vision at our orphanage. Thank you again for your faithful prayers and giving and may God's richest blessings be yours

*Mandy, Janet, and your Welcome Home family*

**PREMIE HOUSE:** Grace, Isaac, Jeremiah, Jesse, Richard, Sarah, Shammah, and Timothy

**BABY HOUSE:** Allan, Andrew, Elizaphan, Jeremiah, Joel, Joseph, Joshua, Lawrence, Lucas, Noah, Rachael Mukisa, William, Wilson, and Yvonne.

**TODDLER HOUSE:** Amos, Andrew, Becky, Billy, Cissy, Dafin, David, Emily, Hayley, Hope, Jackie, Jenay, Jeremiah, John Otata, Jonah, Jonathan, Joshua, Juliet, Linda, Lisa, Lois, Lora, Maria, Mark, Martha, Mary Claire, Matthew, Michelle, Paul, Peter, Rachael, Raymond, Rhoda, Rosie, Victoria. and Zachariah