



Welcome Home Ministries – Africa

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

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William and Hope visit Wilson who returned to his village months ago.



Above - Joanita's burns now healing



Joanita now is a very happy girl

Dear Welcome Home Friends & Family,

Thank you so much for your faithful love and support for our children and the notes of encouragement. It is you who enable us to keep Welcome Home doing life changing work for the children.

Our home is full with 66 children with some in line who we are helping at the hospital until they can be admitted. We are faced each week with severe cases of Malnutrition. It is not unusual to get children who have a full belly of starchy food who are literally dying of starvation. Poverty and lack of education both contribute to these children's conditions. **Hope** who is our employee at Social Work School has been working with us for her school break. She is a real asset to the home and is doing a wonderful job with William of checking on all the children who have returned to their villages. **Susan** continues to improve slowly. Please pray for her complete restoration as starvation has affected her mental capacities.

We have been asked many times why do we have volunteers. This thank you card message from a Californian teenage tells why.

"Thank you Mandy! It was an Amazing experience. AJ

My trip to Uganda was definitely the most eye opening, life changing, God filled, inspirational experience of my life. Every day was a completely new adventure, filled with both joy & sadness, laughter & tears. We spent a significant amount of time each day playing with the kids assisting the "Mothers". All of the kids were awesome bundles of joy, but the kid I bonded with was a toddler named Allan. Allan is 4 years old and already has full blown AIDS, like a handful of the other Welcome Home children. This disease will take his life long before what we would call a normal life. Nevertheless, Allan was overjoyed every time I played with him. I am sure he doesn't know the full extent of his condition, but he knows he isn't normal. Yet he continues to live his life with happiness, making sure to make the most of every second he has here on earth. There were countless other heartbreaking stories, like that of a 12 year old girl I met in a village who was blind due to AIDS, or of a fragile little Nashimi, a baby girl I prayed for in the local children's hospital who was dying from a host of terrible illness, including Malaria, Tuberculosis, Ringworm and Malnutrition. That day we prayed over every single child in Jinja's Children's Hospital was the most intense, difficult, and painful day of my life, as it opened my eyes to the severity of the suffering of all these innocent little children. In addition to working at Welcome Home we also took 2 hour boat rides on Lake Victoria to island villages where we preached the Gospel and showed God's love through dramas, testimonies, messages & door-to-door evangelism. My experience in these remote areas showed me the extent of our blessings, as well as the extent of the suffering of our brothers and sisters around the world. Uganda is a nation abounding in horrible circumstances, but to my surprise, it is also a nation abounding in Joy, hope, grace and in love."

*Blessings from
Your Welcome Home Family*



Susan on arrival



Susan with Hope after 4 months



Taylor and Alexis from California visit for 2 months



AJ with Allan and Shamma



A special bond - AJ & Allan

PREMIES (10) David, Debi, **Hellen**, Henry, Kisakye, Moses Emmanuel, Musa, Naoimi, Olivia, Spencer **BABIES (19)** Amanda Rose, Benjamin, Edwin, Elizabeth, Gloria (Glory), Immaculate, James K., James Waiswa (twin), **Joanita**, **Joel**, Luke, Mark & Matthew (twins), Rebecca, Resty Kako, Resty N., Seth, **Susan**, Wilson **TODDLERS (37)** Allan H., Allan M., Andrew Okirior, Andrew Otto, Becky, Ben, Billy, Brenda, Brian, **Charles**, Daniel, Emmanuel, Grace, Jaqueline (Jackie), Jeremiah, Jeremiah Moses, Jonah, Jonathan, Joshua Menya, Joyce, Lukas, Margaret, Mercy, **Murani**, Nathan, Noah, Paul (Nino), Peter (Kaíta), Pius, Rachel Mukisa, Richard, Saaka, Shammah, Shiba & Jonan (twins) Steven (village), Veronica Rose, Victor **[NEW (bold), MOVED (Underlined)]**

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