



Welcome Home Ministries – Africa December 2006

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



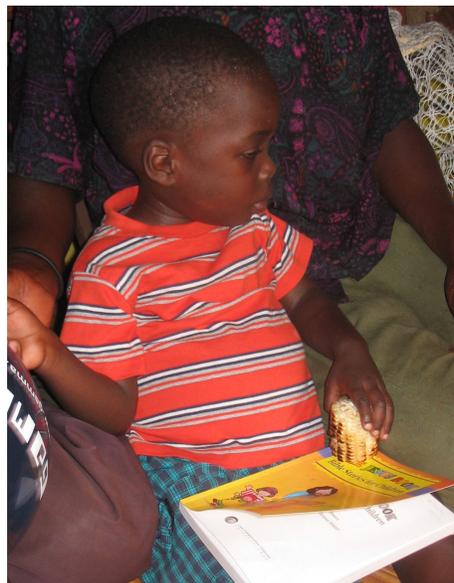
Dear Welcome Home Friends & Family,

Christmas Season is once again with us and is a reminder of the One who came to give His life for us. When we look at all the little ones in our charge it is so easy to see God’s mercy and love in action. Most of our children would not be alive if it were not for His intervention. Thank you for the part you play in making it possible for us to be God’s arms of love extended to these little ones, as they joyfully grow and heal up from the traumas of life.



This month we want to share with you two wonderful victories. **Lora, Lisa & Lois** have returned home to their mother (*pictured above*) in the village hut they were rescued from nearly four years ago when their mother was waiting for them to die. Their mother had no hope or means of supporting them as the father had just died, their quad brother had died and she had no income. Their mother had visited them as often as she could. They have returned to a very different picture as their

mother is now a successful businesswoman who sells clothes by day, digs her garden and sells paraffin (kerosene) at night. To prepare for going home the girls had several overnight trips with a mum from our home to get them acquainted with village life. They learned to wash their clothes by hand (they were very excited about this), also about safe drinking water, and adjusted to a mud hut home with it’s lack of amenities. We are pleased to say that they have done very well.



Hope (*pictured above*) with his children’s Bible Stories is another victory of a successful return to the village. His mother died when he was born and his dad was unable to cope with

a newborn. His dad had no faith that he could cope, so he did not spend much time visiting Hope until last year when he was strongly encouraged to visit. Hope responded well to his visits from dad and also his aunt (dad’s sister). After we saw the good bonding develop, his dad was given a small business loan to have a village store. The children all return home with their own mattress, with a blanket for each child in the household, mosquito nets for the whole family, a children’s Bible Story book, 4 outfits of clothes and 2 pair of shoes.



Pictured above is the day of Hope’s return to his Dad’s home. Shown is **Esther with our intern social worker** helping walk the family through the things needed such as clean boiled water, medical care, how to treat a fever, using mosquito nets. You can see the mattress rolled up in the picture. The follow-up visit by the Social-Worker was very successful – Hope said a quick hello, and then ran off to play with his cousins.

The small business sponsorships (mostly from Mandy’s church in California) make these return homes to the village possible. This enables the loving remnants of the child’s family to be able to afford to raise the child (instead of being raised in orphanages).

Our 2 medical needs children have adoptive families to take them. This will give them a bright future.

Thank you for your part in giving life and hope to these precious children.

*Have a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*

Your Welcome Home Family

PREEMIE HOUSE (13): Dames, Emmanuel, Grace (C Palsy- day care), Jema, John, Joyce, Mercy, Naomi, Nathan, Patricia, Precious, Simeon, and Veronica Rose **BABY HOUSE (14):** Agnes, Brian, Grace, Isaac, Jaqueline (Jackie), Jeremiah Moses, Joshua Angelo, Margaret, Melissa, Paul, Pius, Sarah, Shammah, and Timothy **TODDLER HOUSE (33):** Allan, Amos, Andrew Okirior, Andrew Otto, Becky, Billy, David, Elizaphan, Emmanuel, Hayley, Jeremiah Tenuwa, Jeremiah, Jesse, Jonah, Jonathan, Joshua Menya, Joshua, Lawrence, Linda, Lukas, Michelle, Moses(1), Noah, Paul, Peter, Pius, Rachel Mukisa, Rachel, Richard, Rosie, William, Wilson, Zachariah.