



# Welcome Home Ministries – Africa January 2008

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



Our “Cousins” from St Philomena’s Orphanage in Iganga joined us at Welcome Home for Christmas.



Aussie volunteer visiting the children at Jinja Children’s Hospital



John (one of our village team members) praying for sick child.



We are partnering with others to help improve the bed situation at the local Jinja Children’s Hospital. Interested? Contact Mandy – details below.

## Dear Welcome Home Friends & Family,

We ended 2007 with much joy celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus. Our older children loved sharing the nativity story and a party with our visiting “Cousins” from St Philomena’s Orphanage in Iganga.

Our volunteers Katie and Bianca from Australia baked lots of cookies and cakes for us to share. They also joined in our ministry teams that went to the local Children’s Hospital – giving small gifts and praying for the sick children. The picture below shows the condition of one of the better beds at the hospital. Some children are sleeping on the bare wire frames. (We are looking to partner with others to raise support and rectify this sad situation.) The teams then visited the prison children to share Christmas love and gifts - especially sent for them.

We rejoice that Malouf (in the Oct. 2007 newsletter) had a successful (free) surgery for his severe Hydrocephalic condition at Mbale Hospital. It will take quite a long time to see the results for the reduction of the size of his head. We help with his transportation.

Thank you Holland. A grandmother with 19 orphaned grandchildren receives help from supporters in Holland. We have been helping facilitate the purchase of some property being paid for by these supporters. She also received 4 goats and some school fees for the children.

A Sad Passing. Little Nakato Robinah Kisakye - a very neglected abandoned child rescued by two ladies, spent two weeks in Jinja Hospital then came to us 10.30 am on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. We took her to our clinic where she checked out with a slight fever and despite the care she received she died that night at 11pm. Sometimes these little ones have suffered too much to keep on fighting.

Eliziphan The transition home to his family village has gone really well. It is wonderful that he has a step mother willing to open her heart to him. He was happily exploring his new home and the village.

Farewell to our three long term volunteers Nick, Tiffany and Rachel – They returned home mid-December to the US after serving us so very well in all aspects of the ministry for 3 months. We really appreciated their outpouring of love to all our children and workers. Thank you all !!!

Have a Wonderful New Year

*Your Welcome Home Family*

**PS** On the last day of 2007 newborn baby (Emmanuel 3) was admitted, rescued out of a pit latrine by police & firemen.

## Village Outreach



Grandmother with her 19 orphaned grandchildren and 4 goats in front of her land (helped by Dutch folk)



Rejoice! - Malouf had successful surgery for hydrocephaly.



Eliziphan on admittance (3lb 4oz) in 2004 (after his mother’s death).



Eliziphan now (center) with his dad, step mum & younger brothers.

- PREMIES (11)** Benjamin, Edwin, **Emmanuel-3**, Gloria (Glory), Grace (C Palsy- day care), Mark & Matthew (twins), Rebecca, Seth, Resty, Wilson
- BABIES (13)** Ben, Brenda, Charles, Elizabeth, Immaculate, James, James Waiswa (twin), Jeane, Joyce, Luke, Sheba & Joaner (twins), Victor
- TODDLERS (40)** Adam, Agnes, Allan(1), Allan(2), Andrew Okirior, Andrew Otto, Becky, Billy, Brian, Daniel, David, Emmanuel-1, Emmanuel -2, Hodgkins, Grace, Hayley, Jaqueline (Jackie), Jeremiah Moses, Jeremiah, Jonah, Jonathan, Joshua Menya, Joshua, Joshua Angelo, Lukas, Paul (Nino), Margaret, Melissa, Mercy, Nathan, Noah, Paul, Peter (Kaita), Pius, Rachel Mukisa, Richard, Shammah, Veronica Rose, William, Wilson, Zachariah