



Welcome Home Ministries – Africa

June 2006

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

Dear Welcome Home Friends and Family,
Thank you for your ongoing partnership which enables us to minister daily to 61 babies with the love of Christ.



THANK YOU!! Bill Henning

After nearly 11 years (in mainly retirement years) of faithful service for Welcome Home hosting the headquarters, chairing the board and doing the finances Mr. Bill Henning has resigned. Even though Bill has never been to Uganda personally, his ministry has touched the lives of hundreds of Ugandan children, and also the lives of the workers. What an inspiration!

That is why our headquarters have moved back to Orange County (Disneyland area).

****Please note our new address****

PO Box 9771, BREA, CA, 92822

Ugandan News:



Watoto Orphanage thanks Calvary Chapel (Capistrano Beach, Ca) for their gift of 140 lbs of SHOES !!!

(Our older children move on to Watoto)

Children NEWS

The **mumps outbreak** was contained down to 8 mild cases. For the size of our home and the potential for it to spread we considered so few cases a miracle. We are very thankful to the Lord that so few were affected. We isolated the 8 children at the staff house to protect the rest. Also some of the children have persistent **irritating skin rashes** and would appreciate your prayers for them.

• **Brian** is now a very happy much healthier little boy who is crawling and singing and on the road to full recovery. He will be on 6 months antibiotic treatment for his TB. He is enjoying a normal healthy diet. It is incredible what a good friend you can become when you come to a starving child with his first taste of good food instead of a shot. His opinion of you changes in just one taste.

• **Timothy** is still waiting for his trip to the US for open heart surgery.

• **Patricia and Nathan** continue to improve in overall health and are gaining the weight needed.

• **Billy** has returned to his beloved Goose Hollow Road with all his High Court and Immigration proceedings in Uganda and Kenya completed. He had one baffling question that brought a smile “Mom, when did all these African Americans come to Uganda to live?”

• **New Baby John** who is about 3 to 4 months old came to us from a ministry who had been caring for him since his mother from Rwanda was killed in a car accident. It is not known who he is, except that he is a beautiful healthy little boy loved by his Heavenly Father.

• **Miriam**, who is to be adopted later this year with her brother Moses, has Mitral Valve heart problems. Please keep her in prayer.

Joan and Bea from California sent funds for **special foods and a party** for all the staff and children. Balloons, bubbles, music and dancing were a real hit. The change in menu was a special treat for all. The children and the staff really enjoyed the cakes that were baked for them. They also enjoyed having a few of the local volunteers, social workers, probation officer, and others, come celebrate with them



Sandy and Craig at the party

A first for Welcome Home!!!!

A 50th Wedding Anniversary was celebrated early by volunteering for a month at Welcome Home by Craig and Sandy (who are no longer in their sixties). Sandy came to bless our preschool teachers and our preschoolers. It took a week for everyone to understand the different accents and then things were off and running.



Teaching and classroom skills were imparted to our teachers. It is easy to see how the children have benefited as Sandy worked with the class (**above**) demonstrating new techniques to the teachers. Two more morning classes were added to give the children more class time. Wonderful artwork and crafts now decorate the main dining room and an office.

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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.

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A big thank you to these Southern California schools and churches for sending Sandy so well equipped with school supplies, diapers and children's underwear. Calvary Chapel School Capo Beach, Community Presbyterian Preschool, Gloria Dei Lutheran Preschool, Laguna Woods Calvary Church, Heritage Christian Fellowship, and friends and family.

FIELD TRIPS



The children had 2 wonderful field trips. One trip 36 of them went to the village of Mary Clair who went home 2 months ago. They all personally shopped at the village store (*above*) with their own coin for a candy, met up with Mary Clair, raced through the village chasing chickens and ducks, played in the long grass near the corn and saw cows and goats.



Going home, they went to the Nile Resort (*above*) high up on the banks of the river to play on their playground equipment.

The other trip was a treat from a donor to take 15 of the preschoolers out for fries and an ice cream and a browse along the main street shops.

Enterprise Seeding



Hope's dad at his new store.

Please pray for business success:

In May, 6 small businesses were started with funds from Calvary Life Fellowship (Mandy's Home Church). They were with families that need a start, so that they can support their children when they are returned to their families from Welcome Home. There are 2 clothing business, 2 small grocery stores, plus a woman selling fish and a woman selling charcoal. Twelve children's lives depend on these ventures to turn out well. We taught the relatives as much as we could in a day, how to run a business.



A Bundle of clothes being delivered to the Mother of Laura, Lisa and Lois (triplets).

Some very wonderful people in Wisconsin supplied all the needed funds for the April-May maintenance for the facility. The local builder, plumber, electrician, and exterminator appreciated the business. We had two large termite mounds forming in the garden where the children play, so they had to be removed.

Distinguished Visitor



The Right Reverend Bishop Willigers of Jinja Diocese graced us with a visit. Our common goal is caring for needy children.

Volunteers



Father (Alan)



And daughter (Dianna 12) below

Would you pray about coming to join our team of workers? Please contact the Operations Director **Mandy Sydo** at LMSydo@sbcglobal.net or. 714) 282-7050

We thank you so much for your faithful support of the children, and for your prayers for the burdens of our hearts.

Your Welcome Home family

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