



Welcome Home Ministries – Africa

May 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 62 babies with the love of Christ.

Orphanage News

Brian: is a new member of our family who came in on **Easter Friday** suffering with severe malnutrition, TB and pneumonia. He is about 18 month old baby, and on arrival his lower arms and legs were twice their normal size and his skin was peeling off (due to starvation edema).



After a week of antibiotics and our best formula and is starting to make progress good formula every 2 hours he now will survive, and is transitioning to solid foods. **Easter** is truly a resurrection time for him as he would have died within a week. Brian was fortunate to be discovered in his village and rescued by Social Workers from another group that minister to street children. These workers regularly visit and are thrilled by his wonderful recovery.

Laura has the mumps and is in isolation

Timothy: who needs to travel to America for his open heart surgery is still wait-listed. We are currently searching Uganda for his father who needs to meet with the Kampala **Samaritans Purse** representative (to authorize the needed operation).



Nathan: one of our new (probably HIV positive) babies has been ill but is now making some very good progress. Thank you for your prayers, but please continue!

Patricia: one of our young babies is very seriously ill in International hospital in Kampala for the past month. Doctors think that she has Hirschsprung's disease (a rare congenital bowel disorder). Her weight has dropped down to just over 2lb but she is fighting for her life. She is back at the home to gain weight so that she will have the reserves to withstand surgery.

Billy: arrived from the US on the 21st of April to go before the High Court in Kampala with his foster mother Kathy. Billy has been staying in New York on a medical visa with his new family since he was a baby & is now a pre-schooler. Billy suffered severe burns as a baby & was abandoned. He has had several surgeries & has many more to come.

Thank you Shriners Hospital in Boston for the care you have given him.



He is a happy young talkative boy, surprising the hospital staff and the Welcome Home mums that had taken care of him.



Some Mums are now using the Ugandan style of carrying the babies on their so they have their hands free to care for the other children, and the baby has the comfort of physical contact with the mother.

THANK YOU JANET - Janet has worked her second stint of volunteering with Welcome Home & has returned home to California. While in Uganda she did a great job of the bookkeeping & pioneered the weekly village child evangelism outreach. This weekly ministry will be carried now by the 2 Welcome Home workers that she has trained for the outreach.

Eastern Africa Drought is still a problem as there has not yet been sufficient rain to restore Lake Victoria and the countryside. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Please consider volunteering Especially LONG term.

Our April / May Volunteers have been having a wonderful impact on the children's lives.

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 (after she returns from Jinja mid-May)

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

PREEMIE HOUSE: Joshua Angelo, Jaqueline, Mercy, Nathan, Paul, Patricia, Precious and Veronica Rose

BABY HOUSE: Agnes, Allan, Brian, Emmanuel, Grace, Isaac, Jeremiah, Jesse, Joel, Joseph, Joshua, Margaret, Melissa, Moses, Pius, Richard, Sarah, Shammah, and Timothy **TODDLER HOUSE:** 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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