



Welcome Home Ministries – Africa

July
2009

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



Alan, Daniel and Jeremiah.



Jeff, Laura and boys.



New baby Agnes.



Her brother Martin.



Gardening next door

Dear Welcome Home Friends & Family,

My late evening, (early morning in Uganda), started with a very **lively chat to 3 very happy little boys**. Daniel who is quite deaf gave me a bunch of chatter and told me the tale “Alan-bed- Mummy” and then giggled. He was telling me that Alan was in a “time out” sitting on the bed with mummy, thrilled it was not him. The mention of an airplane ride brought lots of giggles. Jeremiah was excited and giggling about an airplane ride coming up soon, and Alan now out of time out was telling me he would not be at the home for my visit in July as he was going airplane. Three totally abandoned boys with a wonderful new destiny. They are loving life to the max and are delighted to have family - they have brothers waiting for them in Texas.

You have made it possible for us to give these boys and many like them a chance for a good life. Sometimes that life is restoration home to family in the village, sometimes a new family, sometimes Watoto the extension orphanage that is so good for them.

Repairs on the house are going very slowly but look good. At one stage we had a huge gaping hole when they were replacing a lot of the damaged bricks. It will be wonderful when it is all finished and freshly painted. This week they are leveling the front walk way outside the front door. It seems that our theme is “slow and steady wins the race”. We appreciate our landlords doing all this work working around us.

We have two new children. They are actually siblings whose mother is very poor and ill with AIDS. Their father is deceased. Their names are Agnes aged 3 months HIV positive. Martin HIV negative is aged 3 years.

Gardening is part of our older children’s lives. The police station next door has given us a small plot of land to teach the children about some of Ugandan culture. Our gardener Dennis has had a lot of patience with all the children.

Children restored to their mothers are doing really well. Mumma Joy took great pleasure in being able to visit her former young charges **Laura, Lisa and Lois**. The girls are well settled with their mum and two brothers and younger sister. Mum is prospering in her small businesses that we helped her start. **David** had a wonderful surprise when we pulled up our van beside him just when he was walking to his home from school. We had his mum, a van full of his playmates who were thrilled to see him. What a blessing for us all.

Thank you for your prayers, financial gifts and many notes of encouragement as they do help boost our strength when we get weary.

Blessings

from Your Welcome Home Family



The front corner that had the big crack



Restoration of front wall



Restoration of flower garden



Mummy Joy with Laura, Lisa and Lois



David with Mummy Mandy

PREEMIES (8) AGNES, Alex, Christine, Esther, Joshua Gimey, Megan, Onduro Gloria, Ruth, **BABIES (19)**, Benjamin, David, Edwin, Gloria (Glory), Grace Kisakye, Henry, Immaculate, James Waiswa (twin), Joel, Joram Latif, Luke, Mark & Matthew (twins), Olivia, Resty Kako, Spencer, Susan, Wilson **TODDLERS (34)** Allan M., Andrew Okirior, Brenda, Brian, Charles, Elizabeth, Emmanuel, Gloria Misaki, Grace, James K, Jaqueline (Jackie), Jeremiah, Joanita, Jonah, Jonathan, Joyce, Kisakye, Lukas, Margaret, Maria, **Martin**, Noah, Owen, Paul (Nino), Peter (Kaita), Pius, Rachel Mukisa, Resty N, Richard, Seth, Shiba & Jonan (twins), Veronica Rose, Victor Steven (village) [**NEW (bold)**, **MOVED (Underlined)**]

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