



Welcome Home Ministries – Africa

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



Billy and Becky, with parents Brian and Shannon



Alan and Amanda Rose with parents Jim and Heather (& Andrew on left)



Andrew and mum Larisa



Rebecca & Nathan, with parents Michael and Stacy

Dear Welcome Home Friends & Family,

There has been a very busy start to the New Year. We are all very thankful that for the most part the children have been healthy. We really appreciate having Beatrice who we sent to nurses training with us full time now checking on the health of the children every day. Any illness is caught in the early stage and the children are off to the clinic or if need be the hospital in Kampala if it is very serious.

This season has also been a very busy one for William our manager. This past month he has had four families over in Jinja adopting children who have no family future there. One boy Andrew has just gone to join his three friends who went to Tennessee in later 2007. He was able to remember them well and was excited to join them and have family

Two families from the same church in California are there adding to both of their families they are close to Ben and Mercy who went over in November. Another family from Ohio is adding two precious gems to their family. They will live 10 minutes away from our three that went to Ohio last May so they will have Ugandan friends that the eldest one will know.

Our children as they get older long for a family. They really want a mum and dad. It is a question that is the first one they ask me when I arrive in Uganda “Mummy Mandy have you found me a mum and dad?” They ask a lot of very insightful questions for their young ages. It is very interesting at night to eavesdrop on their conversations while they are in bed and to listen in as they pray before going to sleep. We try as best we can to restore the children to their remnant family. Sometimes we work with them for 3 or 4 years to help them have a work situation that will bring them to a standard where they can afford to take the child home. At the end of that time they may refuse to take the child or not have made any effort. The heartbreak that child faces is huge and you can see the heavy cloud of depression and anger move in on them. We do our very best to get them the best life we can. Some of our children move onto Watoto Orphanage to spend the rest of their growing up years, others are adopted.

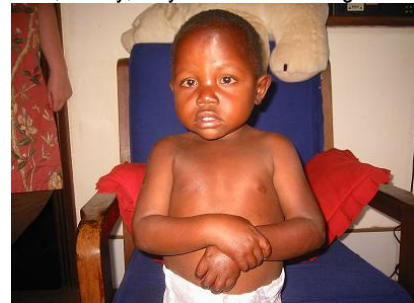
This past week we accepted a little 3 year old child with a colostomy because she was born with no rectum. She was abandoned at the Jinja Calvary Chapel by a Boda Boda (2 wheeled taxi) rider. She need more surgeries. We were unable to get her name from her, so now she is Michelle.

We really appreciate you partnering with us as we care for the children of Uganda. One at a time we can make a difference as we work together for their good.

*Blessings
from Your Welcome Home Family*



Alan, Becky, Billy & Andrew at Kingfisher



Newly abandoned Michelle looks so lost



Maria being comforted by Lindsay F., our new volunteer from Arizona



Daily activity at the park across the road



PREMIES (9) Alex, David, Kisakye, Moses Emmanuel, Moses(Musa), Naoimi, Olivia, Ruth, Spencer **BABIES (20)** Benjamin, Edwin, Elizabeth, Gloria (Glory), Henry, Immaculate, James K., James Waiswa (twin), Joel, Joram, Latif, Luke, Mark & Matthew (twins), Rebecca, Resty Kako, Resty N., Seth, Susan, Wilson
TODDLERS (33) Allan M., Andrew Okiror, Brenda, Brian, Charles, Daniel, Emmanuel, Grace, Jaqueline (Jackie), Jeremiah, Jeremiah Moses, Joanita, Jonah, Jonathan, Joyce, Lukas, Margaret, Maria, **Michelle**, Nathan, Noah, Owen, Paul (Nino), Peter (Kaita), Pius, Rachel Mukisa, Richard, Saaka, Shiba & Jonan (twins), Togaya (Tony), Veronica Rose, Victor **Steven (village)** [**NEW (bold)**, **MOVED (Underlined)**]

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