



# Welcome Home Ministries – Africa July

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



Above: A dream come--true Graduation!!!!



Above: a loving family makes huge difference to 7 children.



Above Life made possible by 3 heart ops



Above mum sick and died -way to hospital



Above: abandoned to very poor Grandma.



Above: Andrew goes home. Pray for him!!!

## Dear Welcome Home Friends and Family,

This has been a time to look at some of the fruit of the ministry over the past several years. Our top 3 pictures show the lives of 6 children from Jinja area. Two were affectionately known as Big Timothy and Little Timothy. They were adopted into their family on the same day with the help of WH. The younger is now called now Levi Timothy and is the survivor of 3 very serious heart surgeries. Soccer is feasible!!!!

Portions of Timothy's testimony: I was the middle child of three children born to my parents. At the age of two, I lost my biological mother to HIV/Aids. My younger sister also passed away because she was an infant dependent on my mother's breast milk. My father had several wives and his job, as a sugarcane truck driver did not allow for my sister and I to see him at all. Not only was our household competing with the fact that my father was always gone on the road, but also the fact that he had several other wives to attend to. When my mother past away, my sister and I were taken to live with my aunt who was single and had four children of her own. My Aunt then, sent me to live with my grandmother at the age of 10 years old in a small village. My grandmother had 12 of my cousins living with her at the time also because their parents had passed away as well. At the age of 15 my life changed forever after being offered the opportunity to move to United States with a new adoptive family.

I recently graduated from Southern Adventist University with a degree in Global Policy & Service with a minor in Media Production. This is beyond what I would have ever thought was possible had it not been for adoption. I believe God works miracles, and my miracle was having a second life through adoption. I am blessed beyond measures. Adoption has given me a platform that was impossible to imagine before.

Continued: The directions, hopes, and opportunities have been endless for me since my adoption. I feel that I have a place in this world after all. I am hopeful that I can achieve whatever I set out to do because I have the support and opportunities all around me to make that happen. I am fearless of what will happen tomorrow, I have a bed to sleep on instead of a mud floor I had to share with twelve cousins, I have a mother and a father, who I do not fear to lose today or tomorrow like before, I am in school, where I do not fear to be kicked out in the middle of the day because of unpaid school fees, I am healthy because I have endless food at my disposal.

I believe, I hope, I dream, and I am myself again, because I was adopted.

Timothy

Thank you all!!

You make our work possible.

*Blessings from Mandy and Your Welcome Home Family*



Above: mother died soon after birth.

**PREEMIES 11** Abigail, Arnold, Claire, Jemima, , Leah, Mandy, Melissa, Noah, Peter, Sarah, Shanita **BABIES 17** Alibert, Caleb, Calvin, Charles, Chris, Doreen, Dorothy, Francis, Hannah, Jonathan, Joy, Juliana, Leticia, Michael, Peter, Phillip, Trevor **TODDLERS 32** Amanda, Benjamin, Bridget, Derrick, Emmanuel O, Erina, Franklin, Gordon, Hope, Jenny, Jeremy, John, John K, Jordan K, Juliet, Lawrence, Linda, Mark Smith, Martha, Matthew, Moses, Moses K, Oscar, Patricia, Paul, Peter, Phillip, Samson, Simone, Stephen, Steven, Timothy *[NEW (bold), MOVED(Underlined) Twins not Shown]*

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