

Welcome Home Ministries – Africa

August 2006

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Dear Welcome Home Friends and Family,

This has been another very busy month for us at Welcome Home. We thank you for your love and prayers that sustain us so that we can continue the work.

Because some of the children are older it is time for them to transition from our home. Esther and William have been very busy visiting villages of our children sometimes six hours away to check on the conditions our children would return to if there was any family who is willing to take them now that they are through the expensive baby stage of life. Some of these family members have been started with small businesses so they are also checking on how they are doing. The children are also taken on these visits so they can become familiar with the place and also family. Some of the family members do not get to visit very often because of the distance. Some have been very faithful in their visits. On the way home from one of these treks they dropped in on Martha & Matthew who went home earlier in the year to find that they are doing very well. They are settled in with their uncle and aunt and their baby as their dad and mum and brother.



Above: Joel & Joseph reunited with mother and brother

We had one very successful return home this month of Joel

& Joseph reigining their dad and mum and the 3rd triplet

& Joseph rejoining their dad and mum and the 3rd triplet brother who was breast fed by mum at home. She could not manage the three of them. They went home bearing gifts of clothes, blankets & mosquito nets for the whole family. They also took home a small herd of four goats (a gift from a woman in California) a Billy goat and three Nanny goats one of them is pregnant. This will be the breeding herd that will supply the funds needed for their schooling and food. The life of the whole family has been lifted up. The two boys have settled in very well.



: Joel & Joseph with their goat herd - may they prosper!

Laundry Room News!!!!!!! At last we can give you the long awaited news that the wonderful gift we received from Samaritans Purse of 2 Industrial Washers and 2 Industrial Dryers in February 2005 are working for us now. It has been quite a journey to get to this place as they were caught on the border for months, they sat all installed since August 2005 waiting for the connection of the 3 phase electricity which was completed in July when the underground cable was set in place. We turned them on but they would not work. Two technicians came from Nairobi Kenya where we purchased them and they repaired the damage that a family of hungry rats did while they were held at the border. They are working well for us now much to the joy of our two laundry workers. (Can you tell? Below Proscovia & Christine)



<u>Health News</u> The mumps returned for another visit bringing with it the chicken pox. Thank God all the cases are mild and the children are doing well. We appreciate your continued prayer for the health of the children and the mums.



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(<u>below-from Right</u>) Bethany, Denielle, Esther (Volunteers from Michigan) & Josephine (from WHMA) in village ministry



Please pray for us as we serve with village and community outreach. This past month we were blessed to supply a 7 year old girl (paralyzed by polio) with a wheelchair. When our Manager William and Peter (from Canada) took her home, they discover that the home village was in dire need. Most of the children are malnourished – the 11 / 12 year old children look like anorexic 7 / 8 year olds. We cannot ignore this - we are arranging a food program with the village grandmas cooking WHMA-supplied food by for the village children. (Note: In Africa many communities have been "hollowed-out" of the middle aged people. This put quite a strain on the rest of the community, & many children suffer). We have yet to do a good inspection on the babies of this village. We rather supply formula and food to poor families where possible, than taking the babies to the orphanage,

Just 2 weeks ago, a mother brought her 8 year old daughter to our gate, asking for help. The daughter had a bandaged arm that reeked of death. We quickly transported them to the Children's Hospital and arranged medical treatment. They determined that the arm was cancerous, and unfortunately required amputation.

The mother and daughter are so grateful for the answer in their critical circumstances, and the dignity that was shown to them. They came because people in the community told the mother – "Go to Welcome Home – they will help you". We are so glad that we have that reputation – extending God's Love to needy and unfortunate - especially children!



Volunteers from Canada: (above) Peter & (below) Sarah



Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support of the children.

Your Welcome Home family

PREEMIE HOUSE (6):, John, Mercy, Nathan, Patricia, Precious and Veronica Rose

BABY HOUSE (16): Agnes, Allan, Brian, Grace, Isaac, Jaqueline Jeremiah, Joshua Angelo, Joshua, Margaret, Melissa, Paul, Pius, Sarah, Shammah, and Timothy **TODDLER HOUSE (38):**, Amos, Andrew (1), Andrew (2), Becky, Billy, Dafin, David, Elizaphan, Emmanuel, Hayley, Hope, Jeremiah (1), Jeremiah (2, , Jesse, Jonah, Jonathan, Joshua, Lawrence, Linda, Lisa, Lois, Lora, Lukas, Michelle, Miriam, Moses, Noah, Paul, Peter, Emmanuel, Rachael, Rachael Mukisa, Richard, Rosie, William, Wilson and Zachariah.