

# Welcome Home Ministries – Africa

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

Dear Welcome Home Friends and Family,

We have much to be thankful for once again as we share a glimpse into the life of Welcome Home with you.

**Our children are all thriving** in the midst of a lot of activities to keep them learning and developing well into the young people of destiny they are called to be. They all love their morning bible classes and enjoy playing their very noisy musical instruments as they sing. Best of all as they get older and remember their bible stories they know that Jesus loves them and gave His life for them. **Pray for us and the children** as we seek to teach them to be more gracious and orderly and to have different behavior choices when they do not get their way. We have 54 out of our 62 children well able to have tantrums and many of those tantrums can happen at the same time. Now you know why when we have volunteers coming we tell them the noise level will be the one of the hardest things to handle. There are a lot of happy sounds but if someone leads the pack, a lot of noise of discontent. The children crave and need extra love and attention and that is why we ask you to **consider becoming part of our volunteer family**. Come - read, play, teach, love and hug for weeks or months or years at a time.

This last month we welcomed **four new babies** (3 newborn & a 3 month old, underlined in the names list) into the Premie House. Their arrival gave much delight to Senior Mum Joy who adores the little ones and takes great care of them all with her team of Premie House Mothers. They all come with stories of abandonment or death of their mother.

With a lot of sadness in our hearts we are planning a party for all the children to **say farewell to two of our senior boys**. For it to qualify as a party we must have balloons and this time they are from Ashleigh and Sami in New Zealand - our Web Site friends. Our beloved **Raymond and Johnny** who are best buddies are graduating to new homes. Raymond is moving to Aidchild where he will be able to receive the care he needs for his condition. Johnny is moving locally to Deidrah's foster home Answering For The Children (started after she worked with Welcome Home several years ago). We really appreciate these ministries helping with our boys. We will keep track of them and visit.



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*Johnnie and Raymond – always best buddies !!*

**Please pray for rain** – Eastern Africa is having a very serious drought. Many of the countries are experiencing terrible drought conditions that are taking them on a journey of crop failure, starvation and loss of life. Economies are being thrown into very unstable times and expenses are soaring. We in Uganda are experiencing the same drought and its affects on this nation. It is hurting us in many ways. Our expenses are on the way up and that hurts as we are already on a very tight budget. We will get more children who are in very poor condition and that will drive our expenses higher to get the formula needed. If you could see your way to help out extra at this time we would appreciate it. Lake Victoria is at an all time low which is affecting the generation of the electricity for the country. We are experiencing 24 hours of electricity and the 24 hour of blackout. This is not an easy way to live. We are so thankful we have our generator to use in the evenings when we are preparing the children for bed. It is expensive to use, so we limit its use to the safe care of the children, and partial operations of the refrigerators so we can keep food and milk unspoiled.

We are told that it will take at least two years of good rain to bring the level of the lake up so that life can go back to normal.



*Local Jinja Fishermen on Lake Victoria at Dusk*

Thank you so much for your part in our children's' lives, and for your prayers for the things that burden our hearts.

Your love and care is very much appreciated.

*Your Welcome Home family*

*PS Maria and Rhoda are now happily settled in Wisconsin.*

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

**BABY HOUSE:** Agnes, Allan, 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, Martha, Matthew, Michelle, Miriam, Noah, Paul, Peter, Rachael, Rachael Mukisa, Raymond, Rosie, William, Wilson and Zachariah.