

Our Own Home

A refuge for orphans living with HIV/AIDS in Jinja, Uganda



Greetings from Uganda!

www.africaourownhome.org

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This month we saw 3 new additions to our family! Daphine, age 3, Sheila, age 5, and Arafat, age 10. Daphine is shy and sensitive, missing a few teeth that have rotted out. She likes to cuddle, but not with me -- apparently she hasn't seen a white person before, so I look a little scary! :o). She will start nursery school in Feb of 2010.



Mommy Holly welcomes Daphine and Sheila

Next is Sheila, who is neither shy nor quiet! she has a lovely smile she has worn 24/7 since her arrival. She relishes all the food she gets here! Sheila has already made many friends among her house mates, and we hope she can begin school next term, in July.

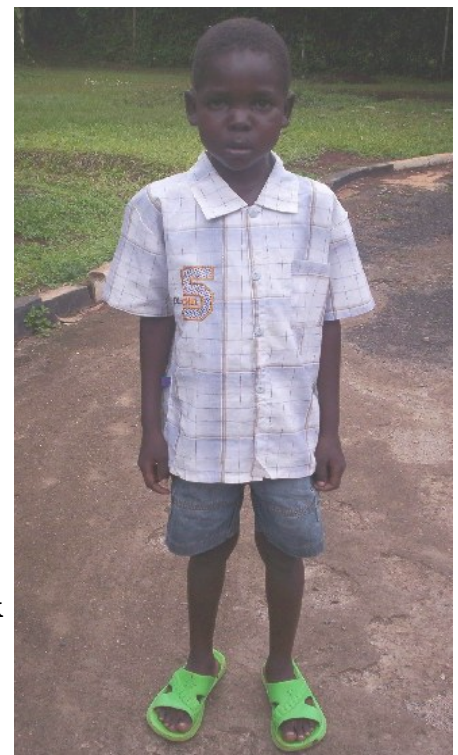
The one I want to draw your attention and prayer to this month is Arafat. He is ten, but some of our six year olds are taller. He weighs under 44 lbs because he wasn't given food by the Auntie he was living with. He has never been to school. Since he only came two days ago, we don't know all of the medical issues he may be dealing with, but with his face swollen and the

rest of him looking so emaciated, we can guess that the weeks ahead will be critical for Arafat.

We are praying for miracles-we want to see him get well and grow healthy and strong, like Jackson. Even more importantly, we want him to come to know Jesus. Since he comes from a Moslem family, this may not be easy, but we hope that as with Haruna, Faisal, Aligaya ,and others, Arafat will be won over by the love of God he sees in action everyday at Our Own Home.

Arafat is too weak to begin school yet, but we hope that by Feb, 2010 he will be able to attend for the first time ever! He will be available for sponsorship through Horizon Intl. You may visit www.horizoninternationalinc.com or call 1-866-778-7020. Be sure to mention your interest in the children of Our Own Home.

Thank you so much for all who faithfully partner and pray with us. "Ebenezer" means "Thus far the Lord has brought us"! We thank and praise God for the home that He desired and established for the children who so desperately need His father-love. He is faithful and will continue to carry them, and father them all their days.



Arafat

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Psalm 34:2 "My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice!"

Rejoicing!!!!

Mommy Holly



As we did a year ago, we ask that you prayerfully consider whether you can make a directed donation towards the acquisition of a second van. We now have more than 40 children and that number will grow to about 60 with the additional home we opened in January. We understand you may be facing challenging economic times as are so many around the world. If that is your situation, we lift you up in prayer that the God who watches every sparrow and dresses every lily of the field will meet your need.

Due to your generosity, we are well supplied with diapers, baby clothes and baby toys. Our present needs are for deodorant for our teens, bathing suits (4T-14/16, no bikinis, 2-pieces or European style please,) Purel, personal size Vaseline, multivitamins, children's Tylenol and Advil tablets. Of course, generics are fine for any of these items.

Please share this work with your church or others you know who may be interested. Let us know if you would like to arrange a presentation for your group or church. If you know of someone who would like to be on our mailing list, please send us their address by mail or e-mail at the address in the next paragraph.

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