

Our Own Home

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



Greetings!

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This month we received a new little girl, precious Leticia, into our family at Our Own Home. She is five years old, but probably could pass for three. She has a vivacious smile that shows off her missing teeth -- and belies the pain that she has faced in her short life. **After her mother died of AIDS, Leticia was severely beaten and then abandoned by her father.** Brought to a small village clinic with limited resources, she was taken in by a kindhearted nurse, who herself lacked the means to support a child. Leticia went for months without the ARV medications that could improve her health and quality of life -- even her life expectancy. Sometimes she had one meal a day, sometimes two...sometimes none. Leticia had malaria when she came to us, and weighed around twenty pounds. Receiving good food, the right medicine, and lots of love has made all the difference for this sweet little girl.



Leticia has a new home!

Yesterday I took this picture of her on our way to the clinic. She was delighted with the “smart” dress she got to wear! She giggled delightfully as we piled into the van and drove away. Leticia doesn't know enough English, or even enough Luganda, to express the feeling of hope, but that is what's written right across her face in this picture. Hope is for every color, people, nation and language. It is present under every circumstance -- even death, abuse and AIDS. There is no limit to hope, but there is only one Source for it: Jesus Christ.

“But as for me, I will always have hope; I will praise You more and more. My mouth will tell of Your righteousness, of Your salvation all day long, though I know not its measure.” (Ps. 71:14-15)

Leticia is only one of forty children who now have hope in Christ through Our Own Home. Last evening as I recounted stories of some of our children for our new volunteers, I was freshly amazed by all that God has done in their lives since they came to OOH. Truly, we know not the measure of His salvation! I am excited to see what He has in store for their future. His plans for them are good, just like His plans for you and me!

William and I hope to share more of their stories with you when we are in Casper, WY during July and early August. I can't wait for my friends and family to finally meet the love of my life in person! William is so excited to taste buffalo and see Yellowstone National

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Park, but especially happy (and a little nervous) about meeting his in-laws for the first time! We will be visiting Highland Park Community Church and Bar Nunn Baptist Church while in Casper. See you there!

“My whole being will exclaim, ‘Who is like You, O LORD? You rescue the poor from those too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them.’” (Ps. 35:10)

With love,

Mommy Holly



Holly, William and a few special friends!

Thank you for your donations toward a second van! We still have a ways to go and we greatly appreciate your prayerful consideration whether you can make a directed donation for the van at this time.

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. Send an e-mail to your friends with the link to Our Own Home's website.

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