

Our Own Home

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



Greetings,

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This month of Thanksgiving I find I have so much to be thankful for. The children's health is very good, and my own health continues to improve. The children have new sponsors through Horizon International. The kids are growing excited for Christmas already. Since Thanksgiving is an American holiday, they don't wait until it's over to start asking, "Is tomorrow Christmas?" Several of our older children have been able to take part in our church's Christmas musical! They are attending practice every Sunday and faithfully rehearsing their songs. I can't wait to see how it turns out!



"We see you!"

The children have been memorizing Bible verses weekly, and have earned sweets, pencils, and other fun trinkets for their success. They can recite a good number of verses word for word now. I'm so glad my husband decided to institute this practice while I was away. Recently, they were memorizing Romans 8:37, "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Now, their English reading skills are coming along nicely, but the word "conquerors" wasn't in

their vocabulary. Imagine William's surprise when the children stood one by one and recited, "more than cockroaches"! I'm thankful that we are more than conquerors, and definitely glad to be more than cockroaches in God's eyes! Maybe it goes along the same lines of being worth more than many sparrows? :o)

We have found two nice housing prospects for our new location! Both consist of one two-story house and one three-story house on the same piece of land. We are in negotiations with the landlords presently, so please pray. Either location would provide us with space for the babies we want to accommodate, as well as enable us to separate the boys from the girls more efficiently by putting them in separate buildings. Also, my husband and I would have a bit more room and privacy than we currently have. For a compound containing one two-story house and one three-story house, the rent will be around \$1,500 per month. We know God is more than able to provide this, and from the start all of our needs have been provided. Pray with us, and let's watch what He will do this time!



Just hanging around!

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The children have sent letters out to all of their new sponsors, but I also want to thank each of you personally for the love and support that you are extending to our children. It means so much to them to have the additional support of someone outside our "family" here who cares about them so much! Thank you!

And thanks also to all of our supporters who have prayed and given so generously to our cause over the past year. May God bless you!

May you all spend many happy moments with those you love this holiday season, making memories and rejoicing in God's goodness. Remember, there are 33 kids in Uganda who are thanking God for you, too!

With joy,

Mommy Holly

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Please join us in continued prayer that God will provide the right facility and resources for our expansion plans to begin receiving babies at Our Own Home.

We are still requesting donations of cloth diapers, Balmex or similar generics, and baby toys that can be sterilized (boiled)...not teethingers or cloth toys. Of course we always need children's multi-vitamins....and some deodorant for the older kids. If you are in Casper, call and we'll arrange pick-up of the items. Otherwise, please see shipping information on the website under "donations".

Please share this work with your church or others you know who may be interested. 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.

If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to **Our Own Home** and send to: 1075 Beaumont Dr. Casper, WY 82601. We also accept credit card and Paypal donations online at www.africaourownhome.org. Donations are tax deductible as permitted by law. If you have any questions at all, please call Joe at 307-267-2712 or write joe@africaourownhome.org.

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