

# Our Own Home

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



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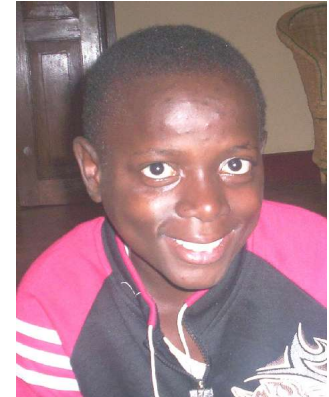
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**Our God is a God of miracles!** Today I was looking over some of the pictures I took of the kids when they first came to live with us. I was floored by the difference! I knew they had changed, but maybe seeing them everyday prevented me from noticing just how much. I thought I would let the pictures speak for themselves and invite you to join me in praising God for all He has done in the lives of His children! Enjoy!

**When Haruna, 13,** came to us he was too weak to walk two blocks to the school the children attend. He slept most of the day, and coughed most of the night. After starting treatment for tuberculosis and receiving three meals a day (as opposed to one or none), not to mention settling into an environment of love and encouragement, Haruna has become healthy and strong. In fact, last month he gained an incredible 5 kilograms (11 lbs.)! These days he spends hours playing football (soccer) and tag after school, and he sleeps well at night. Haruna takes his education very seriously; he is thankful to be attending school and would like to be an accountant one day as he is very good at math. He is also an excellent role model and big brother to the younger children, and a big help to Mommy.



*Haruna holding Aligaya*



*Haruna before*



*Prossy before*

**Prossy is a sweet, loving girl of 13.** She enjoys curling up with a good book, especially the Bible, and she relishes one-on-one time with Mommy. She is always ready to help with the chores, smiling all the while. When Prossy came to us her liver was failing. She was malnourished and her body was covered with rashes. Headaches and other aches and pains disturbed her frequently, and she was not taking the medicine her body needed. Her liver is now

healthy and she is receiving the antiretroviral (ARV) therapy she needed. I can't recall the last time she had a headache, and she is making straight A's in school! She hasn't decided what she wants to be when she grows up, but we are confident that God has something very special in store for this tender-hearted young lady. And we are very blessed that He chose to give her to us!



*Prossy holding Natasha*

Many of you have been praying earnestly for Jackson, and God is listening. Jackson came to us eleven years old and only 20 kilograms (44 lbs.). He was suffering from TB, malnutrition, sores, and frequent vomiting. He lacked the energy to visit or to play, and he slept very little due to the discomfort of his condition. Now his sores are almost gone, his appetite has returned, the vomiting has decreased, and the TB is being actively treated. Jackson had been living with an uncle who was aware of his problems and simply didn't care what happened to him. God was faithful to bring Jackson the help and the family he needed so desperately. Praise the Lord! Jackson has a wonderful sense of humor, and he wants to be an engineer someday.\*

**There are more -- so many more.** All of the children have grown significantly over the past four months, and gained health and strength in leaps and bounds! A reminder to us all that the Lord truly does sustain the fatherless, and care for all of His children's needs (see Psalm 146).

This world can be such a dark place at times, and especially in Uganda it would be easy to forget that God is still

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at work, or as ten-year-old Victoria so eloquently put it, “Even when sorrow comes in life, God is still love.” The children remind me every day by the way they live life to the full that even HIV is powerless against the joy and peace of trusting our heavenly Father. This human is overwhelmed at the compassion and mercy of the One who made the stars and counts them. To think that He would care to be so intimately involved in our lives blows my mind. To be blessed with the joy of watching Him work miracles in the lives of these priceless children is a gift beyond imagination.

Every laugh, every smile, every hug, every game of tag is a gift,  
Every life, every breath, every moment is a treasure...  
And that is true for all of us, every day...never forget.

*“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” James 1:17*

With hope, “Mommy” Holly Mizell

\*Prayer requests:

- Keep on praying for Jackson. He may still be facing chemotherapy. God can change that, so we are asking for yet another miracle.
- Pray for the children who have newly started school. Pius and Aisha are only beginning first grade, and Wyclif and Ivan are in second grade. All are doing well, but would love to catch up to their peers. (All four are over age ten.)
- Pray for the staff, that we would have wisdom, patience, love and grace as we strive to raise these children in the Lord and do the very best we can for each of them.



*Mommy Holly in a group hug!*

*“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 4:16b*

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**We now have 37 children!** We are fairly bursting at the seams but are incredibly grateful for each of these little gifts that have become part of our family. It is your faithful support that makes it possible for these children to receive the medical attention, education and love that they were so lacking before.

**Last month we shared the need for a van.** Through God's people, \$6,000 of the \$8 to 9,000 needed have been contributed in directed donations. Our heartfelt thanks to these special donors, to each and every one of you who have previously donated, and to those of you who continue to support this work.

**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 are now able to accept credit card and Paypal donations at [www.africaourownhome.org](http://www.africaourownhome.org). Donations are tax deductible as permitted by law.

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