

Sanyu Babies Home

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Sanyu Supporters,
Christmas is at hand. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's birth, more than 2000 years ago will soon be celebrated. We at Sanyu Babies Home do praise God for the opportunity God has given to us to model Jesus' love for these little children at their most vulnerable. We thank you all for the support you continue to give to us, without which the task would have been virtually impossible. We are deeply touched by your generous support that has seen some of you even donate brand new washing machines to the home. Thank you. We encourage you to be even more generous during this Christmas season, so that the babies and all of us can join the rest of the world to celebrate the birth of Christ into our hearts. May God bless you always!

Yours in Christ

Rev. Prof. Sam Luboga – Board Chairman

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Our dear friends, it's with great pleasure that we present to you the 13th Issue of the Sanyu Newsletter. The last three months have been a quarter of great Joy filled with God's rich and bountiful blessings - Praise the lord! My great thanks go to everyone who has continued to support the Sanyu family. In a special way, I thank Ms. Joy Namata for funding and constructing the Sanyu drive way, Mr. Danston & Mrs. Katy Bagenda for the 3 fire extinguishers, Share with Me Marriage group for the metallic water tank,



Margriet Scholle for the 2 washing machines, a refrigerator, food mixer and five high chairs,

Mrs. Diane Stanton & Mrs. Betsy Kirk for a washing machine, Toyota Uganda for the water tank and a pump, HEAR Uganda for the mattresses, blankets, soap and fruit seedlings; all of which are making our task of caring for the babies at Sanyu easier. As we look at celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ this Christmas, shall we continue to renew our commitment to serving him through this great ministry. Remember that a gift of any amount to the babies makes a big difference. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we shall reap a harvest if we do not give up"
(Galatians 6:9)

Barbara Nankya Mutagubya

The Gifts that Continue Giving: Washing Machines

There are some new shiny gifts here at Sanyu! A very servant-hearted volunteer completed the loving task of gathering funds before her trip here to Sanyu in order to purchase some much-needed appliances to make chores run even more smoothly here at Sanyu. She raised enough to purchase new washing machines! There are also two additional donors who bought another washing machine as well. What a gift! The laundry staff is thrilled to have these new additions to work with and are so grateful to be able to complete more work at ease.

With so many children who change clothes as much as three times a day and also need a fresh change of cloth diapers up to six times daily, the need and necessity for a smooth-running laundry schedule is essential for the rest of the day's work here at Sanyu to run well! What a blessing these gifts are to the Sanyu family!



After

talking with both Jennifer and Prossy, two of Sanyu's dedicated laundry staff members, the gratitude and excitement in their voices was very evident. "We are so glad to have this donation. As you can see, there is much work to be done with laundry everyday!" Pictured here are these two lovely Sanyu staff members, who are happily hanging clothes that have been efficiently washed by the new machines.



This act of kindness and generosity goes to show how much benefit and love one person can give to so many by simply rallying others to give what they can to a worthy cause, such as Sanyu Babies Home. The volunteer who was able to purchase these items for Sanyu asked others she knew for help with funds to bring and benefit the children, and in result, she was able to provide so much for the staff

and children here! What a wonderful example of what others can do when they work together and give what they can.

Hellos and Goodbyes

New Arrivals:

- Victoria Nassali (1 month) abandoned by an unknown person at Kevina - Nasmbya village
- Elisha Ssebbagala (18 months) abandoned on someone's veranda in Nansana
- Justin Namutebi (9 months) abandoned by her mother in Kisingiri Village
- Eveline Nantongo (2 years) abandoned at the Assessment Center in Mulago Hospital
- Gideon Waswa and Melissa Nakato (10 months) abandoned at the Nutrition Unit in Mulago Hospital
- Elijah Wandega (4 days) brought to Sanyu after his mother passed away during labor
- Catherine Kyakunzire (26 days) abandoned by her teenage mother in Kampala
- Isaiah Joshua Onek (18 months) abandoned in Mengo Kinsenyi
- Maria Kisakye (2 ½ years) abandoned in the Acute Care Unit in Mulago Hospital
- Oscar Kasibante (11 months) abandoned in Kyebando Wakiso District
- Emmanuel Mbalasa (1 day) brought to Sanyu after mother passed away at Rubaga Hospital
- Patrick Kamya (3 years) found locked up in a house in Bwaise
- Simon Ssuuna (18 months) abandoned in a garden near Old Kampala Police Station

Fostered/Adopted:

Cristopher Sarwadda
Marvin Kiggundu
Ernest Mayega
Daniella Namukasa
Harrison Otim
Dominic Kayemba
Ambrose Masaba
Jude Senyonga
Augustus Semuyaba
Enoch Bukenya
Johnathan Obalo
Frank Kavuma

Reunited with Family:

Eveline Nantongo
Elisha Ssebbagala
Emmanuel Mbalasa



Class Time is Fun Time!

If you have ever volunteered at Sanyu on Monday-Friday between the hours of 9:00am-12:00pm, you know that “class time” is the highlight of this first part of the day at Sanyu! The children here have the blessing of attending class every week day here in a structured, loving environment. They have the opportunity to participate in many different types of activities, learn by playing with others at their developmental level, and begin to develop important life skills for their continued growth. The children are separated into two different



classes depending upon if they are crawling or walking. Each class is equipped with two qualified, trained, loving teachers who work each day to best meet the needs of the children under their care. Each day of class is structured into a routine that allows the children to thrive while also providing them with a variety of fun learning activities. The children sing, do art and craft activities, and learn life skills such as sharing, taking turns, and respecting others. In addition to these offerings, the teachers also enforce the rule of speaking in “English only” during class time, which provides the children here the opportunity to learn and practice English at a very early age.

An average day in class for the children will begin with an hour a structured play time with various toys (teachers take special care to regularly change out and switch toys in the classroom around to give the children more variety

with their learning through play). Then the children enjoy a snack together and practice good hygiene habits such as washing hands before they eat, while also learning good mealtime habits, such as praying together and raising their hands to ask for more if they’d like it. After snack time, the children are offered a wide variety of teacher-led activities, ranging from practicing with letters or books, dancing, playing outdoor with sand toys, sports equipment, or water, or the children are offered more life-skills practice, such as encouraging walking (in the baby class) and encouraging more English conversational skills (in the top class).

Pictured in this section are some of the happy children participating in the daily activities that take place in both classes. No matter the activity of the day, the joy and excitement from the children is evident that this time of each day is a huge blessing in their lives as well as all the people who get to participate with them.



‘Children learn best when all areas of development are nurtured in the early years so they may develop into a balanced person with an overall sense of wellbeing.’

Taken to His Heavenly Home – Oscar Kasibante

Oscar was welcomed into the Sanyu family on October 25th, 2011. Immediately following his arrival, the loving staff of Sanyu quickly assessed his health and medical needs. Oscar was severely malnourished with a very high fever, and he was also severely dehydrated. It was made clear that Oscar needed to be taken to Mulago Hospital for further care. After an assessment was done at Mulago, it was found that one of his arms and one of his legs was broken, indicating that child abuse may have occurred in Oscar’s earlier life. Members of the Sanyu staff stayed by his side for the next eight days of his life, ensuring he was given proper care, love, and attention. The staff of Sanyu daily lifted Oscar up in prayer, trusting that the Lord would do what He willed for Oscar’s life. Due to complications, sadly, on November 4th, 2011, Oscar passed away and was taken to his heavenly home to be with the Lord. Sanyu Babies’ Home

respectfully held a funeral service in Oscar's honor, and praised God for His life and for blessing the Sanyu family with his presence.

Pictures of Oscar's arrival and treatment under the care of Sanyu



Feature: Patrick's Arrival

Meet Patrick. Patrick was welcomed into the Sanyu family on 2nd November, 2011. When he first arrived, he was very timid, shy, and slow-moving. Not only were his spirits down, but he was also in need of health care. Patrick arrived at Sanyu weighing just 7.8 kilograms at approximately 3 years old. He was extremely malnourished and anemic. He also had a very high fever, a bad cough, and needed to be de-wormed. Nurse Silvia took wonderful care of him immediately by treating each of his medical needs, while also being sure to address his need for weight gain by adding supplements to his daily diet.

Though Patrick has only been here at Sanyu for a few weeks, it is already visibly apparent that his adjustment here has not only been smooth and positive to his health, but also to his overall demeanor and joy. Patrick now regularly participates during his morning class time, actively interacts with other children, volunteers, and mamas, and also smiles and laughs often. Patrick is one of the many children who came from a hard place and has now found a haven and good care here at Sanyu.

The picture you see of Patrick here is of him on his way to lunch time, after coming in from a fun playtime with his classmates. What a joyful smile he has! We anxiously wait to continue to see Patrick's growth, development, and progress here at Sanyu as he is cared for by the loving staff. Today we thank God for the gift of Patrick!



Baptisms at Sanyu

On 1st November, 2011, we were privileged and greatly honored to have the Vicar of Namirembe Cathedral Rev. Geoffrey Wilson Kakooza come and baptize 19 babies at Sanyu. We are so thankful to the Reverend for having come in our home to baptize the children.

The babies that were baptized:

Brenda Nakyeeyune	Alice Kinene Faith
Alex Tumwebaze	Eliya Paul Wandega
Arnold Sewanyana	John Edward Ssekyanzi
Gloria Atwine	Robert Katerega
Catherine Kyakunzire	Joshua Isaiah Onek
Emmanuel Mbalasa	Jessica Namitala
Miriam Joselyn Nambooze	Victoria Nassali
Angel Pepita Basemera	Gideon Waswa
Justine Namutebi	Melissa Nakato
Maria Kisakye	

The newly baptized twins, Melissa and Gideon



The Reverend and newly baptized, Jessica



“Jesus said let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these”

Featured Daily Happenings: Nutritious Food for Healthy Babies

Because of the generous donations that kind and loving people make to Sanyu Babies Home, the children here are truly blessed with good, daily nutrition. Unlike many children in their situation who may only be offered posho and beans once or twice a day, the children of Sanyu are able to be provided not only with multiple snacks throughout each day, but are also offered a wonderful variety of flavors good nutrition in their three meals a day.

Children here eat foods high in essential vitamins, all necessary for continued healthy development. In a typical week, children are blessed to eat nutritious and filling foods such as fresh pumpkin and squash, nuts, greens, fish, beef, and chicken, boiled eggs, potatoes, bread and rice, and are also offered a wide variety of fresh fruit on a daily basis such as pineapple, bananas, and papaya. Many of the foods served here not only contain vitamins and minerals that encourage growth in children, but also foster essential brain development.

Pictured in this section are some shots of all the nutrition that goes into providing well-balanced meals for all the children. You can also see some glimpses of the happy eaters enjoying some of the delicious and nutritious offerings at meal time!

The Sanyu family knows it is such a blessing to be able to provide what they do to the children here. Sanyu counts on donations from caring people like you to continue to be able to provide the nutritious foods required to keep the children here happy, healthy, and growing. Even a donation of a pineapple or a tray of eggs makes a huge difference to the children here. It is not only about donating money, clothing, and toys, but it is also so wonderful for the family of Sanyu to receive anything you can provide from the simple comforts of your own backyards – what do you already have that you use that you can share with others? Every little bit helps!



Joan enjoying pumpkin and fresh fish for lunch!



Children are offered wonderful nutritious options from foods such as greens and pumpkin.

Featured: The Sanyu Guesthouse – Your Home Away from Home!

If you have ever volunteered at Sanyu or plan to, visiting and staying at the full-service guesthouse is a must! Not only is the well-kept place quaint, homey, and inviting, but it is just steps away from the Babies Home, where all the action is! Speaking of the babies, one of the main reasons this guesthouse is so special is because it serves as the single most profitable projects, which directly benefits all the operations, staff, and children at Sanyu. If you are looking for a great way to support children in need while also enjoying a welcoming, safe, convenient place to stay while volunteering at Sanyu or simply visiting Kampala, look no further than the Sanyu Babies Home guesthouse!

This seven-bedroom home is equipped with three full bathrooms and two kitchens – what more variety could a visitor ask for? There are both single and double bedrooms available, making it very accommodating to any guest or group size. Each bedroom is equipped with adequate space for holding and storing luggage, a comfortable bed(s) with mosquito net(s), and other furniture convenient for your stay in Uganda. All bedrooms have individual locks on the doors and windows with curtains that let in great light during the day and create privacy in the evenings. The guesthouse is also equipped with two different common living and eating areas, which are excellent for group settings while also offering more space to spread out on a couch or comfy chair and relax during your stay. There are even two TVs in each common living area for your convenience, as well as an assorted library with leisure reading books.

In addition to all the lodging accommodations the guesthouse offers, Sanyu is also blessed with the gift of the staff member, Joel, who diligently runs the guesthouse, welcomes and assists all the visitors, and also provides delicious and nutritious food for all the guests. Joel takes care of offering guests clean bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchen clean-up duty, and provides fresh linens for beds and bathrooms as well. Guests staying at the guesthouse are provided with ample food for a “self-serve” breakfast, including items such as tea, coffee, toast, eggs, and fruit. Joel also spends time each day preparing a delicious dinner meal for all guests to enjoy in the evenings. Joel not only cooks food that is delicious, but he also ensures there is a



The guesthouse manager, Joel, cooking some of his delicious meals!

wide variety of options and nutrition. Guests enjoy dinner meals that include delicious dishes such as fried fish, roasted chicken, beef stew, rice, potatoes cooked and seasoned in different ways, green salad, fresh fruit, peas, beans, and even cinnamon pancakes and French toast! Visitors at the guesthouse end each day of work here at Sanyu feeling satisfied and full of Joel's delicious cooking!

Pictured here is Joel, working hard to provide a well-balanced and delicious dinnertime meal for the guests on a typical evening.

With its ideal location, friendly service, and all provided food and lodging accommodations, the Sanyu guesthouse is indeed one of the best choices a traveler could choose to stay while in Uganda! At the end of the day, each guest is not only comfortable and well-taken care of, but they also know they are at the same time, supporting such a worthy cause simply by being a guest here at Sanyu! Be sure to visit soon or tell a friend about the lovely Sanyu Babies Home guesthouse!

Volunteer Reports:

Bonnie: Raising Money for Sanyu

The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart. ~Elisabeth Foley



Kathy and I first met about 12 years ago in a way that many mothers in the U.S. do – because our children, two daughters for each of us, were similar ages and in the same daycare facility. We also lived in the same Baltimore, Maryland neighborhood and would sometimes meet in the alley that went behind our houses to exchange an ingredient one had and the other needed.

We have stayed friends even though since we met I lived in Brazil for six years and have been in Uganda for 2½ . About 18 months ago, I had the privilege of adding to my family an amazing little boy from Sanyu – creating another parallel between us, as Kathy has a son now also, who is five.

I was thrilled last Spring when Kathy and her daughters Dylan and Leah said they wanted to visit in August. One of things that they planned to do was to volunteer at Sanyu while I was at work during the day. And volunteer they did! They folded clothes, rocked babies, gave bottles, sang songs, and like everyone who comes to Sanyu, fell in love with every child there. Even the day they left Uganda, they managed to squeeze in another two hours at Sanyu before going to the airport. After they returned home, Sanyu was still in their hearts and on their minds and among other things, they wanted to raise money to help provide for the children. Bolton Hill, the Baltimore neighborhood where we both used to live, has an annual street fair in the Fall and we put our heads together and decided to sell items from the Sanyu Craft shop and from other sources in Uganda, marking up prices with the goal of returning all profit to Sanyu.

We worked via email on two continents preparing. October 8th – the date of the festival – was our deadline. I had an unexpected trip to the U.S. in September, but it provided the perfect opportunity to be able to transport baskets, paper bead necklaces and bracelets, Christmas cards, and of course Sanyu's aprons to sell. To decorate the booth and so that people could see where Uganda is, I bought a large laminated map of Africa and at the last minute, decided to include some of Uganda's wonderful coffee and tea in our inventory. Kathy added to the booth beautiful photos she had taken while she was here.

The day of the street fare was sunny and dry and the booth was a big success. Kathy, her daughters and friends sold every basket, every necklace and every apron. Some people even spontaneously donated money without buying anything. We are proud to say that \$710 was raised for Sanyu and we're already planning our next fundraising event – and Kathy's next visit to Uganda.



Tim and Sally: Lessons and Blessings from the Sanyu Family

It has been both a privilege and a blessing to experience the Sanyu family. As a married couple, we have not only been blessed to serve our time here and volunteer with the children, but we have also had the blessing of learning about Ugandan culture while also experiencing the gift of the process of adopting one of the children from Sanyu. Within three different trips to the beautiful country of Uganda, we have gotten to see Sanyu from not only a volunteer's point of view, but now from an adoptive parent's point of view. Through these different experiences, we feel we have learned more and more and have truly seen the many, many ways lives can be changed here at Sanyu, including our own! Among the numerous lessons and blessings we have received from our time at Sanyu, though not always easy, there are three things we will not forget from our time here - these blessings are *hard work*, *family love*, and *true joy*.

Hard work is something that is essential that takes place each day for Sanyu to serve as many children as they do. The time we first visited Sanyu Babies Home was in June 2010. This trip was where we first got to experience all the daily work that goes into caring for the 50+ children here under Sanyu's care. Not only did we realize very quickly how much work it is to simply help the children go throughout their busy days with class activities, meal time, clothing and diaper changes, potty training, bathing, and outdoor playtime, but we also realized the amount of other work it takes to keep this home running smoothly through all the daily chores that need to be done in order to offer the children the environment they do. The mamas and staff here at Sanyu work tirelessly to daily provide clean beds and rooms, fresh laundry, healthy food and snacks, new and interesting toys, hygienic conditions for potty training and showers, and so many other things. Any volunteer who simply spends one entire day here at Sanyu will soon find how tiring and never-ending the work there is here to be done. Any volunteer who also spends an entire day here will learn a new appreciation for the staff members who lovingly work with the children with patience each day. Learning the value of hard work and what it looks like here at Sanyu is something we

will never forget.

If you spend enough time here at Sanyu and commit to building relationships with both the children and the staff, you will see that a sense of family love is evident in so many of the hearts here. Not only do all the teachers and mamas know the names of each child and willfully play with each of them, but they look out for their individual needs and truly care if someone expresses even the slightest symptom of sickness or sadness.

The staff members also know things about each child, such as their favorite songs, games, or even favorite foods. We have had the blessings of seeing things such as this firsthand throughout our time in Uganda. We especially have seen this family love on a new level, as we have had the privilege to see the relationships our son has built here over the past year and how much these will mean to him for the rest of his life. Not only does he have meaningful relationships with many of his peers here (this has given him a great sense of family), but he also has several very special connections with staff members here who have given him love and attention during his stay here.



Pictured here is Jackson, enjoying a “sweet” with one of the caring Sanyu staff members, Michael.

We have even realized that as an adoptive family, though we are anxious to be all together as one, we see that when we do leave, it will also be a loss for many of the children and staff to see one of their loved family members leave and start a new journey. We honor and respect this process and are very grateful for the time we have had here. It is this familial love and affection that makes Sanyu a safe, special, and loving place for children to stay before they are put in a more permanent setting. We will forever be grateful for the family love offered here at Sanyu and pray that other volunteers, visitors, and adoptive families do not miss out on this great gift.

Lastly, Sanyu’s name (meaning *happy* or *joy* in English) says plenty about what this home brings to so many. You cannot leave Sanyu without feeling the joy from the laughter of the children or the smiles on the different staff members’ faces who work here. Whether you find children singing songs in class, mamas clapping their hands to begin meal time prayer, or a combination of staff members, volunteers, and children dancing outside in the afternoon to the beat of a drum, happiness and joy can be found here at Sanyu every day. It is the smiles, joy, and happy hearts that we will always remember Sanyu has brought to so many hurt children. We are forever thankful to the Lord for His work done here.

[DONATIONS NEEDED](#)

Sanyu Babies’ Home relies almost entirely on the generosity and support of friends like you. Over the years, we have received many donations which have been enormously valuable to the home and especially the children. We thank you for all your love and support.

However, we are always in need of contributions to keep the home running. Our wish list is endless and includes some of the following:

- Lactose free baby formula milk
- Baby formula milk
- Feeding bottles
- Pampers

- Baby wipes
- Food
- Milton sterilizing tablets
- Cleaning products

HOW TO DONATE

- You can do international transfers via the following banks details
Beneficiary Bank Details: Standard Chartered Bank Uganda Limited
 5 Speke Road, Kampala, PO BOX 7111
 Account Name Sanyu Babies' Home
 Account No 0102010619500 Sort code 08-02-47
 Swift Address SCBLUGKA
 Tel No +256 41 258211

Correspondent Bank for USD transfers: Standard Chartered Bank
 One Madison Avenue, New York 10010 – 3603
 Swift Address: SCBLUS33

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 37 Grace Church St, London, EC3V 0BX, UK
 Swift Address SCBLGB2L
 GBP IBAN No GB42 SCBL 6091 0451 9947 86
 EURO IBAN No GB28 SCBL 6091 0457 0832 70
- You can also send money using the MTN Mobile money collection line – **0788162147**
- You can post items to P.O Box 1462, Mengo, Kampala, Uganda
 Please ensure you let the administrator know if you send any donations so they can be looking out for them. Send us an email : sanyubabhome1@yahoo.com or call : Tel: +256 414274032 or +256 712 370 950.
- You can also donate your time by volunteering at Sanyu. Please contact the Administrator for more information.

“God loves a cheerful giver”

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