

# Sanyu Babies' Home

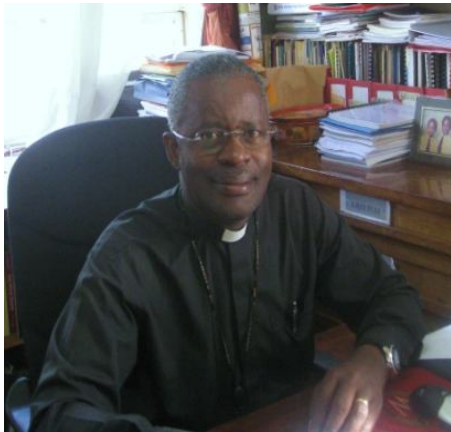
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## *MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN*



Dear Readers,

Welcome to yet another chance of catching up with the roller coaster life we at Sanyu Babies Home live. There are frequent and urgent additions to our numbers. These are very beautiful and lovable babies. We request you to join us in soul searching, "what on earth drives mothers to do such a desperate act of throwing and abandoning their babies?" We, the entire society, should intensify efforts to promote utilization of family planning, provide more support to expectant mothers, and counsel young unmarried ladies to desist from activities that put them at risk of teenage pregnancies. The current economic crisis has impacted Sanyu Babies Home very severely. The prices of everything we

need, to look after and protect these tender lives, has gone up. We are very grateful to you all for your generous support. We, however, request you to, not only give us some more, but also talk to your friends about the desperate needs of Sanyu Babies Home and ask them to emulate your good example and support us. May God bless you always! – Amen

**Rev. Prof. Samuel Luboga**

## MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



may we continue to give thanks and praise to God for His rich and bountiful blessings, and renew our commitment to serving him through the this great ministry.

***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**

## HELLOS AND GOODBYES AT SANYU

In the past three months, we have had 20 children arriving into the Sanyu family, 11 children having been fostered/ adopted and 8 children having left through being reunited with family.

### ***New Arrivals***

- Daniel Ssubi (1 day) was abandoned in a compound in someone's home in Nansana.
- Divine Walusimbi (3 weeks) was abandoned in someone's home at Kawempe, Kirokole zone.
- Herman Tukei (1 year) was abandoned on a veranda of someone's home in Bukesa Parish.
- Reagan Sempala (9 months) was abandoned in Nabulagala.
- David Buwembo (1 year) was abandoned by his mother, who gave him to a boda-boda driver at Kitunzi Sendawala zone.
- Juliet Achola's (2 days) mother died and there were no family relatives to care for her.
- Samali Nassuna Kirabo (6 months) was abandoned by her mother.
- Ernest Mayega (1 year) was abandoned in Kayangi K zone in Kiboga district.
- Brenda Nakyeyune (5 months) was abandoned at someone's home in Nansana West II Zone.
- Pepita Angel Basemera (1 day) was brought to Sanyu by her mother after her father denied responsibility.
- Gloria Atwine (2 years) was abandoned at Mulago hospital at the Acute unit.
- Robert Katerega (9 months) was abandoned by his mother and his father couldn't look after him.
- Alice Faith Kinene (3 days) was abandoned by her mother at the Gwaffu Nursing home at Seeta.
- Robert Katerega (9 months) was found with his biological father and step mother. He was being mistreated.
- Myriam Joselyn Nambooze (2 years) was found abandoned behind someone's house at Karabi Zone III.
- Alex Tumwebaze (3 years) was found locked in a house in Kakinchi village Kisabi.

- Frank kawuma (5 weeks) was found abandoned near someone's house at Mugongo A-Zone Nsangi sub-country.
- Jessica Namitala (10 months) was found abandoned at someone's home at Busega Parish.
- Arnold Sewanyana (9 months) was abandoned at Mulago hospital, ward 2 Cp.
- John Edward Sekyanzi (1 week) abandoned in Kitovu Hospital after mother passing away.

### ***Fostered/ Adopted***

- Mark Opio
- Patience Kagere
- Mathew Odongo
- Ronald Godwin Mukalazi
- Divine Walusimbi
- Linette Achan
- Nathan Angelo Busuulwa
- Abigail Sanyu Nazziwa
- Samuel Mugabi
- Jeremiah Katongole Wasswa
- Erika Namutebi Daisy



### ***Reunited with family***



- Jennifer Amuge
- Wilson Ochebero
- Sharon Nagawa
- Fred Semuju Buwembo
- Gloria Namuddu Kwagala
- Briana Tendo Praise
- Beatrice Zalwago
- Ruth Eridy Nakaze

### ***Having fun at five a.m.***

If you don't mind staying up late or getting up early, the 12 p.m. and 5 a.m. feeds are two of the best shifts you can do during your stay at Sanyu Babies' Home. If you go to the babies' home a little before 12 or 5, you know you are about to start a very peaceful shift. Midnight and 5 a.m. are two of the few times that it is almost quiet in the babies' home – a big contrast to the fun chaos of laughing and screaming children that are running around during the day. The night shifts are also two of the times that volunteers are needed the most. Volunteers tend to work during the day rather than the night, which means that most nights all the work comes down to the mama's. Every night they sleep in between the baby beds and get up at midnight and five to feed and change up to 24 babies. Besides that they prepare the bottles, do the dishes and get up in between the feeds to take care of the babies however often is necessary. Sometimes the same mothers will repeat this routine three nights in a row. Watching them at work during the night, in silence or while softly talking to the babies, makes you respect their work even more. It often seems like there is never a moment of rest in the babies' home: the mama's job never ends. Still they carry it out with the greatest dedication – volunteers keep saying that they don't know how the mama's do it. All the more reason why volunteering during the night shifts is greatly appreciated.



## ***REST IN PEACE***

### ***Daniel Suubi***

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011, baby Daniel passed away from hemorrhage as a result of traumatic injuries. He was found abandoned around 2:00am near a toilet in a ladies' home surrounded by dogs. He was discovered in a poor shape with many traumatic injuries. He was rushed to Mulago Hospital for treatment where he passed away.

### ***Feature: Update on Daniella***



To people who didn't see Daniella arrive at Sanyu, she may seem to be extremely ill. Of course she is still very malnourished, but in our eyes she is doing very well: she has improved enormously since her arrival. Since the last newsletter came out, we did however get bad news about Daniella's health. Her doctors diagnosed her with hydrocephalus or 'water on the brain'. This is a condition in which there is a buildup of fluid inside the ventricles of the brain, which may put pressure on the brain. This pressure causes the brain to be pushed against the skull and

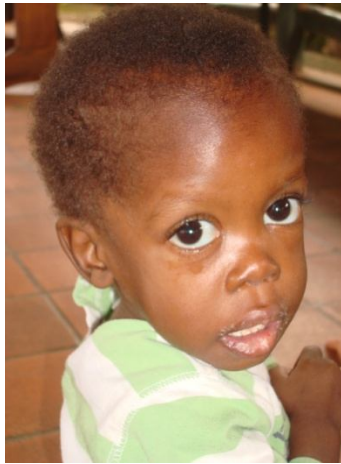
may damage brain tissue. It's a condition that can be treated by surgically removing the fluid or placing a shunt to transport the fluid away from the brain. In Uganda there is only one hospital that is suited to carry out these treatments: a hospital in Mbale called Cure Children's Hospital, a four hour drive away from Kampala. But when we went there, the doctors were afraid that Daniella would not be able to undergo the treatment – she had to gain weight first. After a three day stay at the hospital in Mbale, she was therefore referred to the nutrition unit of Mulago hospital in Kampala. A month later, on August 5<sup>th</sup>, she was fit enough to come back to Sanyu Babies' Home, where she received a big welcome.

Just a few days ago, on August 26<sup>th</sup>, Daniella had to be reviewed at Katalamwa by the doctors from Cure Hospital. They were very happy with her improvements. However, we won't know if they will go through with the surgery until September 5<sup>th</sup>, when she will return to Mbale for another CT-scan.

For now we are very happy with the improvements Daniella has made so far. She can now do things she couldn't do before, such as using her fingers, laughing and – also important – crying. You can also tell her likes and dislikes better, which is how we discovered she has a soft spot for bright colors. Twice a week Daniella goes to physiotherapy in order to improve her abilities even more. But the happiest news that we can give about Daniella is that we have found a family that is waiting anxiously to adopt her. A family where she will be loved and where she will get the undivided attention that she needs – it is a great gift and it is just what Daniella deserves.



### ***Feature: The Arrival of Gloria***



Gloria was abandoned at Mulago hospital in the Acute Care Unit on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2011. The doctors reported her as being malnourished and obtaining rashes, coughing and a fever. Due to her distressing state she was transferred to the nearby nutrition clinic where she received care for 3 weeks before arriving at Sanyu Babies' Home on July 28<sup>th</sup> as a child in great need of care and attention. Gloria measured 38 cm, leading the doctors to believe that she is around 2 or 3 years old. Yet she only weighed 7.2 kg.

However, since Gloria's arrival at Sanyu Babies' Home her condition has enormously improved, especially because she is eating more every day. Yet, she is still malnourished and as yet has gained little noticeable weight. Gloria has also improved with walking and will no doubt continue to gain progress under the care of the staff at Sanyu. The most inspiring change is her increase in smiles and happiness that shines through her eyes. Gloria will continue to develop everyday and flourish into a beautiful child that she deserves to be.

### ***Feature: The Arrival of Ernest***

Ernest arrived at Sanyu Babies' Home on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011. He is a very serious little soul who is thought to be around 1 year old and, as yet, can only crawl to get around. Because he is so small he tends to get very overwhelmed by some of the other toddlers who have bigger personalities but he is beginning to learn how to look after himself. However, he does prefer to have an adult close by and loves cuddles!

He is a very tactile little boy who is fascinated by different colours and textures. His current favourites are white volunteers' noses and the feel of sand on his toes. Ernest has also learnt to wave in his own unique way and he has discovered how to make clicking noises with his tongue. Hopefully somewhere there is a couple just waiting to have Ernest as part of their family where he will flourish and grow into a happy and contented young person.



### ***A hair cut surprise for the Sanyu family***

Trimming the babies' hair is a frequent event in the schedule of Sanyu Babies' Home, which means the children are used to getting their hair cut often. On August 24<sup>th</sup> however, the hair cut day went a little different than usual. The Union of Hairdressers' Association Uganda, directed by Andrew Eiru, came to Sanyu Babies' Home with the beautiful theme of 'Health and beauty for a child matters'. But not only did the association's hairdressers trim the babies' hair; they gave all the mama's a big surprise by giving them a free hair cut too. The mama's were

very excited, since the hair treatment that is needed for the curls and straight hair that they like is not easy and is very costly in a salon. They tried to do their chores as quickly as possible, so they wouldn't miss the hair treatment. After lunch, the gazebo was filled with mama's getting their hair washed and plaited. And the generosity of the Union of Hairdressers' Association Uganda didn't stop there. The association also donated to Sanyu: food and a hair trimmer. It is the second time the association's hairdressers have been so kind to come to Sanyu Babies' Home and we thank them with whole our hearts for their time and generosity.



### ***Baptisms***

As is the tradition at Sanyu Babies' Home the newest babies were baptized. On the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011 we were privileged and greatly honored to have Reverend Patrick Semanda come and baptize 20 babies at Sanyu. We are so thankful that the Reverend came to us this quarter and we were very blessed to have him in our home to baptize the children.

#### ***The babies that were baptized:***

Isaac Kirabo

Moses Manuel Mubilu

Wilson Ochegere

Jennifer Amuge

Dominic Kayemba

Daisy Erica Namutebi

Godwin Ronald Mukalazi

Linette Achan

Jonathon Obalo

Christopher Sselwadda

Daniella Namukasa

John Paul Kisakye

Divine Walusimbi

Herman Jukei

Reagan Sempala

Juliet Achola

Enidy Ruth Nakazzi

Samali Nassuna Kirabo

Ernest Mayeca

Danstan Muwenge



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



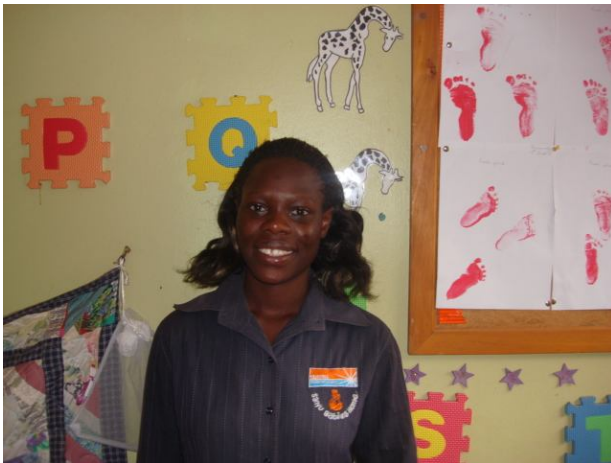
### ***Featured Staff: Mama Tina***



Although Mama Tina has only been working at the babies' home for 9 months, to the volunteer's eye it seems like she has been working here for longer. Her clear enthusiasm for caring for the tiny babies up to the chatty toddlers shines through whenever you see her around. Mama Tina most enjoys feeding the very little babies; no doubt her calming influence sets them at total ease. She also is very welcoming and inclusive of any volunteer that comes in, showing them the ropes with expert guidance.

Mama Tina has her own three year old girl at home. She lives in Kampala and before working at Sanyu, she worked for Kisubi secondary school.

### ***Featured Staff: Teacher Allen***



Every smile to a baby and every song that she sings, makes it clear that Teacher Allen has found her place in Sanyu's baby class. She has worked there for two years and has loved every minute of it. She also worked in the toddler class once, but she loves being with the babies the most. Her favorite activity is singing for them, and for that purpose one classroom wall is filled with children's song lyrics. The baby classroom is right next to the laundry area, and when you are hanging up the laundry in the morning, it's a guarantee that the happy sounds of those songs will be

your background music. Every morning Teacher Allen and her volunteers will sing them with the greatest enthusiasm. Her enthusiasm and joyfulness form one of the reasons why Teacher Allen is loved by the volunteers so much. Another is her welcoming attitude. When you arrive at the baby class, teacher Allen will always greet you with a genuine 'welcome'. And if you greet her back by saying 'wasuze otya', she might even offer to teach you a little Luganda – one phrase a day, to keep it easy. Webale nyo, Teacher Allen!

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## Volunteer reports



### Laura:

I spent 6 weeks at Sanyu Babies' Home after finishing my social work qualification in England. I came to Uganda with my friend Kerri and we worked at Sanyu as well as on another project working out in the local communities. One of the first things that struck me was how fortunate the babies are that end up at Sanyu. Whilst many of the children are in terrible situations before they arrive at Sanyu, once they become part of the Sanyu Babies' Home family, they are showered with love and care. Each abandoned child is nursed back to health and provided with a safe

loving environment whilst other people work behind the scenes to find family, fostering or adoption placements for them. I feel very blessed to have been able to be a part of these children's lives and they have certainly made a big impact on mine. I met some wonderful volunteers whilst at Sanyu as well as some Social Work Students who made our experience even more special. I want to thank everyone who works at Sanyu who helped us to enjoy our experience!

### Sali Putt:



During the time that I have been volunteering at Sanyu I have acquired many skills; how to change nappies, learning new songs and also how to play and take care of the babies at Sanyu. These babies at Sanyu have really touched my heart from the first day I arrived.

I particularly enjoyed spending time with the toddlers during their class time under the expert guidance of Teacher Stella and Teacher Maureen. These teachers have enormous patience and clearly care well to help educate the young children. During class time I bonded with a little boy named Jude. His vivacity and talkativeness have developed massively in the short time I have been at Sanyu. This no doubt illustrates how well the Mama's and other staff at Sanyu care for him at Sanyu. He and the other toddlers love to sit and watch the traffic outside pointing and labeling a 'boda boda' or 'taxi.'



I have really enjoyed the five and a half weeks that I spent here; I am looking forward to visiting again sometime soon! Thanks to everyone at Sanyu who have made me feel so welcome and for caring for these babies so selflessly.

## ***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
- Feeding bottles
- Baby wipes
- Milton sterilizing tablets
- Baby formula milk,
- Pampers
- Food
- 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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- 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](mailto: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”***

### **DONORS THIS QUARTER INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:**

Every gift that is given to Sanyu is so appreciated and we want to thank everyone who has given to the children of Sanyu. The donors listed have given in cash and also in kind (formula, food, clothes, toys, etc.) and we know that it is the heart of the giver that matters, not the size of the donation. Thank you so much for your kind hearts!

His Excellence the President of the Republic of Uganda Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, Bobby Williamson, St. Peter & Paul Church, Bergh Apto, Worship Harevts Ministries Ltd, Gloria Ssali, Pr. Dwight & Linny, Mr. Sam Ntulume & family, Mr. Faqir Rathod, First Baptisit Church, Lubegad Sherry, Dorothy Lubega, Lena, Prof. Luboga, Agnes Nakakeeto, Justine Ssempebwa, Florence Mwesige, Samuel Apil, Senoda, Loy Wamala, Dorah Nagawa, Kibuuka Sam, Oyeh Ugochokusu, Ssekito Karim, Heather King, James & Stella Karoma, Scripture Union Kibibi SS, Kiwanuka David, Jamie Phillips, Graham Carr, Susanne & Adam, Kate, Nakate Regina, Sandra Meyer, Angie Kemi Omeka, Mr. & Mrs. Karugaba, C. Karamaji, David Slansky, Church of Jesus Christ, Kimuli Eriya, Miriam, Nalubega & family, Pr. Moses z, Kampala Central Church children, Evangelist Muliika Emma, Amy Fallon, Nagawa Dorah, Sandra Sofia & Elin, MR & MRS. George Kiwanuka, Florence Tumwine, Uganda Christian University partners, Voice of Innocent children, Polly Atto Grace, UCC Chaplaincy, Mr. Scott, Benard Kimeze, Kitty Rosenthal, Jimmy, Oscar, Anne Mili, Marthy & Rhonda Bahl, Claire Musila, Phil Frey, Lilian, Carina Musila, Kazibwe Pheobe, Mrs. RM Mercer, Anne Polkamp, Nina Doyle, Ann Smith, Nsubuga Mark, Charles Ssegawa, Hilke Meyer, Ssegendo Fred, Daneilla Mayer, Reeta Raymond, Mulika Emmanuel, Mr. & Mrs. Kiberu, Nekesa Esther, Jacob, Nives Noel Nabirye, Vajiger Popat, Sarah & Roy Mubuuke, Aaron Stonebrook, Edna Hanning, Nanyange Teo, Mrs. Stephanie Joy, Daniel Hossana, Buule Ronald, Nakitto Melino, Bible Society of Rwanda, Gwokyalya Agnes, Anne Ssentongo Zoe Christopher, Marie Costantinou, Costas Costabtinou, Olivia, Sophie Mwamula, Mafabi, Kagwa Charles, Becky Edwards, Simon wood, Kabanda Benard, Madina Salama, Evelyn, Stephanie Hill, Lexia, Amanda Williams, Renee & Sarah, Bryan Galloway, Aurine Niwarinda, Kathryn Frey, Maria Brunet, Sam Rugambwa, Asimwe Moses, Anne Muli, Kireka Infant Sch, Sadie Jones, Banyana, Mugisha, Florence Tumwine, Rosie A, Micheal Smith L, Holly and Sophie, Racheal & Nathan, Rakesh & family, Mukono Diocese Mothers Union, Judith Nankunda, Flames of Revival ministries, Kika Troupe Uganda, Linde Van Genugten, Mrs. Nelli Ssali, Toni & Matt B, Heide Munson, Amrat, Kanaabi Ronald, Father Kikuiwo, Damon Bond, Emily Powell, Nsereko M, Denise U, Karen Summers, Debby Peacock, Sam Basudde, Mulira Miriam, Koroma Conira, Sensalo family, Sanora A, Kololo Home cell, Share with me marriage group, Manon & Suuz Kamper, Kintu Harriet, Josefina Kostin, Sanna Knutsson, Vidar, Limou, Kenneth, Catherine, Oyeh Ugochukwu Kingsley, Wilma de Groot Tim & Sally Brink, Frank Senyonjo, Laura & Kerri, David Isreal, Tasha E, Mr. Nitin, Benson Seruwagi, Ebenerzer Group, Mr. Faqir R, Mbabazi Richard, April Bates, Rudi Stepehn, Ashley Meyers, Mwesigwa Benjamin, Roba Hellen, Sylver Kyagulanyi, Sekito A, Keziah Mwete, Pakistani Community, Florian M, Mpambara, Dezy Business Sys Ltd, Kayima D, Nakayima R, Edith Mukaya, Makumbi N, Musa Kanya, Josephine A, Turkish Light Academy, Chuks O Chucks, Nantale Hilda, Mrs. Turyahikayo Annah, Carolyn Butler, Amy Fallon, Ngobi M, Karungi Stela, Kampala Central Church, Perer family, Eric Otim, Anne Polkamp, Lawranec Wrad, Bonnie King, Emily Sejjaka & family, New Life Church, NIC staff, Seventh Day Adventist Church Busega,

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***"I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you". John 14:16***