

Sanyu Babies Home

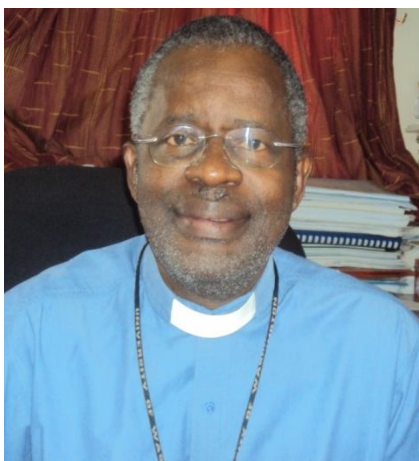
Quarterly Newsletter - Issue 10 - March 2011



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear most esteemed partners and Friends of Sanyu Babies Home,

Happy New Year 2011!

We highly appreciate your love and contributions to the running of the home. It is difficult for me to imagine a more worthy cause than loving and taking care of babies abandoned by their own biological parents. The love and commitment shown by board members and staff is simply amazing. Talking to them you can't help but notice that they have great aspirations for the home and the babies under their care. One can also not fail to be impressed by the meager resources at their disposal. It is in this spirit that I take this opportunity to thank you, and pray God's eternal blessing over you, for your generous support to date. I also request you not only to continue but to also motivate others to follow your wonderful example.

May God bless you and Sanyu Babies Home throughout 2011 and for ever more - Amen.
Rev. Prof. Sam Luboga

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



I greet you all our dear readers in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome to yet another refreshing and repackaged Sanyu Babies' Home Newsletter. We are extremely grateful to God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon Sanyu in the past few months and the entire 2010. I am confident that 2011 is going to be another great year of success at Sanyu Babies' Home. Last year, out of the 66 children who were rescued to join the Sanyu family, God enabled us to re- unite 18 children with their families, while 35 children were blessed with new families. I wish to extend my appreciation to the great team of staff members at Sanyu, mainly the social workers' department for making the family reunions a success. Great thanks go to all the foster/ adoptive parents for providing the children with forever families.

To our dear friends, donors and volunteers, a great deal of thanks for all the support and encouragement you have, and still give to the Sanyu children. Your monies, time and talent which you so generously donate to Sanyu makes a big difference in the lives of the so many children as well as the entire Sanyu family. I cannot forget mentioning John Mc Avoy - a volunteer who is currently at Sanyu helping with numerous repairs and renovations all around the home- May God richly reward you. As we continue to serve God this year, I encourage all of you my dear readers to continue doing good for the children at Sanyu; for at the proper time, we shall reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Barbara Nankya Mutagubya - Administrator SBH

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR:

- We need funds to work on the driveway at Sanyu, at the moment the driveway around the entrance and access to Sanyu is in need of resurfacing, it is becoming increasingly hazardous for the cars, staff, visitors and more importantly the children to move safely around the compound.
- Baby Mercy's operation (see feature below)
- Raphael's operation (see feature below)
- We are always in need of shoes for the children, we find that the best type of shoes are a rubber type (see picture) more commonly known as "Crocs" - they are lightweight, durable and easy to clean. If you can help us with a donation of these we would be very grateful.
- General donations - nappies, wet wipes, sterilizing tablets, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby formula milk and the lactose free formula milk, Vaseline & nappy rash cream.
- Please contact the administrator if you are able to help with any of the above.



FEATURE: SOCIAL WORKER - AIDAH'S STORY



I began working at Sanyu Babies Home 3 years ago as a Social Worker. My job is to process all the new admissions, giving them names, following up on their cases and trying to reunite or find new families for all the children that come to us. When I first started it was difficult, seeing so many abandoned, orphaned and destitute babies in need of care and protection. I do enjoy my work, it gives me a lot of joy being with the children and especially when we are able to reunite babies with their families or find new homes for them. I have found that at times you become very attached to some of the children, when they smile at you and call you Mamma it is hard to leave them for a single day! There is one baby girl among the Sanyu babies home family called Abigail, she is 9 months' old and I am hoping to adopt her one day soon. As

hard and distressing as my job can be, it brings me great fulfillment to know I am helping these babies when they need it most and finding them happiness for their future lives.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

On 18th December 2010 we were able to organize a Christmas party (a first to be held at Sanyu). The food was sponsored by MTN staff as well as a gift for each child and some formula milk & nappies. One of the volunteers/adoptive parent Sarah supplied the cake along with another adoptive parent, Joy, who gave another cake. The party was attended by all of the children, staff, volunteers, some board members and MTN staff. The board member Barbara Senkatuka also brought gifts for the staff which were well received. The party was a great success and really brought the festive spirit alive at Sanyu Babies' Home. We would like to thank all of those that made the party such a great day.



DAY TRIPS

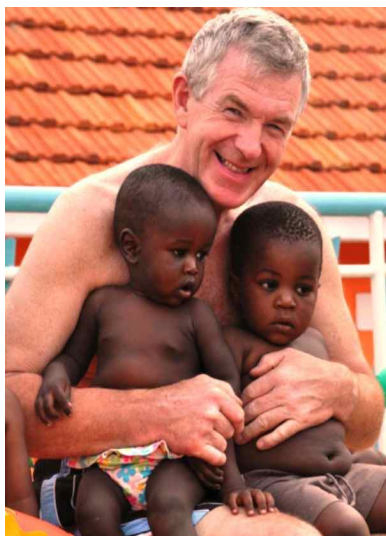
On Thursday 20th January 2011 we took 17 children plus staff and volunteers to Hippoz Recreation Centre in Nansana for a morning trip out. A few days before we started to prepare the children that we were going out, as their imaginations ran we were nearly going on a plane to get there! We loaded up the van and taxi amid much excitement and trepidation, some of the children fear vehicles, so took some reassuring. On arrival at the centre, it was amazing to see the usually confident toddlers suddenly becoming so shy and unsure of what to do... That didn't last long! Soon they were running around, playing on the toys and enjoying all the attention. The hi-lite was the inflatable slide which after the initial uncertainty became carnage as child after child threw themselves, quite literally at times, down the slide squealing with delight! The trip was finished with a much needed lunch for the children and adults too! Returning home the children were thoroughly exhausted and talked of the trip on the taxi for days... a success we think!



On Wednesday 16th February 2011, we took 14 toddlers plus staff and volunteers to Kavumba Recreational Centre in Wakiso for swimming. For many of the children this was their first experience in a swimming pool and there was a mixed response! We had inflatable rings, arm bands and floating dinosaurs to help us try to keep them all above water! There was much excitement from the children and the adults too! Once they had exhausted themselves we had a well earned lunch and a sleepy ride home! Many thanks to the children at Aston Fields Middle School in Bromsgrove, UK for their fundraising which helped these trips possible!



REPAIRS AND REFURBISHMENT - AT SANYU



We have been blessed with a volunteer called John Mc Avoy, who seems to be able to fix and repair anything! For the past 3 weeks he has been laying concrete, replacing broken paving, repairing broken feeding chairs, filling in holes so insects and snakes can't get into the home and replacing doors. He is also going to be removing an old toilet, doing some painting around the home and fixing anything he think needs sorting. We are very thankful to John for his hard work, plus I think the children are very happy that they get regular wheelbarrow rides too!!!

HELLOS AND GOODBYES AT SANYU BABIES' HOME

In the past three months, we have had 13 children arriving into the Sanyu family, and 6 children having left through being re-united with family or having been adopted! We thank God for providing these children with loving families.

NEW ARRIVALS

Jackson Ssonko; Aged 18 months - Abandoned at the Assessment Centre at Mulago Hospital, Kampala.

Kennedy Katamba; Aged 2 weeks - The mother died 2 weeks after giving birth

Rebecca Lukundo Kitibwa and Rachael Mutesi: Aged 3 years and 4 months - Abandoned by mother at Victory Church.

Sharon Nagawa; Aged 3 years - Abandoned by her father at St John Bosco P/S Katende

Eliah Nansubuga Kyakuwa; Aged 2 days- The mother died in labour and the father was unknown.

Anitah Namutebi; Aged 9 monthss - Abandoned at the boda boda stage by an unknown person.

Deo Ndawula; Aged 2 years - Abandoned by an unknown person at the Busega Northern bypass

Grace Olivia Buyiza; Aged 5 days - Brought to Sanyu by a teenage mother (15 years old)

Joan Inyani; Aged 3 years - The child was being sexually and physically abused, her father and step mother were arrested.

Catherine Kakai; Aged 7 months - Abandoned by the mother at her friend's house.

Raphael Muwanguzi: Aged 2 years - The child was found locked in the house, where he was being physically abused by his step mother and father with severe malnutrition. The parents were arrested.

Venon Ntale; Aged 4 months - Abandoned by his mother in Kyengera, was found by a passing gentleman who reported the abandoned child to the police.

LEAVING

Re- united with family

Anitah Namutebi
Deo Ndawula

Adopted

Hannah Flavia Atim
Anthony Mutebi
Victor Nsereko

Angella Namata Nasaazi
Janet Nalweyiso
Faith Nakitende



REST IN PEACE



Kennedy Katamba: Kennedy was brought to Sanyu Babies Home on 10th December 2010, aged 2 weeks after his mother died. Kennedy was HIV positive and was suffering from severe pneumonia and persistent diarrhea. He was admitted to Mengo Hospital for 7 days and then onto the Joint Clinical Research Centre for 2 days. Sadly he passed away on 8th January 2011. We pray that he is at peace with God.

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

BAPTISMS

Every after a few months, the new children at Sanyu are taken to St. Paul's Cathedral for baptism. On 26th December 2010, 9 children were baptized. We thank all the staff, volunteers and friends who got involved in the baptism service. The babies that were baptized:

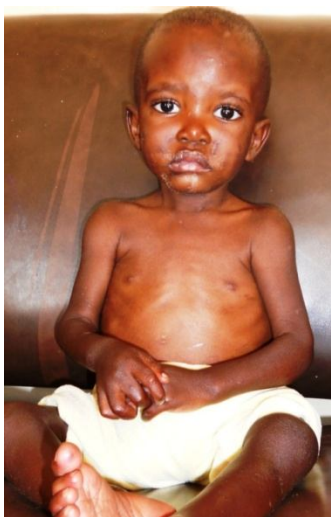
Benon Muwaganya
Jovia Nakibuuka
Victor Nsereko
Chance Bahati
Trevor Lumu
Jackson Ssonko
Kennedy Katamba
Rebecca Kitibwa Lukundo
Rachael Mutesi

BABY MERCY - SUPPORT NEEDED



Baby Mercy is 4 months old. She was brought to Sanyu Babies Home weighing just 1kg (2.2lbs) after her mother and twin sister died during labour. Following admission it was found that Mercy has 2 big holes on the wall of her heart. As she is so underweight she cannot have surgery to repair the holes but the doctors want to review her at 6 months. It is not possible to give Mercy the operation she desperately needs in Uganda and so we are looking to send her to either South Africa or India. Mercy is a strong little girl and is growing each day, she gives plenty of smiles and at times stares at you like she can read your mind! Please keep Mercy in your prayers. We are looking for generous donors who can help us pay for the operation that Mercy so desperately needs. Please let us know if you can help.

FEATURES - RAPHAEL'S STORY



Raphael came to Sanyu on Thursday 10th February 2011 after being found locked in the house where he stayed with his stepmother and father. He was being badly abused and was severely malnourished. On arrival at Sanyu, Raphael was very weak, he is approximately 2 years old, weighing just 6.8kgs and is unable to crawl or walk due to low bone density and malnutrition. He was listless and so extremely sad you just wanted to hold him and reassure him. Following a series of x-rays it was found that Raphael has suffered 3 broken ribs, a broken left arm, a broken right thigh and right leg bone, all of which have not been treated. This will now mean that Raphael has to have surgery to re-break some of the bones so they can be treated to heal properly.

Raphael has many scars on his body from being beaten by his parents. They have been arrested and awaiting charge.

For Raphael this is a new beginning, he is fortunate to have been removed from his distressing life so far and he is already thriving from being in an environment where is loved and cared for. He has been seen laughing and interacting with the other children, each day there is a new milestone for him. Please pray for

Raphael's continuing improvement and that he may grow stronger each day.

**“Protecting children is everyone's
responsibility”**

VOLUNTEER REPORT - TESS

Hi, my name is Tess and I am coming to the end of a three week visit to Sanyu Babies Home. I work as an Occupational Therapist in Australia and it was whilst studying my degree that I felt compelled to volunteer in an orphanage (at that stage not knowing where!)

A group of eight of us from our local church chose to come to Sanyu, and other than loving being with kids and having a passion for children who are disadvantaged (in this case through abandonment) I wasn't sure how I or my gifts would be used at Sanyu.

It wasn't long after arriving at the babies home that I was approached and asked to work with a young orphan named Francis, who has Cerebral Palsy. As a result of this condition, Francis' muscles are very tight, meaning that he has difficulty moving freely and using his arms and hands as other children might. Francis is also sensitive to touch and loud noises.

Through working with Francis I have also had the privilege of meeting Daniel (who is very dedicated and resourceful, and does a wonderful job of working with Francis just about every day). Having worked with other children with Cerebral Palsy in Australia, I have been able to talk with Daniel and give him some recommendations to further assist with Francis' therapy.

These include:

- Stretches for Francis' arms, legs and hands.
- Using objects to place in Francis' hands to help bring his thumb away from his palm, to enable him to grasp and use objects.
- Positioning for sitting to increase stability.
- Placing objects, such as noisy toys on Francis' right hand side to encourage him to turn his head in this direction.
- Continuing to use touch and different textures to decrease Francis' touch sensitivities.
- Using teething rings for example, to strengthen the muscles in and around Francis' mouth to assist with feeding.
- Francis also loves to be sang to during therapy - which will often cause him to crack a smile or make a happy noise 😊

I was excited and relieved for Francis when I recently found out that he is potentially going to be adopted in the near future, and that his prospective family has access to nurses who will be able to assist in his care.



I hope to remain in contact with Francis' key worker when I return to Australia, so that I can provide further assistance if needed and to keep in touch with how he is going.

Donations for specialized equipment for Francis which he may need in the future (eg. Standing/ walking frame) would be much appreciated if anyone would like to further assist him.

My experience at Sanyu has reminded me that God has a purpose and a plan for everyone, no matter what you have to contribute. The memories you take away of the children's smiles,

giggles, mannerisms and how they call your name are to be cherished forever.

God bless, and a big thank you to Sanyu for this experience!

INCOME GENERATED PROJECT - THE GUESTHOUSE

As some of you may know we have a guesthouse here at Sanyu Babies Home, which is part of an income generated project for the home. The guesthouse is run by Joel, who does a great job looking after the many many guests we have come and stay with us. There are 8 rooms (2 singles and 6 twin rooms) in 3 separate buildings all with a western toilet and shower. It is a great way for the volunteers to meet other people and socialize after a hard day working in the home! Prices for the guesthouse are below and include a self-service breakfast and dinner. If you wish to stay at the guesthouse please email the administrator; sanyubabhome1@yahoo.com



If you are staying for 8 weeks + - 35,000 Ugandan shillings per person per night

1 - 7 weeks - 40,000 Ugandan shillings per person per night

Less than a week - 50,000 Ugandan shillings per person per night

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
Correspondent Bank for GBP and Euros: Standard Chartered Bank
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
- Via Hope for Children if you are based in the UK, please ensure you contact them and let them know your donation is for Sanyu Babies Home
www.hope-for-children.org
- You can post items to PO 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. Many thanks.

“God loves a cheerful giver!”

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