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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



These children are as adorable as they are vulnerable. The perimeter fence has broken down leaving the children and their mothers defenseless. The home was built for 12 to 20 children but now houses and average of 50 kids. We urgently need to raise UGX 450 million to enable us to construct a strong and defensible perimeter wall and make essential renovations to the living facilities for the children. Namirembe diocese has kindly agreed to organize a fundraising marathon on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2015. You are kindly appealed to contribute generously to the cause. The safely of these darling little souls

is at stake. You are also requested to mobilize as many of your contacts to do the same, for together everyone achieves more. May God bless you always!

## Rev. Prof. Sam Luboga – Board Chairman

### LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

God is so good to all mankind all the time that he continually avails us with mega opportunities to bless someone. **"Run for the Innocent Children"** is a great opportunity for you to bless the Sanyu babies and I encourage you to quickly grab it. Register yourself to participate in the Sanyu Rehabilitation Marathon run; or send in your contribution even if you are not going to run; so we can give these little angles a future they deserve..... not forgetting Paul's words to the Galatians 6:9.... "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we shall reap a harvest if we do not give up". For those who have already contributed, thank you very much for your generosity. **Barbara Nankya Mutagubya – Director** 



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### **RUN FOR THE INNOCENT CHILDREN**

As part of fulfillment of the Mission for Namirembe Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Wilberforce Kityo Luwalira-Bishop of Namirembe Diocese initiated a Bishop's Appeal Fund as a strategy to reach out to all God's people to support various sectors which have a social impact on the community served by the Church. The strategy is to hold an Annual Marathon Run whereby support is solicited by people who register for the run at a Contribution and also appealing to Corporate Bodies.

So far two marathon runs have been held for two consecutive years towards the renovation of St. Paul's Cathedral- Namirembe.

The marathon run for 2015 is aimed towards supporting the **rehabilitation of Sanyu Babies' Home.** Sanyu Babies' Home desperately requires the improvement of the security measures with a boundary wall and also renovation of its buildings. Our fence is very old and weak. On several occasions thieves have broken into Sanyu through the current fence to steal. Building a new boundary wall will greatly increase the security of Sanyu Babies' Home, creating for our children and staff a safer place to live. Also the Buildings need a facelift to be suitable for accommodating children.



As you can imagine the safety of our children is our main priority and concern so we really want to encourage friends of Sanyu Babies' Home to help us with whatever you can so we can have the home rehabilitated. Join in the main event of a **Marathon Run on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2015 under the Theme: "Run for the Innocent Children"** by registering to participate and also making generous contributions to the cause of Sanyu Babies Home. The flagging off ceremony shall be at the Namirembe Cathedral Grounds at 7:00am for both 5km and 10km categories.

We are looking for **450 Million Shillings** to carry out the rehabilitation.

Registration for the Marathon is as follows;

- 1. Individual 10,000/=
- 2. Corporate Bronze 1 Million Shillings for 10 persons.
- 3. Corporate Silver 2 Million Shillings for 20 Persons.
- 4. Corporate Gold 5 Million Shillings for 50 Persons.

Other Contributions are welcome and can be sent to A/C No. 9030005856247 In the Names of Sanyu Babies' Home in Stanbic Bank Uganda Limited or delivered to Sanyu Babies' Home Offices, Namirembe Hill Kampala

You can also send money using the Sanyu Babies' Home MTN Mobile money collection line – 0788162147.

We shall be very grateful when you join us in helping the innocently abandoned Children who are the future of this Country.

*".....whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)* 

### **HELLOS AND GOODBYES**

In the past three months, we have received 8 children, 3 have been re-united with their families, and 2 have been fostered.

### ADMISSIONS

**Christian Byaruhanga** (4 months old) Arrived on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015; He was delivered and abandoned in Hoima Hospital by a mentally ill mother.

**Joram Tumshabe** (1 year and 8 months old) Arrived on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015; He was abandoned near Mengo Hospital, a few kilometers away from Sanyu Babies' Home.

**Elvis Segawa** (1 week old) Arrived on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015; He was abandoned in Kitinale by an unknown person. He was wrapped in a polythene bag and left in the rain for a couple hours before a Good Samaritan found him and reported the matter to Kitintale Police Station.

**Paul Twesigye** (2 weeks old) Arrived on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015; He was abandoned in someone's residence in Rukungiri District.

**Bakhita Marie Nabbanja** (2 weeks old) Arrived on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015; She was abandoned by an unknown person in Pearl Village in Kajjansi.

**Francis Wamala** (1 year and 2 months old) Arrived on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015; He was abandoned by an unknown pregnant mother to a food vendor in the New Taxi Park.

**Nicole Mercy Nakitende** (4 days old) Arrived on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015; She was rescued by Nakulabye residents and police from her mentally ill mother.

**Erinah Nagawa** (2 years old) Arrived on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015; Abandoned by an unknown person in Nansana at a welding plant.

# **Reunions:**

Mark Anatoli Kirigwjjo (10<sup>th</sup> April 2015)

Isabirye Eclas (20<sup>th</sup> April 2015)

Birungi Ruth (11<sup>th</sup> May 2015)

# Fostered:

Mugabi Edward (16<sup>th</sup> April 2015)

Nabbosa Teopista (2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015)

# "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16)

### TRIPS

This quarter, the children have been blessed to go on two excursions. A WGM group from America visited for two weeks and took the kids first to Freedom City Kid's Park. The children had so much fun here, swimming, playing on the inflatable slides, ridding fair rides, and playing on the playground. They also got to enjoy chips, chicken, and soda for lunch!



Next, they took the kids to the Zoo! Many of the kids enjoyed the bus ride there, especially eating chapattis and drinking soda. After having to wait for rain to pass, the kids were ready to run through the zoo! They had so much fun seeing all the animals, even if a few were a bit intimidated by the larger animals. They had another exciting meal of chips, hotdogs, and soda, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and finished the visit by spending time on the beach. We are so thankful to

WGM for making these lovely trips possible for the kids and mamas.

### WHAT VISITING UGANDA TAUGHT ME- Tasha Bailey from the World Gospel Mission Team -2015

With three hours left before landing at the Entebbe Airport in Uganda, I filled the empty lines of my journal, questioning all God had asked of me, but nine hours later I walked through the doors of Sanyu Babies Home in Kampala, Uganda where our team was met with welcoming smiles. There were 47+ children, orphaned by the reality of their circumstances. Ugandan women in blue dresses and teal and white checkered aprons watched us closely as 12 American women walked through their doors.

As the days ahead moved in slow motion, the conversations with the "mommas" dressed in blue with checkered aprons moved too. These women were fighters; bold, courageous, and deeply beautiful in all the ways that truly matter. They were "born again" and celebrated with us because we were sisters. They were eager to teach us their native tongue and cheered when we greeted them with a clumsy "Wasuze otya, Nnyabo", "Good morning, Madam."

During our time there, I grew close with Momma Annette. Ugandans are deeply relational and fierce in their affection, and Annette didn't withhold from me. One afternoon we took the children to the community pool. The walk to the entrance was a long one. My friend pulled me close with her arm stretched tightly around my waist. In my American frame of reference I figured we'd take a few steps together. Nope. We walked together, hip-to-hip, slowly and in perfect sync. Her English was limited, but our friendship was not. We didn't say much. We couldn't really. We didn't have to. How freeing that was.

Day after day our worlds were colliding into one beautifully God-authored love story, and the children of Sanyu Babies' Home were more than willing to play their part. Each child has a bath every day, three warm meals every day, snacks, class time, social time or play group every day, and "Mommas" who pour their hearts into providing care and love for their children every single day. There are nurses and a

physical therapist who are readily available to meet the medical needs of the children with access to medicine. Each child has his/her own crib, sheet, fleece blanket, mosquito net, and a smile full of light and life!

Sanyu isn't a place where the abandoned are forgotten. Sanyu is a home for children who thrive, nested



among the fruits of the Spirit living and active through each Momma. It's not sad. It's a beautiful redemption. It's God's constant wave of restoration and pulsating love flowing deep and wide through every momma and every bright-eyed baby. It is hope. Sanyu is joy unspeakable and full of God's glory. Material poverty is weightless against the spiritual wealth of His sons and daughters... my new friends.

I learned the absence of fear is the presence of Jehovah-Jireh, The Great I Am, Redeemer, Sustainer, Everlasting Lord, Prince of Peace... God. There is so much power in that name, a mighty force that infiltrated the life and breath of my Ugandan sisters.

I will never be the same, at least that is my prayer. I will never look at the word "Africa" on our family's globe without sincere gratitude for my time spent with the most beautiful people I have ever known. In short, I am completely broken but altogether made fully whole.

So what do we do with all of this? We slow down our conversations and look each other in the eyes. We love deeply and intentionally without judgment or limitation. We invest in Sanyu Babies' Home. We move and never stand still in the comfort of just being, and we go. You will be welcomed with sincere gratitude and love from the children, staff, and administration at Sanyu... and you'll enjoy Joel's famous cooking! Your visit is crucial to the relational ties which weave our stories together in Jesus.

"If it is true that you look favorably on me, let me know your ways so I may understand you more fully and continue to enjoy your favor. And remember that this nation is your very own people." (Exodus 33:13)

Thank you to Nathan and Jade Metz, our church's missionary family in Uganda, for sharing your love of Sanyu with us. It is contagious.

Thank you, Sanyu. Until we meet again, may the peace and grace of the Holy Spirit be with you. Love,

### **VOLUNTEER REPORT** - Emily Cheer



I am coming to the end of my two and a half months here at Sanyu, and it has gone way too quick for my liking! It's been a very busy time, and I always find myself tired at the end of the day but it is completely worth it. I've done a lot of washing up especially the bottles, I've sorted the piles and piles of laundry, I've helped cook with Mama Margaret, I've sorted through the beans by hand ready to cook for the children. I've learnt so many new things, including how to put a towel nappy on a child that finds it much more fun to roll around and laugh than actually lie still! I've learnt how to respond "Bulungi" when Mama Phoebe asked me "Oli Otya" Meal times here are so efficient, even if they are rather messy and noisy, going along a bench full of children feeding whoever has an empty mouth! Bath times again are noisy (and rather wet when the children decide to use you as a towel...) but still a fun part of the day!

I've enjoyed watching the children grow up and start to

sit, and eat proper food. To see a few of the children who were only crawling when I arrived now walking everywhere and to see the tiny babies that arrived so small, that have now grown so much with the love and care they've been given. I love hearing the children shout "Mama Emily" when they see me and running up to me for a hug! Singing songs with the children seems to be a daily thing here, they especially seem to like some songs I taught them from back home. Sammy in particular seems to want to sing "Wind the Bobbin Up", all day every day; on the potty, eating food, in his bed, having a nappy put on him!

It is so nice to see how the older children look after the younger children, in particular Robert bringing toys to the babies and always sharing his food with the other children. Beatrice dressings all the babies in sweaters when it is cold. Kkonde always coming to play with Bosco, to sing songs with him and to bring toys for him. The excitement and the encouragement the older children give the babies that are just starting to walk, holding their hands to help them walk from class back to the dining room for lunch.

One of my favourite parts of Sanyu is the midnight feed. The children are all sleeping, it is so peaceful and it's a part of the routine that the Mama's really appreciate help with. It makes the feed so much quicker with a couple of extra hands to feed and then change them.

I am going to find it really difficult to say goodbye to all the children and mamas, but in particular one baby, Bosco. He is such an interested child and always wants to see what's going on around him, he loves being helped to stand up and is always happy to play with a toy when he finds one. He has grown so much since I arrived here, when we arrived he was quite a weak baby, he cried quite often and was not sitting and could not hold his own weight very well. Now he is such a happy baby, always wriggling around, pulling himself to sitting and reaching out when he wants a cuddle. His face lights up when you say his name and he is always laughing.

My time at Sanyu has been completely worthwhile and so enjoyable. I have learned too much here, and I have made so many friends and memories. I'm pretty sure I will be back soon!

# Volunteer Opportunities at Sanyu Babies' Home

We offer a number of ongoing opportunities to come and volunteer at Sanyu. On site is our guesthouse, which provides each volunteer with a comfortable and safe place to stay while being steps away from the babies' home. Please check our website for more information. <u>www.sanyubabies.com</u> We're also on Facebook where our new video has been posted; <u>https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sanyu-Babies-Home-Uganda/165778456790252</u> LIKE AND SHARE!

# **Sponsor a Child**



Would you like to sponsor a child at Sanyu Babies' Home? For just 233,496 Ugandan shillings (£53/\$96/€65) you can help sponsor a child's food, sanitation, medication and education for a full month. In return you will receive twice yearly an update and a photo of your child. This sponsorship will help the most vulnerable children in Uganda and change the lives of children at Sanyu Babies' Home. Please contact Barbara, the Director if you can help us by sponsoring one of our babies.

# **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 (Cow & Gate 1)

- Feeding bottles
- Pampers / disposable nappies in various sizes from newborn to toddlers' pull ups
- Baby wipes
- Baby rocking chairs/ soother chairs for the classroom
- Disposable gloves
- Food rice, milk, sugar, eggs, fresh fruits, vegetables, matooke, potatoes (sweet and irish), fish, meat, peanut butter, blue band, ground nuts, etc ...
- Milton Sterilising tablets or own brand sterilising tablets.
- Cleaning products ie. Detergent, bleach, washing up liquid/soap, washing detergent, stationery for administration work and classroom
- Activities, toys, books, arts and crafts suitable for nursery class.
- Kids toothbrushes and kids toothpaste
- Kids shoes Croc style (rubber type flip flops)

# How to Donate

You can do international transfer via the following bank details or by cash and or cheque written out to: Beneficiary Bank Details:

Standard Chartered Bank Uganda Limited 5 Speke Road, Kampala, P.O. Box 7111 Account Name: Sanyu Babies' Home UGX Account No: 0102010619500 USD Account No: 8702010619500 Sort Code: 08-02-47

Stanbic Bank Uganda Limited City Branch, Kampala Road Account Name: Sanyu Babies' Home UGX Account Number: 9030005856247 Sort Code: 31008, Swift Code: SBICUGKX

You can also send money using the MTN Mobile money collection line – 0788162147. You can post items to: PO Box 1462, Mengo, Kampala, Uganda

Please ensure you let the Director know if you send any donations so they can be looking out for them. Send us an email: sanyubabhome1@yahoo.com or call: +256 414 274 032 or +256 712 370 950

# Donors – We thank you!

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, not the size of the donation. Thank you so much for your kind hearts! This list is for April, 2015 to June, 2015.

Bomgi Ltd. Has donated vitamins to all the babies at Sanyu, their product Booster+ is an immune booster specifically formulated for the nutritional needs of East Africa. All the children are now taking Booster+. You can find out about the work they are doing in Uganda by visiting their website at <u>www.bomgi.com</u>.

CRANE patterning with Viva has donated start up packs for all the children reunited with families.

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