

NURSE'S NEWS FROM GLENNA—SEPTEMBER 2009

Hello everyone!

I just wanted to say hi and give you a brief update on the Medical Department. It has been a busy couple of months here in Uganda. (Actually, I don't remember a time when it was not busy!!!) Ha!!

During August and early September, we had visitors here from Western Canada. Several of them have been to Uganda with work groups over the past few years. It was great to have them back! They worked hard with us in the Health Centers, upgrading our solar systems, doing some painting and other needed work. We now have electricity (and solar back up) at Nampunge Health Center, and we have enhanced the staff house lighting, as well as security lights outside. We are so grateful for all their hard work. We did a lot of traveling while they were here, going to Northern Uganda to visit families returning to their homes from IDP camps, and to visit the sponsor child of Karla and Vince Hayduk. She was excited to see her sponsor family, especially little 2 year old Walter.

The new lab, staff kitchen and store room are complete at Kirongero. My assistant, Sunday, has done much of the painting work and the place looks very good. We are completing the final roughcast on the outside of the buildings, as well as building a new staff toilet/bath house. Thanks to all of you who have so generously supported these much needed renovations.

Baby Kavuma (spina bifida patient), who you met through my last newsletter, is progressing well. He has recovered from the spinal surgery and now his legs are in casts, to straighten the club feet. This will take 2-3 months of weekly cast changes. Although the legs remain paralyzed, once the casts are removed, he will be fitted with special shoes and braces, so that he will learn how to manage his disability right from infancy. The family asked me to choose his given name, so he is called Roger, named for my "baby" brother, who pastors in Edmonton.



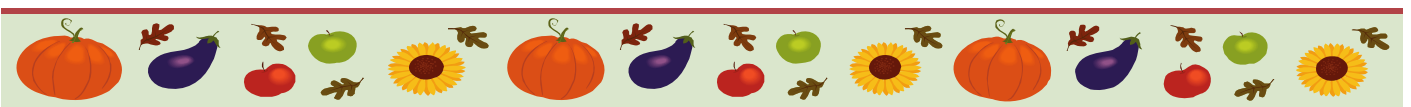
Walter assisting with the keyboard at the Lira Church



Baby Roger
Medi Kavuma



Visiting Baby Roger at his home

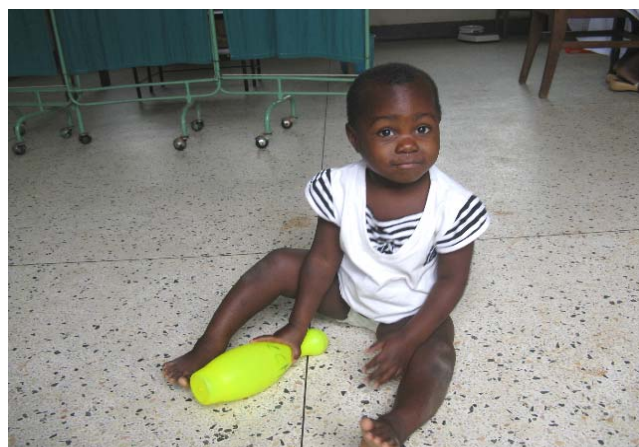


This week, I took little Daizy to hospital for assessment of her leg deformity. She is a mischievous little 3 year old, and can run amazingly fast in spite of her leg problems. The actual cause is not known, but she needs immediate treatment. As she grows heavier, the deformity becomes worse, and before long she will be unable to walk. So, she has been started on a course of calcium and Vitamin D, for the next 8 weeks to prepare her for major surgery to straighten her legs. This will be a real hardship for the family, mom and 5 young children. She will not be able to work at her small business of selling samosas (meat pies), as she will need to stay with Daizy during hospitalization, and also pay someone to look after the other children. Once again, if anyone can help us out with the needs of this family, it would be such a blessing.



Daizy's deformed legs

Praise reports: God's protection from fire, road blocks, rioters and gun shots during the political unrest in Kampala a couple of weeks ago; two ladies whom I prayed with, to receive Christ this past week; all the great work being accomplished in our Health Centers.



Daizy—a happy, active child

Prayer Requests: Family health concerns; safe traveling as rainy season begins; staffing/personnel needs for the Medical Department.

May God bless you at this harvest time (my favorite time of year in Canada)!!

Glenna



A Canadian prairie harvest

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