



## The pitter patters of... The Potter's Village

### First Wedding at PVM

They met as workers. They related as friends, then lovers and finally as husband and wife. Benjamin and Annette finally tied the knot on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at St. Andrew's Cathedral in a colourful wedding.

Someone among the invited guests was heard to say, "I can't believe that this wedding has been so successful yet the planning time was short and finances were limited." This wedding has spelt a milestone for many people who think one needs tens of million shillings in order to have a successful wedding. The couple were advised to invite not more than 100 guests (a drop in the ocean for the Kisoro weddings). At first it appeared impossible but at the end of the reception when every one had a meal and a drink people realised that there is no need to invite the whole village to deplete one's pockets and plunge into huge debts.



Benjamin and Annet have set a standard and a precedent for staff at PVM and other intending couples that it is possible (and commendable too) to have a simple but meaningful wedding without wasting resources on non-essentials. We wish them a prosperous marriage and blessings of children.

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### Welcome Heidi

Our God is still in the business of answering prayer as He promised in Matthew 7: 7-8. We rejoiced to receive a volunteer with Peace Corps, Ms Heidi Pepfar, who has come to be the House Parent for the next 18 months.

By all standards, her coming was faster than anticipated and we attribute the speedy arrival to God who never fails to answer prayers.

Heidi comes with a rich knowledge and skill in nutrition and child care that will enrich our ministry to children. Already she has worked with the kitchen staff on suitable menu for that is locally available but balanced in every way. She is working on suitable games for the toddlers with the help of the carers.

Join us to welcome Heidi. We pray her stay with us will be a mutual blessing.

## NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN



One of the exciting games introduced is "Parachute" - a simplified version of it to suit toddlers. Junior feels he should be among the adults to "trap" the children inside the parachute. Some other children chose to enjoy the shade thinking it is a new temporary shelter from the afternoon's strong sunshine. It was an uphill task to teach the rules of the game to children (and some carers too) but it was fun and a different activity. Sarah (facing the camera), who linked Heidi to PVM had come to visit so she also participated.

**A I** Though Joel tries hard to challenge me in weight, I am still the big plumb boy. I have grown out of the biting habit so I use my teeth for the right things.

**E H:** My speech is improving. I am able to call out Sarah, Pius and others. The morning walks are now more enjoyable than ever.

**F B:** Though I had some sickness last month, I continue to gain more weight and feel healthy now.

**HI:** Nothing much has changed this month. My weight continues to be a constant in spite of good feeding. I am able to call names of some of the carers.

**I G:** Every morning after breakfast I stand at the gate itching to go for the morning walk. After a few unsteady steps, I cry for help and someone lifts me up as we walk.

### **Abel, Daniel1&2, Gift, Grace and James**

These are the new babies that are keeping everyone on tip toes as they came with special needs and challenges. We shall report on each one of them in the next issue.

### **J Tum**

Two lower teeth have emerged and I can try to sit up when I am cushioned. It seems my saliva sometimes trickles to my lungs. I enjoy my special baby mobile seat.

### **J I**

My carers must have given up on rationing my food because whether I eat little or much, my weight continues to shoot up. This of course is a hindrance because my breathing is rapid when we are walking and I cannot be swift.

### **J Tuy**

I have now strong attachment to my dad who frequently visits me. When he says bye to me I cry. Otherwise I am the happy guy who moves around with a wide smile.

### **J B**

I always feel the urge to help slash the compound with uncle Benja but the slasher is too long to handle. Are there baby-slashers?

### **M M**

When the carer is not seeing, I grab the opportunity to fight other children who report me immediately and I am told off. However I love to hold the new babies because they are always sleeping.

### **M N**

I had an afternoon out with my mum when she was celebrating her birthday. It was a short visit which I enjoyed but my mum wanted more time with me .

### **M T**

I continue to enjoy good health and my legs are really firm when I walk. When we go for morning walks, I reach the destination but coming back I need some help.

### **P M**

I had an unforgettable experience this month. I fell in a sauce pan full of hot water and burnt the lower part of my back. I was rushed to hospital and am undergoing treatment at home.

### **S N**

I had celebrated my second birthday only to be told I celebrated it a month earlier. Does it mean I will have another cake? As the big girl in the house I feel I am in charge of all the children. I enjoy dancing and singing especially when my (dummy) baby is on my back. I still dislike the mid morning sleep.

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The Laundry is now functional. With the two washing machines installed and operational, the washing of nappies is a pleasant exercise. The airy shade has also made life manageable even in wet weather because even when it is raining, clothes are dried by the air circulation. The water tanks harvesting rain water from the massive roof on the medical centre will provide an extra source of free water and will reduce on water bills especially during the rainy seasons.

## Please pray...

### Give thanks for:

- The arrival of Heidi, a volunteer with Peace Corps. She is with us for 18 months and is working as house parent at the moment.
- Sian who has expressed interest in coming as a Social Worker for 3 months effective mid May.

### Ask God for:

- Wisdom and discernment as we search for Foster parents to those children due to be integrated into communities and have no responsible next of kin.

### Please keep in your prayers:

- PVM staff to continue to be sensitive to the varying needs of children. We have children at different stages of growth which calls for special attention to individual needs and challenges in child development.