



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

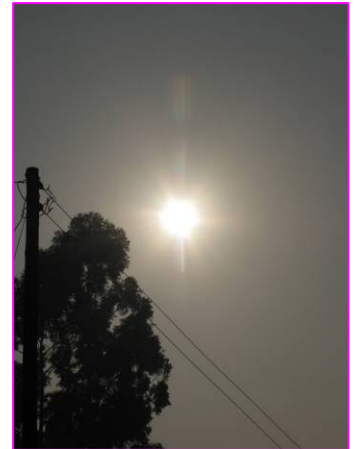
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Village newsletter

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**Karungi**

The story of Karungi is a common one here in the Potter's Village. The mother of Karungi died four days after Karungi was born. And sadly, the young father is also now homeless. Karungi's family saga is a sad one, but we are hoping that his young father will find a home and a job by the time Karungi is ready to leave this place.



On January 15<sup>th</sup> at approximately 8:30 AM Uganda was treated to a rare event. The moon passed in front of the sun and we were able to see a solar eclipse! All the staff stood in awe for the few short minutes that the eclipse occurred.

Derick



Derick was six weeks old when he arrived at Potter's Village following the death of his mother from malaria. Derick is a photo of his caring dad and is an amazingly bright little lad, very smiley and responsive. Derick's dad trades in Kampala and his own mother is a frail old lady who is not able to provide care for Derick. On arrival Derick was dehydrated and thin, but he has recovered and is thriving well. How sad that his mum cannot enjoy his smiles!

Colin



Another sad story: Colin came to Potter's Village when he was three months old following the death of his mother. Colin's father is very poor and works in Kampala most of the time. An Aunt was willing to care for Colin but circumstances meant that she was unable. Colin has obviously been very well loved and cared for; he is a relaxed and smiley baby, well grown and active for his age. He is a real charmer and we love him.

## NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN



### Infants

Among the tiniest here are Karungi, Noel, and Ana. Jackie and Didi are still in this youngest group as well. Didi is growing quickly! She is nearly as big as Jackie now, who is her age mate! Jackie is refusing to put any weight on her legs when we hold her in a standing position, which may or may not be a cause for concern. Ana who is still very small, isn't growing as well as we had hoped, so we have supplemented her feeding with high energy milk, the same magical drink that helped Didi catch up. Noel is a good baby, and sleeps the whole day away! What a blessing that is to the carers that are always looking after the tinies.



### Crawlers

Daniel, although he is still small, is crawling all over the place. Abel, who crawls a lot, is starting to cruise as well. Although he can manage to pull himself up, he fears sitting back down. James and Grace are still just sitting and reaching, but they are soon to start crawling. Gift, who is over a year old doesn't yet crawl, or roll over. At this point, she should be doing these things, but when she is in a walker she enjoys the freedom of mobility. Jordan and Diana are also on the move, always looking for something interesting to put into their mouths. We have to be careful to make sure there isn't anything dirty lying about that they would greedily eat!



### Toddlers

Faith loves the freedom of walking about, although she still mostly crawls and grows tired quickly when we make her walk. All but Faith now take their naps in the afternoon, because they are far too big to actually fall asleep in the mornings. Emma is growing more and more brave, and is enjoying playing catch with the others. Daniel, who is quite a bully, likes to cry if he doesn't get his way! Junior and Pius however are the real troublemakers, as they will open the gate and run out with every chance they get!

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The drums were beating loudly around Kisoro to ward off the high altitude storm that blew over. The lighting combined with the sound of the drums and the low rumble of thunder gave for an entertaining evening here at Potter's Village.

## Please pray...

Give thanks for:

- The near completion of the Day Centre
- The recent visitors who have blessed Potter's Village with their time and talents

Ask God for:

- Guidance as we prepare to utilize the new Day Centre

Please keep in your prayers:

- The families of all the new arrivals here at PV
- Our gardener who recently injured his foot while cutting grass