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newsletter

PV Admits Twins and their mother

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Brendah, a 16-year child mother, is an orphan who was homeless. She is a victim of rape. We admitted them as Probation Office tries to find the father of twins and a permanent solution for them. At the time of admission she would not smile but now she walks with a happy face because she has found God's love at PV.



Archbishop Visits PV

"Deede" Rescued from death's claws

"Deede" had a few days to survive if PV had not intervened. Deede's grand parents had no capacity to care for this child in spite of the two months' support PV was giving to them. When the child came for a review, we had to admit her immediately.



Tara listens to Jenny as Deede gulps milk she so badly needed.



The period, August and September, was quite busy: guests and requests for admission was the order of the day. We received visitors both from within and without and we were blessed in many ways. Some of the guests had a glimpse of what PV goes through on a daily basis and most of them had no alternative but to participate in helping out with the children and other chores.

In addition to the twins and "Deede," we admitted Jordan, a victim of landslide that claimed the life of his mother and Peace whose mother died after a caesarean operation. We praise God that they are out of danger and are thriving.

During his pastoral visit to Muhabura diocese, The Most Rev. Henry Luke Orombi, had a slot for PV. The Minister of Ethics, Hon. Dr. Nsaba-Buturo, (signing Visitors' Book) expressed his pleasant surprise of the good things happening in the district.

NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN



Left: Chris shows Brendah how to administer eye drops.

Centre: Peace receives baby Peace from her grandmother.

Right: Medrine (left) visits PV with her sister Viola and mother Jolly. Next year Medrine begins school.

Babies

The list of children is growing so fast so that we have to group the children into 3 categories and report on special cases.

Currently among the babies in PV are: Abel, Daniel T, Diana D, Diana T (nicknamed Deede because of her size), Grace, Jackie, Jackson (remains in this category because of his special circumstances), James, Jordan, and Peace are doing very well.

We praise God the virus that attacked crawlers and toddlers in the months of August and September spared the babies. Thanks too for the baby carers who were vigilant and kept very high hygiene and prompt isolation of children who showed early symptoms of the viral attack.

We continue to keep a very close watch on Jackson whose episodes of fits continue to frequent him in spite of the daily prescribed doze to cause them subside. We thank God for the special couch which minimizes dangers of hurting himself.

Crawlers and Toddlers

Allan, Daniel N, Emmanuel, Junior, Hope, Michael N and Pius are due to join the communities.

Michael is scheduled to join his father in December. Michael visited his father a few days ago and was visibly happy to link with his sister, grandfather and father.

Hope and Pius are likely to go towards the end of October. We have identified two homes which are ideal for them as their mothers sort a few things out to prepare receive their children.

We are still searching for suitable home for Junior. All efforts to get in touch with his father have not borne fruit so we are looking for a long term foster care for him.

That leaves Allan, Daniel and Emmanuel with the option to be at PV a little longer than we had anticipated. The search for suitable homes for fostering these children is intensifying. We do so prayerfully and cautiously so that God leads us to the right homes that will truly receive them with love and provide the right environment for happy growth.

Children in Foster Care

Five of the children in PV (Joel, Jonah, Michael T, Maria and Sarah) have joined the community and are settling well in their homes. Jonah is living with his father and Joel is living with his parents. Michael T and Maria are living with Enid R and Peace respectively, two of our senior baby carers, as they wait for peace to come again in Congo so that they may join their relatives. Michael's father and Maria's grandmother have since visited the children in the new homes and are happy with the arrangements.

Maria's ailing grandmother walks most of the distance as she can not afford transport costs. "I would like to visit my grandchild as often as possible but the distance is too much to bear," she narrated as she pledged to visit again in December.

Sarah is living with Jenny for a couple of months as she waits to join a foster family next door when arrangements are adequate for proper care.

In total, we have 13 children in foster homes. All are doing well and the foster parents are doing a great job to care for these children.

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Tara Morgan, who volunteered with us for a month, has clothed the walls of the Medical Centre with pictures of wild life. This has added value to the beauty of the premises. Tara worked to the very last day of her stay to finish off the painting. Three other volunteers, Simeon, Peter and Abby helped out but the finest details were left to the expert. We say a big thank you to all of them. We are soon naming the building, The Zoo.

Please pray...

Give thanks for:

- The funds to start on the urgently needed Day Care Centre. Work has started (October) and in 24 weeks' time we shall be blessed with a structure to accommodate children during the day to create space in the Infants' Residence that is at the moment overcrowded.
- Many visitors who blessed PV during the months of August and September.

Ask God for:

- Suitable Social Worker to handle the ever increasing challenges as we settle children in foster care homes.
- Funds for a dryer to help in time of wet seasons. Dry nappies become a challenge when it rains continuously- a daily occurrence for October - December.

Please keep in your prayers:

- Jackson who is having constant fits. Pray that we find a suitable home or institution to meet his special needs.
- Toddlers who are due to join communities but have no foster homes as yet.