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News from Potter's Village

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First things



The staff enjoyed receiving their **Christmas** gifts of rice, cooking oil, sugar, and bar soap. They also enjoyed a special meal on Christmas Day. Unfortunately, though, due to Covid restrictions, there were no Christmas parties for the children this time.

Coronavirus cases are still increasing in Uganda, probably more so than official reported figures.

Restrictions have been lifted to some extent so there is less mask wearing and social distancing, but restrictions can still limit people's ability to earn their normal daily wage. So far there has only been one case of Covid-19 at Potter's Village. Thankfully, the staff member and her family have recovered.

News of children

Lucky Caleb



We have some sad news about Lucky. He was born in May 2019 and was admitted to Potter's Village as his mother was mentally sick and was unable to care for him.

Following repeated admissions to the Medical Centre he was found to have a heart abnormality. He had become increasingly sick in recent months and was on the way to the Uganda Heart Institute in Kampala when he sadly died.

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New babies



Mahoro was found abandoned near Muramba Health Centre when she was around two weeks old. It is thought her mother may be Rwandan and had run away from the Health Centre to avoid making any payments. She has not yet been traced.

Sandra, Faustine & Immaculate all came to Potter's Village when they were a few days old, after their mothers died due to severe haemorrhaging. Immaculate, who was premature, spent her first few weeks in the Special Care Nursery.

Irinatwe was admitted when he was 18 months old and was very malnourished. His mother, who has learning difficulties, had been struggling to care for him.

Bonata's mother died during Bonata's first year and she also arrived very malnourished.

Emmanuel and **Blessing** both came when they were two months old following the deaths of their mothers, Emmanuel's from heart failure following a haemorrhage, and Blessing's from unknown causes.

Children moving on



Earnest, Donata, Mercy, Mary Mugabe, Amon A, Paul and twins **Prosper & Prossy** have all been resettled in the community with their families.

The mothers of Paul and Mary, along with several others who have psychiatric illnesses, are now receiving regular treatment, thanks to Festo and the psychiatric nurse from Kisoro Hospital, who visit each mother each month.

Iradakunda



Thanks to some generous supporters, **Iradakunda** (not her real name) and her family have a smart new house, as the previous one was in danger of collapse.

Iradakunda was taken to Potter's Village when she was 10 months old, with severe malnutrition. Her mother has severe learning difficulties and had been unable to care for her. Iradakunda, now 9 years old, went back to live with her mother, uncle and

grandmother 11 months later. Iradakunda has to walk a long distance to school, but she enjoys it and is doing well.

Staff Roles



Some of the senior staff have been at Potter's Village for several years; you probably know their names but maybe not much about their roles.

Winniefred first came to Potter's Village in 2013 as our Social Worker. Her current role is Warden, a statutory role with parental responsibility, and she also has oversight of the Crisis Centre, including overall safety and care of the children, supervision of compound, laundry, and kitchen staff and supplies.

Winniefred is married with three children and worships at the Cathedral.

Other news



The **staff canteen** is being renovated and now has a solid concrete base. The canteen is run, as a stand-alone business, by a lady from Kisoro. The renovation was funded from the rent that they pay to Potter's Village.

The last section of the **perimeter wall** behind the laundry has been completed. This should reduce the ingress of water during heavy rains and also help with security.

Please pray for us

We thank God

- For the children and staff who have remained free from Covid-19. For the recovery of the staff member who has had Covid
- That Dr Nicci came back and now the Clinical officers are relieved and our clients are satisfied when they find a Doctor.
- There is a big improvement in the health of the mothers who have psychiatric illnesses.
- Iradakunda and her family now have a decent house to stay in.
- The back wall is now completed and there is improved security at the site.
- The staff are well and still committed to their work.

Please pray

- That we continue to find funding and support so that we can continue to save the lives of those who need us the most
- That we remain safe and free from the Covid-19.
- For strength, wisdom and compassion for all staff, at Potter's Village, and particularly for the Rehab Centre whilst Janie (physiotherapist) is away
- For Janie to be able to return to Potter's Village soon.
- The health of children and staff at Potter's Village.
- For unity amongst the staff.
- For financial improvement for the Medical Centre.
- For Idah (Administrator) and Board of Governors as they manage Potter's Village
- Friends of Potter's Village, that they will continue to have sufficient income and for good stewardship of donated funds.
- For a swift return to full internet and social media access which was restricted before the recent presidential election

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