

EWCV Newsletter – November, 2003

Update from Uganda!

This week we have got a sponsor for both boys. A young man from Denmark is already sponsoring eleven orphaned children and will be sponsoring both these boys as well. However, we will be required to keep them until the end of January perhaps. Tomorrow we have another young boy, Nicholas, who is being brought from the Kampala School for the Physically Handicapped to stay with us. Our friend, Lawrence, is bringing him by public transport in the afternoon. Nicholas is 14 years old, blind in one eye and poor sight in the other eye. He suffers from epilepsy and has minor seizures when he doesn't take his medicine. He is mentally delayed and has been at the Grade one level in school.

All three of these boys need prayers that despite their handicaps which are different for each one, that God will use them in a mighty way that we can't even imagine. Please pray for Ann as it keeps her busy in the kitchen planning and preparing meals. Our fridge hasn't worked for over three months so she has to plan so that food isn't wasted. Thankfully, Allen has taken over the ironing and does a fine job these last couple of days. Paul does the dishes most often. Our friend, Margaret, does the washing of the clothes and the floors three times a week. We can assign the shelling of beans to Christopher and Bacha. We try to get the older boys to take them on long walks during the day and to find work for them digging in someone's garden to be of help and to wear off their energy. With Nicholas arriving tomorrow, he will be another chemical in the equation for us to deal with. Christopher was on the streets for three years after spending a year in the hospital having many operations to try to save his hands even though he lost his fingers. He is street wise and we learn daily about life on the streets from him. Bacha wasn't on the streets as long. With him being deaf, he has different problems to deal with including sexual abuse for both boys.

We do believe that God is in charge of our home, even when the boys are at each other with poor behaviour. We do see God's Hand in so many of the things that happen daily in our home. We don't know what will happen tomorrow and we often feel quite overwhelmed by everything happening around us, but with God in charge, it gives us the courage and strength to get out of bed in the morning and to face our day ahead. This house wasn't planned to accommodate what we are doing, but once again, God provides for our every need. Christmas with these children and being able to provide food and clothing for so many around us in need

wouldn't be possible if it weren't for the generosity and love of the people of our home church at Parkside and other individuals who are sharing in our work.

“As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.” –John 1:12