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Greetings from Kenya!

And welcome to the first newsletter written from our new home!

It is amazing how much can change in the few short weeks since we sent out our last

newsletter. When our May newsletter went out we had 23 infants at MpM and we were still praying for adoptions to start up again. We shared that we were close to hitting our “baby number 100” since we started MpM.

Since that time, we have not only hit the “100” mark, but blew past it quicker than a stinky diaper can empty a room! We are now at #106 on the total baby rescued list, and our current population is 29. And we received a call that there may be five or six more coming our way this week from a large government hospital.

So, how do you get 29 little ones to pose for a picture?? I learned that you don’t! But here is most of them gathered on our porch for a quick shot. (several were still in bed)



Our oldest, Deborah (above playing with Selah) turns two this month and we are praying some final paperwork will come together so she can quickly be adopted. Adopted??? Yes! We are excited to share that adoptions are finally opened back up here in Kenya!!! This is a huge answer to prayer and we trust that in the coming days several of our little ones will go home with their Forever Families.



We also had a couple more little ones returned to family in the past weeks so we ask prayers for them as they all go through a time of transition.

In the midst of all the baby activity the Bell family finally was able to move to the new property. What an awesome experience it has been to be away from all the noise of the city and crowds! Here are just a few random shots of the MpM Campus and our progress....



We are all
enjoying open
spaces and
fresh air!



God blessed us in an incredible way when a work team from Sulphur Springs Church in Indiana came for a far too brief, but VERY productive visit and became our first “guests” staying on the property. Here they are loving on some of our little ones but they really had very little “baby” time since we kept them busy putting up soffit, ceiling, rain gutter, repairing vehicles, preparing walls for paint, and so much more! And they were an added blessing when we received



our two newest babies Shadrach and Abraham. “Nana” Vanessa got lots of extra baby time as she and Jeff tried to figure out how to take Shaddy home with them!

To list all the praises would require several more pages, so just let us say that God has showered His matchless Grace on us over the past month in some incredible ways. From getting moved to the property, to adoptions opening back up, to incredible teams and help, to our good health, and so much more, we are blessed beyond what we deserve.

We do ask you to join us in prayer for the following items:

- That the final hurdles for adoptions to get going full swing will quickly be cleared.
- That we can finish the next couple of buildings on the compound soon so we can get both our manager and the babies moved here.
- For our staff as we manage the large number of infants in our care now, and in the days to come.
- And please pray with us for an increase in Baby Boosters. With the increase in infants under our care the cost to care for them is skyrocketing. (I am attaching a flyer for those interested)
- Finally, I am asking for prayers for my family. The increase in infants means MUCH less sleep than would be preferred. Between caring for the little ones, working on the property, and trying to keep up with all the paperwork, there are not enough hours in a day. We know God will not give us more than we can handle, but.....

Finally we want to simply thank you. Your prayers have carried us through many rough spots in this ministry, and above all those prayers are what is needed most.

We are blessed to have you as a partner, both in prayer and finances.

In His Service, Dave and Jen