



## A refuge for orphans living with HIV/AIDS in Jinja, Uganda



Happy New Year!

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Our children in Jinja had a sweet Christmas celebration that included adorable homemade stockings, new sunglasses, and many sweet treats! Most importantly, **they participated again in our church's annual Christmas concert, which involves much singing and dancing and tells the story of Jesus' birth.** The program is performed in prisons around our area as well, and the prisoners never fail to get excited and stand up and dance! Ugandan jails are pretty dark and desperate places, and the chance to enjoy a bit of entertainment in celebration of the holidays is a huge treat for the men and women who

live there. In the past they have said that seeing the children reminds them of their own children and families. The week before Christmas Jackson texted me -- "Hi mum, were on our way to sing in the prisons! Everyone is excited!"



*OOH kids lead Prison Praise!*

Many people look at our children, who come from very difficult situations and live their lives with HIV, as among the world's least fortunate, and it would be true. But they never fail to show their true compassion and selflessness when faced with others who are in great need. Our kids have their needs met now through OOH, but they remember what it felt like to go to sleep on a concrete floor

(like they do in the prisons), to be outcast and shunned (like the prisoners), to go to sleep hungry because there isn't enough to eat (like they do in the prisons). As a result of their past, they have soft and generous hearts for those in need, and that is what Christmas is about. **God's most generous gift, His Only Son -- Jesus was born in need that He might satisfy the needs of many.**

**We want to thank each and every one of our faithful supporters, prayer warriors and friends. The family of God has been the wind beneath these children's wings.** Because of God's provision through you, they have medical care, schooling, sports and music, and guardians who love them. They have their own home because of the people of God who model the Father's generosity to His children. When I first felt called into full-time ministry, I was worried about how all the needs would be met. God convicted me through His Word, His leading in my heart, and His people that what He has planned, He will provide for. Most of you might not know this if you haven't visited our house in Uganda, but all nine years since the children's home was opened, one verse has been painted on a prominent wall in the

house: "With God all things are possible." and the counterpart, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." All things are possible, and nothing is impossible -- with our God. But we haven't forgotten another important Word from Jesus, "Apart from Me you can do nothing."

Apart from Jesus, we as humans could do nothing of lasting value or worth. Apart from His grace we are all prisoners in one way or another. Everything that He has provided for these children, and the works that He has done in their hearts and their lives, belong to Him alone. All the glory goes to Him for Our Own Home, and the children who live there, having another new year to live and serve Him -- and for all the years that have led up to this one. **May He continue to bless Our Own Home as long as there are little hearts and lives who need to know the Father's love.**



*Decorating the tree!*

May you be blessed, Mommy Holly



**Thank you for your prayers and your gifts in support of these children. Blessings...**

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