



The pitter patters of... The Potter's Village

Severely Malnourished Baby D Joins PVM

At 7 months, Baby D weighed only 4.5 kg. He was admitted to St. Francis Hospital, Mutolere because of severe malnutrition under the care of Marie, a paediatrician nurse, for intensive care. The God of miracles touched him and he made a rapid progress. Marie says of him, "Only a month ago, he weighed 4.5 kg. Yesterday, at 8 months, he weighed 5.5 kg." Marie reckons that this progress is amazing for such a baby who had extended belly and red-tinged hair. Medical examination reveals that his malnutrition is the better of two kinds and is reversible.



Left, Baby D at the time of admission had an extended abdomen that is gradually receding as he gets better nutrition and care. At his home he fed on cow milk and sorghum porridge that his 9-year old sister prepared and he did not thrive. Right, at PVM.

Baby D was orphaned when he was just one month. His feeble and frail grandmother had to take him on and asked his elder sister to leave school and take care of the boy. Time came when the two inexperienced caretakers could no longer handle the situation and he was hospitalised. Through the efforts of Marie, who knows about the ministry of PVM to such children, the hospital referred him to PVM.

We welcome Baby D and we believe that he will find a wonderful home among other children.

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UK Team Visit Blessed PVM

We recall with gratitude the visit of the team from UK led by Rev. Ian Parkinson, who visited us during the second week of February.

Each of the visitors expressed joy upon the progress the ministry is making to the children under PVM care. Joan, one of the members in the team expressed her joy this way, "What a fantastic project. Seeing it is such a thrill. May God bless all who work and live here."

We were delighted to receive gifts for the children that the guests came along with. It was a joy for us to show around the guests how far we have reached and what lies ahead to fulfil the full vision of the PVM.

It was a week full of teachings for diocesan staff and key church leaders.

NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN



At 4.00 p.m. the children gulp enriched maize/sorghum porridge. On a sunny day, they have it in the play corner. The first ones to finish get a second helping.



Baby AI

When others take a walk towards the big church after breakfast, I am carried at the back of the carer because I would slow down the team as I make one step and I find myself seated.

Baby EH

My feeble feet have started to support me and I made a few steps with the help of my carer. Most of my movement remains crawling on my bottoms.

Baby FB

When I feel sharp hunger pains in my little tummy, I really scream and my carer understands that I want food.

Baby HI

I celebrated my first birthday. I expected a cake but the staff just sang me "Happy Birthday to you" which was nice but next birth day I need something better.

Baby IG

Each day I long to be carried around although I think I am too heavy for my carer because of my increasing weight. But since I am not able to walk on my own yet, I think the carer has to bear with me for a while.

Baby JTum

Well I have two teeth emerging very well. But my movements are still limited and I hear that I need special attention as I grow old. I continue to keep my peace.

Baby JI

It is good to grow fat but it has a cost. When others run about, I find myself panting after walking a few steps. I recently overheard Uncle Ezra suggesting that my ration be reduced to help me slim a bit. As long as they do not starve me, I do not mind removing a few grams from my weight.

Baby JTuy

The change from bottle to cup is a bit uncomfortable but I suppose soon I will start enjoying feeding from the cup. The first day I decorated my face with milk because a lot came off the cup.

Baby JB

The morning walks before we go to sleep have greatly made my time. As soon as we finish our breakfast, we ask our carers for shoes and off we go to enjoy seeing sites and meeting people. I hope soon we shall be allowed to reach town so that we can see more of the motorcycles and cars which we hear when we are at church.

Baby MM

For the first time I have enjoyed my mornings because we take a walk to the big church before our mid morning sleep. How wonderful it feels to run along the path and meet many people.

Baby MN

I was very sick and was hospitalised. My mummy was anxious but I pulled through, as always, very well. I am now enjoying my normal life.

Baby MT

I am on the right truck to put on weight because my appetite, especially for the white stuff (maize porridge) is quite sharp. Although I walk stiffly, I now feel more stable standing up than I did last month.

Baby PM

When I was on my bare feet, I was more stable than when I put on shoes. We are not allowed to walk bare-footed because of the mud and sharp stones so I am adjusting to keep balance in shoes.

Baby SN

My vocabulary is growing each passing day. I found it difficult to sleep in the morning and at first I was separated from other children and was left on my own. The morning walks have helped me a lot because when we come back, I am exhausted and sleep comes real quick.

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Kisoro town as viewed from Karunga. Can you site the unique buildings of PVM? Mt. Muhabura slope is just seen on the far right. The hills in the horizon are in Rwanda.

Help needed! PVM urgently need a volunteer to work as house parent to help the carers cope with the dynamic changes in the child growth. For more information please contact us on phone, e-mail or postal address indicated above. Thanks for your response.

Please pray...

Give thanks for:

- Amelia who worked so hard to sort out the clothes and shoes for the children and for arranging them according to gender and age. Though her visit was very short, her input was enormous.

Ask God for:

- More resources to meet the ever increasing demands from vulnerable children. Each passing day, we receive more requests than we can meet, and every child we turn away is in danger of starvation or even death.
- Wisdom and discernment for the Director and Administrator to respond appropriately to the dynamic growth challenges at PVM.

Please keep in your prayers:

- The staff at PVM: carers, domestic staff, gardening staff, carpenter and all at the construction site. Pray that everyone will see himself/herself as part of the team to bring hope and life to the children.