



### Greetings from our new home!



To the left and below you can see our beautiful new baby room! All we need now is running water so we can fill this room with babies.

We are finally here and settled in for the most part. The move went quite smoothly. We had two volunteers from the U.K and a Peace Corps volunteer plus two friends from Kawambwa. It took two days to load the truck and two hours to unload. We are all very happy to be here. The kids love the fact that they finally have their own (small) rooms.



hole and in May Tom returned from his U.S visit and we purchased the pipes, plumbing and pump with the help of our Australian volunteers. We had problems with the pump from the beginning and have been working on it since then. First, we had the electric company send more



Now that we have moved into the orphanage we have been asked frequently when we will be ready to take in babies. We want to share a little more with you about what steps we are taking and still have to take to be ready to open our doors.

In March we drilled a bore-



Jonno working on the playroom floor



power our way--instead of 240V we were only receiving 190V. This was finally done and yet the pump problem continued. We called up the company who sold us the pump and they sent a technician up to work on



the problem (for a fee of course--plus transport costs since we are twelve hours away from the capital). The technician discovered we had the wrong capacitor and so this was sent up a week later by bus. Still, the problem continues. We have now contracted another company to fix the problem and they will be sending a technician up this week, God willing.

Since we live so far from the large cities and the companies they contain it is difficult to convince people to come up to help fix problems. Any technician that comes out has to be willing to spend two days round trip traveling by bus. This is probably why nearly all the

orphanages in the country are located in the larger cities. Things are much more difficult out here in the 'bush' but the need is great.

Once we have running water we will be able to move onto the next step which is being inspected by three government departments: Social Welfare, Health and Labor. What this means is that when we are ready for inspection we have to work out a suitable time when each of those departments will be available to travel to our site from the nearby town of Kawambwa. We will then need to provide their transport to and from our place and of course have soft drinks on hand. When the inspection has been done and we have provided Social Welfare with the constitution for the orphanage we will be ready to receive babies. The process involved with this is that any double orphans in this area (double means no mother or father) will be presented to Social Welfare and they will investigate the child and make sure that they are truly orphans and will then get a court order saying that the relatives can't care for this child and they are giving over care to the SW department until the child reaches the age of eighteen. SW will then place the child in our care. Since this is a big (yet necessary process) we don't know how long it will take.

When we have passed inspection we will begin accepting applications and conducting interviews with people who will be working with us to care for the children. This will be a big job finding people who are ready to be trained and learn new methods as well as those who have a good work ethic. So far we have three sponsors for babies which means we can take in three babies before needing more sponsors. Would you be willing to sponsor a child so we can give them a good home?

Please continue to pray for us as we finish the cafeteria building, finish off the play room, fix our water situation so we have running water, and work with Social Welfare.

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