

Feb-March 2015 Newsletter from Ken & Melli Johnson

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“Let me tell you about my shocking adventure...” —Ken Johnson

“... with shock absorbers!” said Ken the mechanic, at the dinner table. He was fixing someone’s new motorcycle which came with so many shock absorbers that his teeth were jolted when he tested it. Ken had to remove two of them (not teeth, shock absorbers).



“If the shock absorbers are too tight then they don’t absorb the shock well--and then what’s the point? If they’re too loose then woo-woo! You’re bouncing up and down. Hey, there’s a sermon in there somewhere!”

This month has been packed with amazing events--Ruthie Johnson’s open heart surgery on Feb. 13. She came through beautifully! New babies were born: on Feb. 15, a son to Gina and Luke Johnson in Tanzania, and Feb. 16, a daughter to Sonja and Jeremy Bassett at the Kigobe Mission here in Burundi. Precious miracles!

Our mission nurse, Casey Conaway, and I enjoyed being with Cindy, James, and Danny, in Nairobi for the Rift Valley Academy midterm. We visited the elephant orphanage to watch their morning feeding.



This big guy can hold the bottle himself!

The giraffe sanctuary is amazing! Our son, Danny, 12, got a big kiss from one of the babies. Actually the giraffe with his 40-centimeter tongue was trying to get a food pellet Danny held between his teeth!



None of the rest of us were that brave!



Casey Conaway happily posing with food pellet....



Yikes!

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Our Rainbow Babies are growing and thriving with help from *Twizere Project* and the *Allow the Children* team here recently to update child sponsorships.



This beautiful little girl was found in a field at 2 weeks old, by Cassilde, her new foster mother, who took her to the commune and requested guardianship. She named her Bernice Niyonizigiye (I trust in God).



Little Don Divin (*Gift of God*), who was fished out of a toilet at 8 months, is now 2 years old and adored by new mother Marina, and siblings.

PRAISE NOTES

Sammy was quite ill with pneumonia, then malaria. He's better now and returned to class at the Ephphatha School for the Deaf. Sam is not deaf, but unable to speak, so he is learning sign language.

Danny visited the oral surgeon in Nairobi Feb. 16 to have three impacted molars extracted. Yeow! He didn't starve on a soft diet of yogurt and soup everyday, his stitches are out, and he is back playing soccer. Thanks for praying for our children.

And finally, a birthday party for two old friends-- Bao Ying and me! She's been my friend since 1993 when she asked me to tutor her in English. We had the best time together studying a Bible-based English course, and we've been dear friends ever since.



Blessings and love,

Melli, Ken & all the kids

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our FM Childcare Sponsorship missionary friend, Phyllis Sortor. She was abducted in Nigeria and we are praying earnestly for her health, safety, and rescue. Also please pray for Burundi as political parties contend for leadership with elections looming.

