



The Growing Orphanage!



Amy with Henry
(nicknamed Elmo—5 months)

Happy New Year! As you can see from this page of our mini-update, we are open, in business, and very busy. As you know, in October we opened our doors and started accepting children. We soon had 3 children living here and one baby—Emmie was being taken through the transition process. Then the first child we took in, Jenny, turned out not to be an orphan. Her parents had lied to us and given her to us claiming she was an orphan so she could have a better life. We can only imagine what hardships



Here is little Queeny (17 months) who copies Chola at every opportunity.

they must be going through to feel they have to give up one of their children. Anyway, Jenny went back to her family and then Emmie contracted measles and was too weak to fight them off and passed away.

So, there we were with only 2 children staying with us. It was a bit discouraging because we have this wonderful place and we want to share it with as many children as we can.

Then, Christmas Eve, little Janet (in the picture on the right) came to stay with us. Her mom had passed away only two days before and her dad is unable to provide for her. The day after Christmas we received two more children, Henry (on left) and Theresa (bottom right).

Things are hopping now. We have one nanny each shift for the 3 toddlers. This means that



Chola (24 months) always keeps us on our toes and makes us smile with his funny gestures

we have 4 toddler nannies. We are looking for 2 more nannies for the babies. They will work the two day shifts and the night nanny will be responsible for all 5 at night. Until we find the new nannies we are all taking turns caring for the little ones.

All of the kids have been helping to take care of the babies and toddlers. Timothy likes to play with the toddlers with his unending energy but is also able to hold the babies and is as gentle as he is energetic. Jennifer and Jessica have been pulling extra shifts in the kitchen as well as organizing bottles for babies and meals for toddlers. Jasmine enjoys holding the babies and helping feed them. T.J is our inventor and has come up with some entertaining notions for the babies since we are short on mobiles and other exciting toys. Troy will look after the babies while they

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Jennifer holding new baby Janet (5 months)

nap. As you can see this has been a family affair and we are so happy to have the kids with us!

In our next newsletter we will go over more of what the Lord did for this project in 2007 and what we are praying for Him to do this coming year—2008.

Thank you for all your support and prayers. We love you!



Our still shy new arrival, Theresa (16 months)