



## Ripples International New Start Centre Polaski Home



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### Two rescue babies in foster care

Stephen Mutharimi was born on June 22, 2006, and dumped in the toilet by his mother the same day. Mutharimi was rescued by a good Samaritan who took him to the Area Chief and then the police station and later took the child to the General Hospital for post natal care.

While in the hospital no one turned up to claim him and he was committed to New Start Centre for care. He is a healthy baby who smiles always. On April 24, 2007, he left NSC for Nairobi where he is being fostered by a couple who are hopeful to adopt him.



Stephen at 6 months old, on January 1, 2007 on his first day at NSC.



Another baby, Becky (not pictured), was abandoned on May 13, 2007, near a riverbank. She was rescued and taken to Meru District General Hospital and then referred to NSC. On August 29, 2007, she was taken for foster care by the lady who rescued her. We are hopeful that she will eventually adopt the child.

### NSC Statistics for 2007

- At the beginning of the year NSC had 37 children
- Four boys and two girls were admitted
- Four boys and two girls were relocated to S.O.S. Villages
- One girl was discharged to go home for care by the guardian
- One boy and one girl was placed for fostering
- There are currently 34 children: 21 boys and 13 girls

### 2007 NEW ARRIVALS to NSC



New arrivals from left to right: Griffin 6 months, Nancy 4 months, Dorcas 1 year, Matthew 15 months, Caleb 1 year.

Welcome  
Babies!

God Bless  
You

### Hours and labor saved



The new machines lessen the workload.



Lilian and Purity at work

Laundry duties were made lighter for Lilian Wanjiro and Purity Wakuthi Titus by the two washing machines purchased last year by NSC and another one that was donated by Standard Bank. They are still working well and have saved the women hours of work.

“Just the washing of the clothes used to take all day,” said Pauline Mugo, NSC Nurse. “Now they can be spreading the clothes and ironing by midday.”



Laundry spread for drying



Sheets drying on the line



A farewell party for Manuh, Jessica, Precious & Johnie.



Johnathan and Sammy also moved to S.O.S. Villages.

### Six babies move to S.O.S Villages this year

On February 23, 2007, a farewell celebration was given for four babies, Jessica age 3, Emmanuel age 3, Precious 2 1/2, Johnny age 3, who were moved from New Start Centre to S.O.S Village as the children were above the age for which NSC has the facilities to handle. The children enjoyed the cake and Mr.

Chidi, RI Executive Director prayed for the children during the celebration. Nurse Pauline Mugo and Matron Lydia Mirugi traveled with the children and had a tearful goodbye. They have since been back to visit them and said that all is well. Two other babies, Sammy and Jonathon were placed in S.O.S Villages in Mombasa and Eldoret respectively.

### Kindergarteners waiting for placement attend school at S.O.S Village

Eight NSC children have turned three years old and are now attending kindergarten at S.O.S Village in Meru. We are hopeful that these will be fostered or they can be admitted to a children’s home as they have exceeded the age limit for NSC.



NSC three year olds head off for Kindergarten at S.O.S Village.



### Helping one another!

Thank you to children of Giaki Location under RI support for sharing their bounty with the babies at NSC. They brought fruit and food stuffs and prayed with the babies.



Former orphan and new twin brothers.

### Alicia's family get twin addition

It is not taken lightly for a couple in African society not to have a child. Couples, especially men will climb any height to seek help where such an incident happens because they must continue their family lineage.

Though adoption is a foreign concept to most of our community, one couple, after all the professional medical advice failed them, embraced the concept and adopted baby Alicia in 2005 from NSC.

This marked a new beginning in their family though they didn't know it that day, another blessing came knocking at their door. What they had longed for, a biological child, God granted them for opening their hearts and home to Alicia. The birth of their twin boys was a double blessing.

\*Alicia is not her real name.

### Polaski's visit in February; GCI in October



The polaski family and R.I. Directors prepare to share a cake with the NSC babies.

The Centre was blessed in February with a visit from the Polaski family who brought with them donations of baby clothes, material, and other supplies.

It was such a joy for the staff and babies to receive these guests who make it all happen at NSC. GCI representatives visited the center later in 2007 and brought with them various medications and medical supplies. It was encouraging proof of their unwavering support for NSC.

### A great year for NSC staff

From Lydia Mirugi, NSC Matron

They are sunshine in our hearts.

Though every day at NSC is marked with the same activities it is a new experience for each staff every day as each day is filled with new excitement and occurrences. Over the year, the centre is more noisy and more fun from the little angels who are getting to a different level of development every day. At their tender age it's not difficult to identify the many talents these children possess and as you do one activity every day throughout the year it becomes more interesting rather than mundane because its taken with different appreciation from the little ones. "Mum..., Aunt..." Are the words that greet us every morning. These little words are a powerful ministry to us. We realize we are apart of these children's lives.

It is a humble yet noble task to care for the children at the centre but we have witnessed victories being won as the life's of babies have been rescued from unknown destiny to a life full of hope.

Our pledge to God is that we shall not only be caretakers of these children, but also their advocates and protectors.

### A NOTE OF THANK YOU!!

On behalf of NSC children we wish to say a big thank you for all the support you have accorded us. Your prayers, monetary, material and moral support has brought hope to the many children at the centre.

As staffs who work at he centre, the smiling faces of the babies which greets us every morning leaves us with no words of thanking everyone who as made the lives of this babies become a reality. Once again we appreciate your contributions.

## Birthdays & Birthday Suits

Birthdays are a fun time at NSC. Everyone who has a birthday in the same month and one who just meant to be helpful, are given the honor of cutting the cake. How long do you think it will be before one of these tykes gets impatient and takes a handful of cake!

NSC would like to Thank all of you for your generous support and prayers throughout the year.

Your generous donations of all kinds make celebrations like this one possible!



Rub-a-dub-dub  
NINE babies in a tub!

Fun and love abound  
at New Start Centre!

### Vision

To provide a loving home where HIV positive, abandoned, neglected and vulnerable children will find love and care in a family set-up

### Mission

To follow the example of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ in standing with the oppressed, establishing a united family structure, alleviating poverty and suffering around the world by bearing witness to the good news of the kingdom of God.

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