



# Hope House News

Providing a safe haven for unwanted babies in Nairobi

Founding Director: Rev. Glen Bruce. Managing Director: Mr Jim Kimotho

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## ROSALINE'S RETURN TO NAIROBI

I went home to Australia in Nov. 2015 for a 2 month visit to see family and friends. Whilst there, I decided to have my left leg investigated as it had been getting weaker and I had experienced several falls over the 2 years prior to leaving. The results showed a sarcoma in the upper thigh area which had infiltrated into the side of the bone.

On 10th February this year, in Sydney, I had surgery to remove the area of the bone affected, i.e. the top half of the femur, plus the total hip, both replaced with metal.

Following that, 6 weeks of radiotherapy and physiotherapy, the latter still continuing. Once I was able to mobilize with just a walking stick as aid, the surgeon gave the approval for me to return to Kenya. On 5th July I returned and am very happy to be back!!

There are so many people to acknowledge and thank for the wonderful care I received, the surgeon, Dr. Richard Boyle as well as the Drs., nurses and physiotherapists at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. The radiotherapy technicians at Chris O'Brian Lifehouse for cancer patients.

My wonderful family and friends, especially my sister Jenny Brown who cared for me after being discharged from hospital.

The ladies from the Pitt Town Anglican church who took me back and forth for radiotherapy treatment. Also the physiotherapists at Hawkesbury hospital.

I especially want to thank all of those people who were praying for me, I know God was with me all the time.

It's a long process, but my leg is slowly getting stronger.

Blessings,  
Rosaline

1st day back at Hope House



## FAREWELL TO OUR S.W. LIZZIE MMBOGO

After 7 years and 8 months working as our Social Worker, this is what Liz has to say " It has been a great time of service in this lovely institution that protects and improves the lives of vulnerable children. I take this opportunity to thank the Almighty for opening the door for me to work here in 2009. I also want to express my gratitude to the entire Hope House fraternity for the support they have given me during my service. It is through those that gave me a shoulder to cry on during my darkest moments and those who gave me the toughest challenges, that I leave here as a strong, courageous and experienced woman today.

Thanks to the little angels who gave me a reason to smile at any given time. I appreciate all those who opened their hearts and their doors to adopt our babies, it's a great honour to have interacted with you all. I pray that God will continue blessing Hope House as the noble cause continues. Thank You. "

Phyllis Kamau has been assisting Liz for the past 2 years and will temporarily take on the role.



## M-PESA BANKING

**DETAILS FOR DONATING TO OUR BANK BY M-PESA**  
**PAYBILL 907950**  
**DEPOSIT TO:**  
**PARAMOUNT BANK**  
**A/C NO: 010002039971**

## BANKING

**Within Kenya:**  
**Bank account details:**  
**Paramount Universal Bank Ltd.**  
**Westlands Branch**  
**A/C NO.010002039971**  
**A/c Name "Hope House Babies Home"**

**M-Pesa 0721437994, 0721407961**  
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**Rosaline Knobbs**  
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**For specific details.**  
**Website;**  
**www.hopehousebabieshome.org**



**315 MOUNTAIN VIEW ESTATE NAIROBI.**

## Project Overview:

Hope House Babies Home provides a place of safety & comfort for babies who have been abandoned for a variety of reasons. Our aims are:

- ☺ To care for the physical, emotional & spiritual needs of the babies
- ☺ To place the children lawfully into good families via adoption
- ☺ Hope House was established in 2002, a project by African Growth Ministries & is a registered NGO through Gender, Children & Social development

## Future Needs for Hope House Babies Home

- ☺ Funds required for construction of Hope House Babies home.
- ☺ Increase in regular financial support to cover home up-keep and rent
- ☺ Provide a home for children who are not adopted by age 3 years.



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## Banking Details for Donations

Details for donations from; **AUSTRALIA**

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK BSB 086138

A/C NO: 545289203 A/C NAME: AFRICAN GROWTH  
MINISTRIES.

**USA:** Randel Stringer at GOD'S HANDS EX-  
TENDED-HOPE HOUSE. State, "For Hope House"

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## ADOPT-A-COT

The Adopt-a-cot fundraiser has been very successful since we started a few years ago.

For those of you who don't know how it works, people adopt a cot for 8000 kshs per year (\$150 AUD, \$150 US, \$150 CAN, 60 GBP, 85 Euros).

A photo and details of the baby in that cot are sent out with 3 monthly updates on the progress of the baby. When he or she leaves to join the adopted family, details of the next baby in the cot are sent out. Reminders are sent after 12 months to ask if the person wants to continue. Thanks to all of you who support us this way,

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In U.K. Alice Watson. Email; [alice541@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alice541@hotmail.co.uk)

**AUSTRALIANS** when depositing funds in the NAB a/c for Adopt-a-cot, please inform me or Bob Izett by email as some deposits have no information on statement. Thank you. Rosaline

Bob; [bobizett@ozemail.com.au](mailto:bobizett@ozemail.com.au)

## WEEKLY OUTING FOR THE TODDLERS

Once a week we aim to take the 7 oldest toddlers on an outing,



usually to a park where they really enjoy the activities. Most meet the challenge of climbing the slides and going down feet or head first, many times, assisted and observed by the carers, of course.



Morning 'tea' is included, juice and cake or biscuits for the children. These 2 year olds are beautifully behaved, they sit nicely and eat and drink without any problems. When it's time to leave and get back into the van, they all go without any tantrums etc. Of course the van ride is a treat as well!!

## FINANCIAL DEFICIT

HOPE HOUSE HAS EXPERIENCED HUGE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES IN THE PAST QUARTER, WE MANAGED TO PAY THE RENT FOR THE QUARTER THANKS TO KENYA 2ND OILMAN'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT BUT WE ARE ALMOST 4 MONTHS BEHIND IN PAYING OUR STAFF SALARIES. THIS MAKES LIFE DIFFICULT FOR US AS WE DEPEND ON OUR DUES TO FEED OUR FAMILIES, PAY RENT AND BILLS AS WELL AS FARE TO AND FROM WORK.

THIS IS AN APPEAL FOR FINANCIAL HELP FOR WELLWISHERS TO COME TO OUR AID PLEASE SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE GIVING GOOD QUALITY CARE TO THE LITTLE ONES.

IT IS TIME AGAIN TO PAY RENT FOR THE NEXT QUARTER AND WE HAVE A DEFICIT OF 130,000 KES.

WE ALSO HAVE AN OUTSTANDING HOSPITAL BILL WHERE SOME OF OUR CHILDREN WERE HOSPITALISED. WE APPEAL FOR YOUR HELP IN ANY OF THESE AREAS.

WE THANK THOSE WHO FAITHFULLY GIVE REGULARLY TO HELP US TO CONTINUE TO CARE FOR THE BABIES.

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU ALL.

MARGARET NGUNA.. ACCOUNTANT

**DONATIONS CAN NOW BE MADE BY M-PESA DIRECTLY TO OUR PARAMOUNT A/C FOR THOSE LIVING IN KENYA. [DETAILS PAGE ONE FROM OUTSIDE](#)**

Two of our staff, Laizer and one of Nancy, attended a 4 day seminar on

## SEMINAR ON CHARITABLE CHILDRENS INSTITUTIONS

the house manager, our Social workers,

the requirements for legally running a Charitable Children's Institution (CCI). This was a refresher course as we have been adhering to the requirements which include: 1) **Registration** 2) **Documentation** and committal orders on each child. A staff code of conduct and written job descriptions for each staff member. 3) **Short Term Care and protection** while long term solutions are found. e.g. reuniting with biological family; kinship care; foster care; guardianship and adoption. An extension past 3 years of age may be applied for by the CCI before a court of law. 4) **Staff** must have the necessary skills and experience in relation to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children. **CCIs** should employ committed care givers who provide each child with love, care and the needed support. They must as well provide a conducive working environment for it's staff and adhere to all Government labour laws and regulations.

May God open His doors of blessings and shower everyone who supports Hope House in which ever way.

**Thank You**