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WELCOME HOME

We were privileged to welcome 81 new members (39 girls and 42 boys) to the Watoto family on October 1, 2012. The children, ages 6-10 years old, were mainly from the surrounding community and the glimmer in their eyes showed how excited they were about the prospect of a new and better life.

Watoto works hand-in-hand with legal and government bodies in the community to identify vulnerable children that need to be rescued from dire situations. Social workers make regular visits in the communities to assess which children need to join the program.

The children are taken through a transition period at Watoto's Buloba Village where they stay for a one month orientation. Thereafter, they join their new

THE IMPACT

For the first time ever, we are providing our friends in the U.S. with the opportunity to bring the Watoto Market to their home church just in time for the holidays. The Watoto Market is an exciting shopping experience where members of your church can come together to shop for beautiful hand-made scarves, purses, necklaces, bracelets and more for the special people on their Christmas list. All proceeds go to benefit the ministry of Watoto.

Every item in the Watoto Market is hand-crafted by one of the once vulnerable women being cared for by Watoto through our Living Hope program. These items go quickly so be sure to book early!



Book the Watoto Market at your church today by having a member of your church administration team contact usa@watoto.com or call **1-866-492-8686**. To start shopping now visit our online store at www.watoto.com/online-store. Get in the Christmas spirit by giving gifts that rescue lives.

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The Ristos with the choir at Cornerstone church

BEAUTY FOR ASHES

My wife and I have been married for 28 years. We found out when we first got married that we could not have children. We decided to try and adopt and 15 years later we adopted a new-born baby boy!

In Canada where we come from, there is a 21-day waiting period before the adoption is finalized. On day 19 the birth mom decided she wanted her baby back. We were devastated!

Upon moving to the United States to accept a pastoral ministry position, we invited Watoto Children's Choir to our church. Our congregation loved them and our missions committee decided that we should support a child.

As I went through a stack of cards of children, all wanting sponsors, the name Benjamin N. appeared. That was the first name of the baby we wanted to adopt. In loving memory and to turn a tragedy into something beautiful, our missions committee voted to sponsor Benjamin!

He was four years old when we began to support him and five years later he was chosen to be on tour! He came to our church last year on the week of his birthday no less and we told our story and celebrated with him.

The moral of the story: Allow God to turn your ashes into beauty by making the difference in a child's life. This step of faith brought healing to our souls and blessing to Benjamin's life!

Pastors Barry & Debbie Risto
Cornerstone Church, Winchendon, MA

CHRISTMAS LOVE

This season always reminds us of God's love and faithfulness through you, our loyal sponsors and partners. Your continuous love and support has enabled us restore hope to more vulnerable women and children in Uganda. Thank you so much for your generous contribution. As Christmas draws near, we welcome your

monetary contribution to our gift pool through the Watoto US office by calling toll-free **1-866-492-8686** or emailing usa-sponsor@watoto.com.

The funds will be wired to Uganda to be shared among our sponsored individuals in time for Christmas. Please do not send any monetary gifts to Uganda directly.

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Meet Harriet Opon known as 'Hattie', one cial workers at Watot profession, Hattie is a and passionate kind c For Hattie, her work is job but is also her pass eyes literally light up talks of the babies sh grow into happy toad being rescued.

Having joined Watot Hattie is now a pro at does, with a keen eye see and hear what on under normal circum an average day Hattie found picking up an baby at a police stati tal, supervising a gua resettling children or work at one of the ba Commenting on her r says, "The fact that I opportunity to rescue a horrible place and wit grow up, is amazing. lot of joy when I thin future that lies ahead

On a typical day sh at 5:45am and leave by 7:00am. She is at 8:00am and begins to check on the babies by checking e-mails. the day is unpredictable of the nature of her w usually get a call in th the day to go pick up doned premature bab somewhere. I then co details I need before including a discharge letter from the hospi ice letter, I then colle tails I need before ad as a discharge and a from the hospital or p