

Neema House - Geita

2014 – 2015

Second Quarter Work Report

April - June

7 July 2015



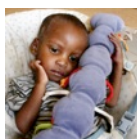
Our New Children

06/05/2015 **Agnes** (3 mos)

Mother died of
AIDS



19/05/2015



Jumanne (1.5 yrs)

Father is blind and
mother is gone

28/05/2015

Gloria (3 mos)

Abandoned



23/06/2015



Elia D. (8 mos)

Abandoned

Improved Security

In May of this year, Neema House built a concrete security wall around the perimeter of our property. Due to the fact that we now have three children with Albinism and there are upcoming elections and, therefore, possibly an increase of attacks on Albinos, we felt it was necessary to do whatever possible to ensure the safety of all of our children. Since the completion of the wall, our staff has felt much more comfortable taking the children outside to play on a daily basis. The wall also helps protect the privacy of the children. We also continue to have three guards at night: two on site with the children and one on our farm located on the adjoining



Medical Officer from Geita doing a routine check on the health of the children at Neema House

Updates on Agnes and Jumanne

When Agnes and Jumanne were placed at Neema House, both were admitted from Geita Hospital and were medically fragile. Though their futures seemed unknown, both children are thriving today.

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April 2015



May 2015



June 2015

Anna – Kharumwa Village

We have continued to visit Neema Anna on a monthly basis to deliver formula to ensure that she receives proper nutrition and to check on her health and welfare at home. Each month, we check her clinic card to ensure that she is being seen by the doctor and receiving all proper nutrition. Since returning to the care of her family in March 2015, Anna has been seen monthly at the

local clinic, has steadily increased weight, and has continued to demonstrate appropriate development. Anna is now 7 months old and is sitting up on her own and smiling frequently. This past month, Anna began sleeping through the night. She has cut two teeth and has gained three kilos since returning home. Though her grandparents are responsible for her primary care, Anna's

mother (age 14) has become much more engaging since our first visit and is able to answer questions about her progress that demonstrates an increased involvement in the care of her child. Neema House will continue to visit on a monthly basis to provide formula until Anna is a year old, at which time we will drop the frequency of our visits down to a quarterly or bi-annual visits.

Possible Family for Happiness Mushi

In 2014, Happiness was found abandoned near the Mushi family's home. Since that time, the Mushi's have expressed an interest in fostering / adopting her. Neema House has been working in connection with the District Social Welfare

Office to pursue this option and complete a full assessment of the family and home. All of the Mushi children are excited about the possibility of adding an additional child to their crew. Neema House has been meeting with the family



frequently to gather information and fully assess the possibility of this family being a long-term placement for Happiness.



Notable Events

In addition to providing the best possible day-to-day care for our children at Neema House, we also are constantly working toward many things, such as: reaching out to family members, exploring long term plans for our children, networking with others in the community, and improving the quality of our care and our facilities. We also keep busy with school activities and engagements with other missionaries. Below is a calendar of our notable events this past quarter.

- **April 1** – Juma's family visited. Yunia and John visited Elia and Miriam.
- **April 3** – First washing machine set up at Neema House
- **April 5** – Easter Sunday meal at Neema House
- **April 7-13** – Visit to Neema House Arusha
- **April 14** – Medical Officer visited Neema House for the first time. NSSF enrolled all new staff for accounts
- **April 21** – Visit Thomas' grandparents
- **April 22** – Receive Neema House License
- **April 23-24** – Pig Slaughter
- **April 25** – John visited Elia and Miriam
- **April 27** – Staff Meeting
- **April 28** – Visit Neema Anna to deliver formula and a mosquito net
- **April 30-May 4** – Hosted Discipleship Making Movement Training in Geita for other Tanzanian missionaries
- **May 1** – Juma's family visited
- **May 4-5** – Interviews for additional staff
- **May 5** – Decorate wall inside Neema House with pictures and child handprints
- **May 6** – Agnes placed at Neema House. Neema and Grace's mother visited.
- **May 11** – Mushi family visited Happiness. Meeting with District Social Welfare Officer
- **May 12** – Yunia visited Elia and Miriam. Agnes' mother passed away in the hospital.
- **May 13** – Began construction on a wall around Neema House
- **May 15** – Home visit / assessment of Mushi family
- **May 16** – Loveness admitted to the hospital for dehydration due to vomiting
- **May 18** – Visit to Thomas' grandparents to discuss long term plans. Loveness discharged from hospital.
- **May 19** – Jumanne placed at Neema House. Coordinated arrangements for Agnes' mother's funeral
- **May 20** – Burial of Agnes' mother. Intensive care of Jumanne at home due to refusal to eat.
- **May 21** – Jumanne's father visited Neema House
- **May 22** – Home visit / assessment of Mushi family. Visit MamKubwa
- **May 23** – Swim Gala at Caleb and Levi's school
- **May 24** – BBQ with families from Geita Gold Mine
- **May 25** – Visit Neema Anna to deliver formula
- **May 26-27** – Trip to Mwanza / Apprentice (Krista) returned to America
- **May 28** – Gloria placed at Neema House. Jeremiah, Juma, and Shija were taken to local health clinic.
- **June 1** – Staff Meeting. Juma's father visited.
- **June 2** – Home visit / assessment of John and Yunia
- **June 4** – Jumanne's father visited
- **June 5-7** – Hosted Families and interns from Mwanza
- **June 9** – Neema and Grace's mother visited
- **June 10** – Levi turned 6
- **June 11-12** – Trip to Mwanza to buy new washing machines for Neema House and obtain Tanzanian driver's licenses.
- **June 14** – Teammates (Hamisons) return to the US for furlough for 2.5 months.
- **June 15** – Resume Swahili lessons 2-3 hours a day for the next 3 weeks
- **June 18-19** – Painting the new small baby home
- **June 19** – Meeting for the Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network (TECDEN)
- **June 20** – Trip to Mwanza to pick up washing machines
- **June 23** – Elia D. placed at Neema House
- **June 24** – Set up two new washing machines for Neema House
- **June 27** – Visit Neema Anna to deliver formula and clothes
- **June 29** – Visit Bright Light Organization / TECDEN Secretary. Neema and Grace's uncle visited.

AGNES



When Neema House was called to the hospital to care for Agnes, her mother, Monika, was a patient in the hospital and was very weak and unable to hold her baby. She was unable to produce milk and therefore was attempting to feed uji to her 3 month old baby. As a result, Agnes was extremely malnourished when she was placed at Neema House. She had sores all over her body, including in her mouth. Agnes is now eating well, demonstrating appropriate development, and has gained over 2 kilos in the past two months.



One week after Agnes was placed at Neema House, her mother passed away from AIDS while at Geita Hospital. Unfortunately, no information was gathered from Agnes' mother about the family history prior to her death and little is known about Agnes' mother other than the fact that her name was Monika. No family ever came forward to claim the body, therefore Neema House helped make the arrangements for the burial and purchased a coffin and appropriate cloth for wrapping the body.

JUMANNE

Geita Hospital called Neema House to help Jumanne when he was admitted for severe malnutrition. Though he was one year and eight months old, he was unable to even hold up his head and was very lethargic. It was discovered that Jumanne's mother had left the family 6 months earlier, leaving him with his father who suffers from failing eyesight. Jumanne's father agreed that he should be placed at Neema House to help him regain his strength. His father is now living in Geita, closer to family and medical resources. Neema House hopes to care for Jumanne until he is strong and healthy and then return him to his family.

Jumanne's family has visited him at Neema House two times since his placement.

In the 6 weeks since arriving at Neema House, Jumanne has begun to crawl and is now also taking steps on his own. He is feeding himself and has a healthy appetite. Neema House has ensured that he attends clinic regularly and has treated him for worms upon the recommendation of the hospital at his discharge.

At this time, Jumanne and Gloria are both only half sponsored. If you are able to help sponsor either of them, you can sign up online at:

<https://app.moonclerk.com/pay/3lfyywhv589>





We are happy to report that Shija and Juma, who were both initially struggling with their adjustment to Neema House (last quarter), are now doing well and are always smiling, laughing, and playing with the other children.

OFFICIAL LICENSE

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Probation and Welfare Division

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The Children's Homes (Regulation) Act. No. 4 of 1968
(Regulation 3(2))

LICENCE TO OPERATE A CHILDREN'S HOME

Name of Licensee: **NEEMA HOUSE TANZANIA**
having applied for a licence to operate a Children's Home known as:

Name of Home: **NEEMA HOUSE DROP IN CENTRE**
and having been found, after due investigation, to meet the requirements laid down under the Children's Home's (Regulation) Act No. 4 of 1968 and the Regulations made thereunder, is hereby licensed to carry on a children's home at:

P.O. BOX 378, GEITA

as such home shall be known as:

Name of home: **NEEMA HOUSE DROP IN CENTRE**

Date: 20TH MAR 2015
In April, Neema House received in the mail our official License to Operate a Children's Home in Tanzania.

Place: **DAR ES SALAAM**

Commissioner for Social Welfare
COMMISSIONER FOR SOCIAL WELFARE
D'SALAAM

This Licence shall be valid for two years from date shown unless previously revoked.
This licence is not transferable.

Update on Elia and Miriam

As previously mentioned (last quarter), this couple, John and Yunia, have expressed an interest in fostering / adopting Elia and Miriam. Neema House has been working in connection with the District Social Welfare Office and the family to complete all necessary assessments to pursue this option for a possible permanent home for these children. John and Yunia have both made multiple visits to Neema House to visit the children (together and separately, when the other is unavailable due to work).

