

Update May 2009

Mary is developing into a fine young girl and we thought it more appropriate at this age for her to live with other girls. Mary obviously enjoys her 5 foster sisters, and together they celebrated her birthday last month. The boys already know Moses from their time together at Open Arms, so he fitted in well as a younger brother and now attends Ladybird International School.

Aubrey continues to make progress and benefits from weekly physiotherapy for his Cerebral Palsy. He still takes the bus to school to be sure he gets there on time, but is now able to walk home with the others which gives him the chance to become more familiar with the area, and of course builds his strength.

Wilson is now the proud owner of a pair of hearing aids which he wears to school. His hearing deficit was noticed at Rose's House where he spoke very quietly, now his confidence is noticeably improved.

Norman continues to be a bright and energetic lad who excels at Mathematics and loves to play football.

Open Arms employs a Teacher to run the nursery school at Harrogate House, Ms Enipher Nasiyaya. She tutors the boys weekly to encourage their academic progress. A TV donated by a volunteer has been a fun addition to the House. It is very pleasant on a Saturday afternoon to hear the children discuss the local soap opera and tell you about the characters. The boys speak English quite well.

Open Arms has had two major developments in the last year, with the opening of a new Infant Home in Manochi and a third Foster House for our school-age long term residents. We now have 80 babies and children in residence, with capacity for 106.