



Johanne, Hosea, and Mateyo (pictured above) are the new poster babies for the Mzuzu Crisis Nursery. Weighing in at under 3 pounds each at birth, it seems miraculous they all survived. Tragically, their 17-year-old mother died following delivery, which in Malawi means they begin life as orphans. Social Welfare turned to the Mzuzu Crisis Nursery and now, 9 months later, all three baby boys are alive and well. Faithful feedings every two hours, occasional return trips to the hospital, and constant TLC from the staff, all contributed to these three little guys not only surviving but thriving.

Following our arrival on Easter Sunday, six footlockers full of North Country love were gratefully received by the Nursery staff. Everything from money to medicine, plastic pants to teddy bears, diapers to dolls, and sweaters to sweets, made our arrival feel like a follow up visit from Santa's elves. In addition to the footlockers full of supplies, thousands of donated dollars provided the necessary cash to give the Nursery infrastructure a much-needed boost. Unsafe cooking pots with bulging bottoms and no handles were replaced with a sturdy new set. Truck maintenance, long delayed, has helped assure safer travel along Malawi's rutted roads. All door and window screens have been replaced to keep marauding, malaria minded mosquitos at bay. A fresh coat of interior paint has helped brighten the Nursery walls as well as the spirit of the staff. These improvements, as well as dozens & dozens of everyday items from brooms to batteries, were all paid for through the gracious giving of partners like you.

With Thanks,
Paul & Darlene Heller