

DORRIDGE SURGERY



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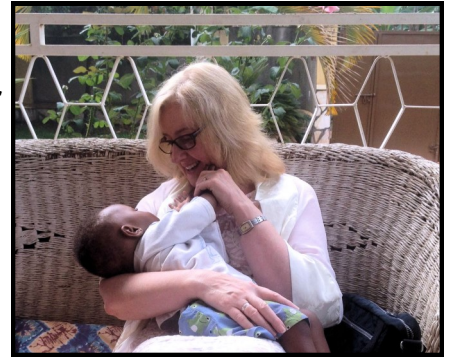
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**Dr Julia Markham has returned
from
Kisoro, Uganda.**



"just to say we had a great time at Potters Village and are finding it rather cool here after the lovely sunny weather in Uganda".

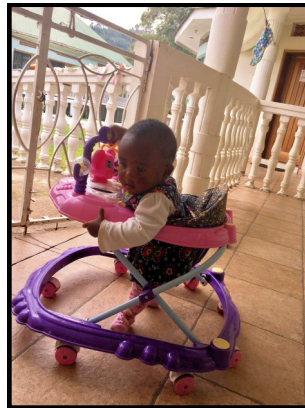
“The paediatric experience was amazing and I learnt a lot. The team out there are able to help lots of small children with infections, gastroenteritis, pneumonia, HIV, malnutrition, and sepsis for a very small cost to the patients. The special care baby unit is able to look after tiny babies as small as 750g and has about 12 cots and incubators.



CUDDLES



SUPER CUTE!



THRIVING IN SPITE OF BEING RESCUED, AS A NEWBORN, FROM A FILTHY LATRINE.



A COOKERY DEMONSTRATION IN THE MALNUTRITION UNIT.

The nurses are highly skilled and competent to manage many cases. Sadly the free government hospitals in Uganda are very under funded. As a result maternity care is not what it could be and new-borns arrive at Potter Village often in a poor state, needing resuscitation. The crisis centre had a regular influx of babies who had either been abandoned or their mothers had died in childbirth. These children are cared for beautifully until they can be returned to extended family members or fostered before the age of two.



THE PAEDIATRIC WARD



DEO, THE LAB TECHNICIAN, HELPING WITH THE DIAGNOSIS.

The donations of nappies and baby clothes were gratefully received. I was able to use some of the money I was given to help a family with transportation costs to Kampala (10 hours away) to seek life saving surgery for their small baby boy with kidney problems and the rest of the money I have donated to Potters Village towards staff salaries so that they can try to employ a local doctor.



BATHTIME

We are so fortunate in the Midlands that we have the Birmingham Children's hospital which has been rated by CQC as excellent. Our children don't have to suffer due to lack of treatment unlike so many in the developing world."



**Abandoned by family,
but still had fun,
causing havoc in the ward.
The smile is so rewarding!**

Thanks for everyone's support.

Dr Julia Markham

Meanwhile.....

Take care.



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