

Baby Gregory and the Cisco Kid

Those of you who know Greg Dow may have heard the story of when he was born. The story goes that he was born early, was very small, and that his head was so tiny that it could fit into a tea cup. He was also born with RH factor, and survived this blood to mother incompatibility. He struggled as an infant but became very wirey and strong. We are blessed to know the man that he is today.

And now the rest of the story! We recently received information from the local chief about orphaned children in a nearby village. Their situation was reported to be extremely desperate. Well the village wasn't quite so nearby but the orphans were real and truly desperate. One was a very tiny boy about three weeks old and on deaths doorstep. The sister was a sickly looking three year old. The mother had just died which means the baby was at extreme risk as his chance of survival on porridge and cows milk was slim. We transported these precious little ones to the hospital for a check up that included blood work, our least favorite task, and we hoped and prayed for a favorable HIV result. The little girl named Cisco, now known as the Cisco Kid, came back with a negative HIV result. The baby came back with a positive result. We were shaken but we knew this blood test was testing only for the antibodies and up until 18 months the babies hold the mothers antibodies in their system. So we took the baby for a second test this time to test for the virus itself. All we could do wait and pray, because in Kenya this test takes three weeks. Praise God the test was negative!

As we nurtured and loved this baby we noticed how small his head was and with his RH factor we naturally began to call him little Gregory. A very small, but now strong little infant whose head could just about fit into a tea cup. The Cisco Kid is fun loving and fast on the draw with a lovely smile and nod.



Praises HIV free!



The Cisco Kid!



The two Gregs!



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Brian on the soup pot

Francis

From Soup   **to Nuts**  



*Gregory our cabbage patch baby!
The garden is bountiful. We couldn't
Resist placing our youngest among
This brilliant crop!*



*Peter & Manny
Big brothers are a big influence on the boys
Everyone who has ever had a big brother knows how
important it is to have a gentle, kind, and fun one!
Peter really fits the bill in all three departments!*



Chris will be serving as school chaplain during his visit. The students are drawn to His zeal for living!



Our little ones really have the life of Reilly!
Brian is multi-talented as he tries to swing
And drink at the same time.

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Happy New Year! We are so blessed this year to be walking in the light of Love. We can truly say His faithfulness is never ending. What's new here? EVERYTHING! We have a new litter of rabbits, thanks to the generosity of Aram and Deb DiGennaro. We have a new school building in progress. We have a new attitude and confidence in all of God's promises.

We have been blest by Peter's return and missionary Chris Cotes visit. Our relocated garden is nice and the earth is so fertile that the veggies are plentiful. We are weaving a fence around it like a basket using cypress branches. Your prayers are sustaining us in a big way and all we can say is thank you so very much!



Brian, Gregory, Mom & Francis



DAD helps an injured lost baby!



Welcome Home Peter and Chris Cote!



Moms are teachers at heart!



Classroom roof begins to take shape!



Dennis, Calvin, Bud, & Duncan



Dad is the favorite all the time!



Gideon, Abigail, and Brian!



Faith and Cisco pray and believe!