



**“Cradle of Love -
A Miracle for Babies in Africa”**

Orphaned and Abandoned Babies – A Desperate Need

A pregnant girl admits herself to the Mount Meru Regional Hospital. Her eyes stare at the cement floor and she doesn't say much, but is given an old metal-framed bed in a large room with ten other women. Spreading her African print cloth over the plastic mattress, she lays down to stare blankly at the fluorescent bulbs on the bare ceiling. She is anxious about her poverty, her unwanted child, her lack of education, the pitiful three dollars a day she eeks out selling sweet-potatoes at the market, and wonders how she will feed the two other young children at home. Another baby, another mouth, another problem. Secretly she knows what she will do. She gives a false name so no one can trace her. She walks out of the hospital and leaves her 'problem' there. She cries, but she will survive – her life depends on having food.

Another baby's slippery body pops into this old world, draws his first breath and cries. The joy of that moment is what every healthy mother longs to hear, but this time disaster waits on the sidelines, the mother begins to hemorrhage, bleeding uncontrollably while the Traditional Birth Attendant anxiously tries to help in that little village house. Her life's blood draining, she slips into darkness and the life of another mother comes to a tragic end. In a moment's time a baby lives and a mother is lost to the clutches of death. Father is left with his five children and now a baby who has no breast to suck, no mother to get warmth from. The chance for this baby to survive has plummeted.

Did the mother have HIV that compromised her immune system? Did she have malaria that weakened her? Did she have high blood pressure or diabetes? Was she just the victim of an unskilled midwife who didn't have the tools, knowledge or drug to save her from disaster? We may not always have the cause of death, but we know there is a baby who is alive. There is a vulnerable baby who can't get milk from grandma's breast, because it is dry. Desperation and poverty join hands and cry for help. Who will help?

Tanzania has about 34 million people, mostly rural, with 50 percent of the population having an estimated daily income of just \$1 per day. Most people do not have an education that passes 7th grade, and that education is severely lacking in quality. Health centers with skilled nurses and medical assistants are far from many villagers. Sometimes they are poorly equipped and don't have enough beds. Transportation

to the health centers is rare, and a woman who starts the journey too late will deliver a baby on the path. Life is cruel.

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Heart Touching Stories of Our Babies

I could write a book about so many of the precious babies so it's hard to choose which ones to choose from. **The best way to enjoy meeting our babies is to see their adorable faces and read their stories on our website: www.cradleoflove.com** But let me take a moment to share just a couple of the stories.



Ready to leave the hospital



cuddly warm in the isolette

Our Quadruplets...

In November 2008, four tiny babies were born out in a Masai village, far away from medical help. Amazingly, this mother gave birth to all four infants normally, and they all survived. Sadly, the mother began to bleed profusely after giving birth, and died.

The family took the three girls and one boy to Mt. Meru Hospital in Arusha, as they were premature. An older sister stayed at the hospital to help care for the babies, who over a months time, gained enough weight to be discharged.

The father came to Cradle of Love to ask us if we could help him with the children. We were ecstatic to get them.

I had a special wood unit built, that fit on top of a changing table. There were lights within to help keep the babies warm and the open front, had protective mosquito netting. All four babies slept side by side in their "cubby". As the babies were so tiny, I kept them at my house for specialized care.

About a month later, the babies were moved to Cradle. One day the little boy, Quin, began having trouble breathing, a sure sign of pneumonia. He was taken to the hospital and put on oxygen, but his small lungs just could not manage and he died. It was devastating. I returned the three girls to my home until they got a bit bigger.

Anya, Nina and Tessa have thrived. Anya and Nina are identical and even the staff have taken to calling them together (Anya-Nina!) as they can't tell them apart. Tessa looks very different from her sisters and has a much quieter personality.

Their doting father comes to visit them every month. I have never met an African man who is so demonstrative and appreciative! Masai men are usually rather stoic. He hugged me and gave a huge smile, every time that he visited.



Our healthy triplets

Lost but Found...

"What in the world is that?" thought Moses as he walked closer to investigate a crumpled cloth on the ground. As he neared, he saw a tiny arm flail out from within the cloth. Bending down, he saw a newborn boy, still covered with birth fluid, and umbilical cord recently cut. Hurriedly he took the baby to his wife, Eleanor who was making breakfast at their farm home in Tengeru, Tanzania. The police soon arrived in response to Moses' phone call. They made a report and told him to take the baby to the government hospital for a medical check-up. The confirmed that he was healthy, and gave him his oral polio and BCG injection (for TB)

"Good morning, Cradle of Love." Director Davona Church answered the ringing of her phone. "This is Sister Rose from the hospital. We have an abandoned baby that we need to send to you today. Can you take him?" "Absolutely. Bring him to us!" replied Davona. Within the hour, Moses and Eleanor arrived with baby Good Luck, wrapped in the cloth he was found in, as well as a warm blanket. He was taken to the newborn nursery at Cradle of Love, bathed, dressed, and snuggled into his own little cot.



Moses Arriving



Moses Having a Bath



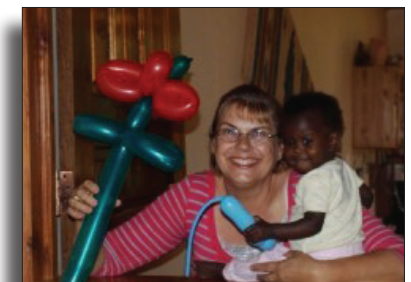
Moses

Cradle will care for his every need until adoptive parents can be found for him within Tanzania.

We will never know what circumstances caused his mother to leave him in a field, but we know that God was watching over this baby so that he would be found, and live! His name may be Good Luck, but we believe that it was not luck that Moses saw this baby, but guidance from God!

Davona's Story

My name is Davona Church and I'd like to share with you my passion for life... babies! Babies who are orphaned or abandoned; babies who have no one to feed and care for them; babies who have no one to hug and kiss them and tell them in a soft voice that they are loved.



Davona with baby 'Happy'

I believe every person has a purpose, a mission, a talent that God can use to help others, but for so many reasons they fail to reach their potential. Usually they are afraid of failure, so excuses finally take the place of faith, and the dream is dashed on the rocks of fear. When I was just a little girl I could sense a burning desire to care for helpless babies and imagined I would find one along the path, and take it home to nurse it to health. The burning dream lay dormant in my heart for years. I wondered where I had inherited such a longing to care for babies until one day I was reading a book my aunt had written about my grandmother. In that book she described how Grandma had often worn an extra petticoat under her dress when she went to school, hoping that she would discover a little helpless baby along the way and have something to wrap it in. I smiled, and tears of joy came to my eyes just to know that the passion for babies might one day be realized in my own life. Somehow I might fulfill the very dream of my grandmother and if she were here I know she would be thrilled.

Another powerful motivator for me was my deeply held belief in God as the loving, merciful creator who cares for every living person, no matter their race or religion. I believe that the best way to demonstrate my love for God is to love those who are weak and vulnerable. When I read James 1:27 (NIV) it makes it crystal clear, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world," as well as Mark 9:37 (NIV), "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

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My passion lay dormant as I started my own family in the United States. I know there is a time for everything, and my time for caring for other people’s babies had not yet come. Some of my skills were realized as I taught Lamaze classes to couples so that they could deliver their babies in a warm and caring way. It would only be in 1985, after five years of working in mission service in Haiti, that a Maternal and Child Health (MCH) project funded by USAID, being run by ADRA, would open the door for me to awaken my sleeping talent. I remember that first baby was a malnourished, near to death child, a barely stretched skin to cover his bony frame and a gaunt face with a vacant stare, we took him into our little mission house. He didn’t survive, no matter what we did for him, he was too far gone. We were at the end of our term in the country so we only took in four babies, but it was the spark that started the fire.

It wasn’t long after moving to Florida that I sought out a foster care program that would let me love more babies, and soon we were patting, burping, changing diapers and bundling babies into our little car to take to church, the store, and the doctor. I was so blessed and so fulfilled! I remember our first little baby whom my husband nicknamed “pooch-a-roo.” Clearly he also had a warm spot for these helpless little ones too! In three years we cuddled and loved 23 little babies while they were waiting to be adopted into loving homes. Even in America there are many young girls who make a hard, but unselfish choice to let their babies have secure and loving homes with parents who have enough love and financial security to provide for them. I loved that time in my life because I was fulfilling my deep heart mission.

In 1991 we were transferred to Malawi in south-eastern Africa where my husband was assigned to be the Country Director for a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO). Transplanted but not dissuaded, I worked along with an OB/GYN to deliver babies in a local hospital, which I absolutely loved! Then finally in 1995 I exclaimed to my bewildered husband, “I want to start a home for orphan babies!” Soon we had borrowed a couple of rooms in his HIV program office that were under utilized, and that was the beginning of a wonderful ministry called “Open Arms Infant Home.” God blessed us as we took in more babies, staff and finally we were thrilled to receive a very large gift from the children of Denmark through ADRA that helped us buy a house, car and all that we needed to become a full home for orphaned and abandoned babies. After 17 years this ministry is still caring for babies and has been an inspiration for other orphan centers in Malawi.

When we returned to the United States in 1998 I quickly registered to become a foster parent again, this time in Maryland. In two years we were blessed with 43 babies in our home, sometimes three at a time. Then in 2001 we moved to Burundi in Africa where we

I am just one person, but I can make a difference!

fostered at least five babies in our home. Finally in 2003 we transferred to Arusha, Tanzania, which is where our most recent adventures begin.

As I remember the many beautiful lives that were placed into our arms I am amazed at the outpouring of God’s gift to me, and how this is still enriching my life as I use my passion for babies to give God the glory! I fondly remember those we first fostered, most of them are living fulfilled lives with their adoptive or extended families and some of the very first babies are grown, married and with children of their own!

A Story of Faith – From Dream to Service

Very near a lush natural forest, along the edge of a fast-flowing stream, just below the 15,000 foot Mount Meru near Arusha, lies a 10-acre plot of land where ADRA Tanzania has its headquarters. Huge trees make fun playgrounds for the smaller gray Vervet and the large brown monkeys that make sport on the vines and leap from the canopies to the lower branches like circus actors. Storks, with their wide expansive black wings extended, swoop in to land on the higher branches and build bungling stick nests for their fluffy fledglings. Horn-bills fly over in pairs, male and female, to land in the lavender flowered jacaranda trees. Huge avocado trees, mulberry bushes, and jackfruit trees all make this little piece of land an inviting sanctuary.

In this natural setting, up near the huge banyan tree I spotted an area that was not being used, and I thought to myself, “hmmm... I wonder if I could build a baby home there?” My administrator husband retorted, “We don’t have any money, how will you do that!?” My faith answer was, “God will provide, that’s His work. I will take care of what he gives me.” Within a short time we cared for orphaned babies in our home. With 12 babies crying, needing changing, love and care, we had to find a better solution, so I contacted the organization who owned the land and asked them if they would allow us to build Cradle of Love Baby Home on that small area of land. A lawyer put together an agreement and soon there was a ground-breaking ceremony, complete with gold-sprayed shovels, speeches and ribbons. A dream was born of faith and a passion flamed.

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Ground Breaking



Cradle main building

Slowly gifts began trickling in, and as they did, I built. When we ran out of money we stopped. Finally on my birthday, December 8, 2005 we officially entered the lower level of Cradle of Love Baby Home! What a thrill to finally be in our own facility designed specifically for those little ones. It would be later that we would complete the upper floor where the volunteers would stay.

I was so grateful to God for rewarding my faith.

Our intake of babies rose as Cradle provided enough beds, rooms and Caregivers to meet the need. I'm not sure how many we had at that date, but since then we have cared for more than 200 babies and currently have 47 babies and 35 staff members at the time of this writing. I was so grateful to God for rewarding my faith.

Our Caring Tanzanian Staff

The most important aspect of Cradle of Love is the quality of care that is given to our babies. This means that I insist on my staff meeting the highest quality standards. We have 35 staff members, including; 24 Caregivers, a Housekeeper, three Laundry staff, two Cooks, a Nurse, a Staff Supervisor, a Social Worker, and two Guards.

Caregivers work in three rotating shifts of eight people per shift. This allows me to meet the government employment standards and each group can work as a team. Every Caregiver has "her babies" so that she is responsible for their safety, nutrition, and the children can feel secure to know who their "mother" is. Caregivers are given uniforms and we promote high levels of personal hygiene to help prevent babies getting sick. Certain Caregivers are assigned to a separate nursery for the babies who are under 6 months of age. Visitors are allowed to see the babies through a viewing window, or must scrub and gown before entering the nursery. This helps in keeping the vulnerable babies from being infected with viruses.

I greatly appreciate my Tanzanian staff, and I think that they appreciate having the work. I wish I could pay them more, but that depends so much on the donations that we receive, and maybe in time we can do much better.

Volunteers – A Great Blessing

I don't know what I would have done without volunteers. Over the past eight years I have been blessed with about 85 ladies stay in the apartments, but also a large number of day-volunteers who have done a wonderful job. They come from so many countries, including; Australia, Denmark, Norway, Netherlands, Germany, Spain, United States, Canada, and England. Once in a while I have also had the good fortune to have a man pitch in with handy work, like building a sidewalk or a playground. Not only do volunteers give valuable help with caring for the babies, doing laundry, helping at meal times or taking children for walks, but they also are extremely valuable in raising substantial support for the operating costs.



Another Caring Volunteer

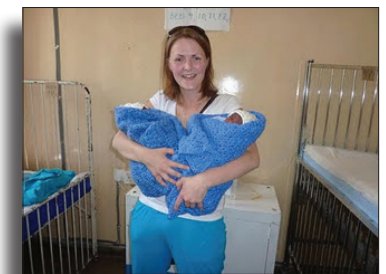
Volunteers pay all of their own expenses, including airfare, work permit, food and also contribute to the utilities. Mature ladies who get along well with each other and the staff are very much appreciated, and some have even returned several times to volunteer again. Volunteers stay and work anywhere from three months to a year, and there is usually a waiting list for people to come. Overall, volunteers continue to be a real blessing.

How Does Cradle of Love Receive Babies?

Cradle of Love accepts babies using strict criteria and proper documentation. The babies that Cradle accepts must be either;

- a) orphaned (the mother has died)
- b) abandoned (no one knows who the relatives are)
- c) seriously endangered (the child is at very high risk of dying or being abused)

We require documentation from Social Welfare Services and the Village Headman showing the death certificate and a letter authorizing Cradle to accept the baby into care. Families who have lost their sister or daughter, or husbands whose wife has died, come to Cradle for help. Sometimes organizations who work in villages, bring us needy infants. Other times abandoned babies are left in the hospital and Cradle is called to collect the child, which requires a written authorization from Social Welfare and the hospital.



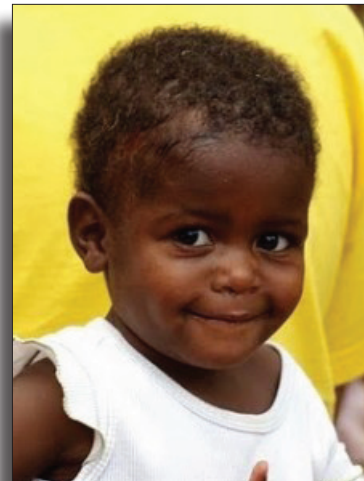
Mount Meru hospital refers babies to Cradle

If the police are delivered an abandoned baby who is discovered, then a letter from the police is also required. I am very careful about getting the right documents so that we are not simply a baby-sitting service for overworked mothers. We always ask for the names of relatives, contact information, and ask what the plans are of the family to take back the child or allow the child to be adopted out. Usually they will claim to want the child back, but sometimes they are unable to care for the child and then choose adoption.

Many times babies are brought to us very malnourished, but in a few months, they are healthy and happy. Pendo is one example.



Emaciated Pendo



Pendo, a Few Months Later

There is no fee to families for the care of the children. If they are able to bring bananas or some other token gift, then we are grateful and realize that they have done what they could, but we know that they are destitute and that is why we are here.

What Happens to the Babies After Cradle?

We employ a Social Worker who takes time to visit extended family who have a child in our care. She encourages them to make plans to take the child back soon after he/she is walking and eating solid foods, if they can manage to do that. For those who don't have known family, Cradle informs potential adoptive families to follow the procedures of Social Welfare to apply for adoption, but not to become attached to any one child before they are approved.

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This is challenging for some people, but is a lesson that I learned early on that has saved some from heartache.

The Government of Tanzania does allow adoption, but only for families who are residents of Tanzania. They do not allow adoption by single foreign women. Judges do vary in their application of these laws, but Cradle tries it's best to support the national laws, even when they are not ones that we would prefer.



Hope

There is one final option, for those who cannot return to their extended families or who are not given permission by the family for adoption, and that is to let them go into long-term foster care in another approved orphan care facility or school. I have had some children move to a home for Masai girls that is run by a fine German lady, and others go to S.O.S. Village or Havilah Village. I am very careful about checking the quality of home that we send them to, as these children mean so much to me!

HIV, Illnesses, Hygiene and Medical Care

We accept any child who meets our criteria, no matter their medical condition. Yes, we accept babies who have HIV or AIDS. If we know that they are HIV positive we take them to the "Dream Centre," an Italian private clinic to treat HIV patients. Their blood CD4 count is monitored and they receive free medications, which our staff administer.

In order to reduce the transmission of common flu, skin diseases, or other easily communicable diseases, we have a completely separate nursery unit where the babies who are under 6 months are kept. Staff in the nursery unit are very careful with hygiene and wear scrub uniforms. Outdoor footwear is not worn inside the unit. I have seen the babies do much better with this protective approach. We also have an isolation room where we can put children who are sick, for their own sake and for the protection of others.

Caregivers are taught how to keep their hands clean while working and they wear a uniform which is changed into when arriving at work. They always clean their hands well before feeding the babies. Staff in the large kitchen

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are also very careful with the food, utensils and bottles.



Newborn Nursery

We have a full-time nurse on staff who watches for any signs of illness every day. She also weighs babies who are under-weight or on special diets. The medical room is equipped with charts, medical supplies and scales. If a child is not improving, he/she is quickly taken to a local medical center for treatment by a Medical Assistant or Doctor.



Bedroom, Babies in Cozy Cots

Each child has his or her own bed and sleeps under a treated mosquito net every night. The windows in the bedrooms are screened.



Outdoor Fun!

Babies are taken out into the sunshine whenever the weather allows. Behind Cradle there is a wonderful flat area with swings and a wooden playground. We have also planted trees that offer some shade and in the years to come will be even more helpful. The children sometimes enjoy blowing bubbles, playing in a shallow wading pool, or chasing a ball. There are pretty flowers, monkeys and other interesting things for the children to enjoy. This outdoor time is one of the ways that we help them to stay healthy.

When the rainy seasons come, there is plenty of room to play inside!

Unfortunately, sometimes babies die. Despite our best attempts to keep every child alive and well, some will succumb. We immediately contact the relatives or Social Welfare to report the death and ask what they would like for us to do. Sometimes they ask us to bury the baby on our own property, and other times the family comes to Cradle to collect the child and perform their own ceremony. Usually the family thanks Cradle staff and sympathizes with our loss. The tragedy of death is not always within our control to prevent.



Playroom

Managing Decisions, Money, Staff and Supplies

We have established a Board of Directors who meet quarterly for major directional decisions. The Board is a cross-section of professionals, both national and international, who have a sincere concern for the future of Cradle.

We hold monthly general staff meetings, but we also have leadership meetings nearly every two weeks. Because there is enough interaction between lead staff on a daily basis, and such a good working environment, many operational decisions are made as they happen.

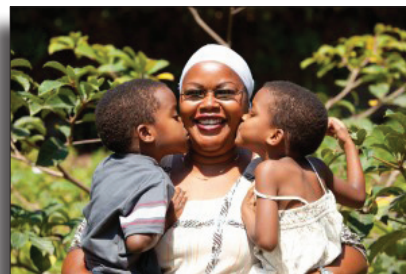
As the Founder and Director of Cradle of Love I have worked hard to surround myself with leaders who are responsible and trustworthy, which is where we are now. I'm proud of my assistants who make Cradle the quality care facility that it is, so I want to tell you about them and what they do.

There is **Batilda**, who is our Nurse. She has been with us for about two years. She is a single lady who really cares about the babies and has proved it by taking in three of our older orphans into her own home, one being a disabled girl who has cerebral palsy, and the other two are HIV positive.

A new lead staff member is **Upendo**, our Social Worker. True to her profession, she is good at learning everything she can about each baby and



Batilda



Mama Mussa and kissing kids

following up with the extended families and Social Welfare to place our children. She is a good communicator and also loves spending time with the children when she is not out in the field.

My son **Brendon** has volunteered to handle our finances until I return from my leave. He works closely with Claire to make sure the expenses are paid and nothing stops the program from running. He also updates our website with current photos, does shopping for Cradle and takes care of the vehicle.

I will share more later about the details of the costs to operate Cradle, but the summary now is that it takes approximately \$7,000 to operate Cradle every month. I praise God that we have always had enough to provide for all the costs, but we've rarely had much more than we needed. Many times I would go to the bank thinking that we had much less than we needed, but when the balance was told to me I was amazed at the wonderful God I serve and the very kind people who sacrifice to make it happen.

We keep track of all our income and expenses using Quicken accounting software. We enter our expenses weekly and can show a breakdown of all expenses and income to our donors. We use Standard Chartered Bank in Arusha to receive our funds, and statements are available also to show the income portion. We also have a place in the United States, called "GEM Resources" where donations can be made into a 501(c3) which allows for tax deductions. One hundred percent of the donated funds come to Cradle with absolutely no deductions for GEM's administrative costs.

Our personal old Land Cruiser Prado is used to do shopping in Arusha, which is about 12 miles away from our campus. Cradle doesn't own a car yet, but maybe that will come in the future. Some of the supplies we buy are; baby formula, milk powder, cleaning supplies, rice, beans, sugar and whatever else the babies need. Our cook goes weekly to the outdoor market to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables for Cradle. We keep all food items and medicines under lock and key and only what is need for that day, is taken out.

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We have two watchmen who guard the gate, control all people and goods going in and out, and also do the yard work. They seem to enjoy doing both jobs and they are a pleasant addition to the Cradle family. They are the “father” figures for the children.

Naturally, there have been times when staff members are not performing well and have been fired. One challenge is conforming to the many employment regulations that meant to protect staff. We strive to abide by these rules, but it is not always easy.

Legal registration, ownership, license

In 2004 I requested permission to establish Cradle on church property which was granted in the form of legal agreement, officially signed and stamped by both Cradle, and the church. It establishes that the property and buildings must continue to be used as a baby home and that I remain the Director until I resign, retire, or for some other reason am not able to run Cradle. There is no time limit on the agreement.

There are two government registrations and one contract that comprise the legal status of Cradle. The first registration is as a Non-Profit Limited Company. The second is a Children’s Home license from Social Welfare. This license is in my name and is renewed every two years.

Challenges – a Part of Life

Power outages is one of our most difficult challenges. We have a generator that is helpful for basic lighting, running one washing machine, refrigerator and computer. We use propane tanks for our cooking, which is very helpful. Power can be out for many hours every day, which translates into a lot of laundry that gets backed up!

Another challenge is the rising cost of baby formula and other items. Specifically, baby formula is a major expense, but no alternative is available that still gives the infants the nutrition that they need so much. The older children can drink powdered whole milk, juice, fruits and water, but the younger ones need their Lactogen baby formula. The price of one can has risen to USD\$12, making it a costly need.

People Who Make Cradle of Love Possible

I could not possibly tell you about every person who has poured out a love gift to Cradle. My temptation is to just highlight those who gave the largest gifts, but this would be so unfair to those who had less to give, but still reached deep into their pockets to give a smaller gift.

Almost every donation has come from individuals. However, a few years ago we were blessed with a large donation through ADRA International from their “Gift Catalog” that they put out at Christmas. With that money we purchased a years supply of baby formula. Thank you ADRA!

One of my favorite people in the world who supports Cradle is my personal friend Noni who lives in Oregon. She, more than any other person has given consistently large donations that have carried us through month to month. Thank you Noni!

An original approach that we have enjoyed is when a Tanzanian couple gets married, after the reception they come to the baby home, hold the babies and give rice, beans, milk, and fruit. They even have their photos taken on our property! What a way to begin a marriage – by giving and caring! Thank you wedding parties!

Once we had the Duke and Duchess of Luxembourg and their three children visit the babies. They are the second richest monarchy in Europe. They stayed for a few hours and they also made a modest gift to Cradle. Thank you royal family!

A couple of times a year the students of St. Constantine, a private high school, come to play with the babies and to give bundles and bags of wonderful gifts for Cradle. Thank you Students!

One year a family from New Jersey came on safari, but wanted to leave something that would make a lasting difference. They came to Cradle during the summer while I was on vacation in the United States. They spent time holding the babies, and playing with the toddlers. Later that year they wrote a letter asking me what they could do to help. As a result, they gave us some stocks to sell and we were able to build our second building where the nursery, pre-school, and laundry rooms are located. Thank you generous friends from New Jersey!

While Kim was traveling in first class on a flight to Europe she sat next to the owner of a very large Norwegian company and in her gregarious way she bubbled over about her love of Cradle. You see, she adopted a child from Cradle, which has made her family’s life so much fun. When asked what Cradle might need she said, “an industrial washing machine.” Next thing I knew, a washing machine was sent, fully paid, including the air cargo, to Tanzania. Thank you corporation executive and also to Kim for sharing about Cradle and for your personal enormous donation!

How Can I Help Cradle of Love?

There are many ways that you can help Cradle continue to care for the babies and improve the quality of care. Some people think that donating clothing or toys would be a direct way to help the babies, but in reality we have enough clothes and toys at this time and we have other needs that are more pressing. Both small and large gifts are appreciated.

One way to help is to hold fund raising events of any kind. You have friends, church members, societies and others who would be pleased to help the babies, but they have never heard about Cradle. That's why I prepared a DVD and brochures for you to use in raising funds. Just let me know and I will send them to you to use.

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Here are the needs of Cradle in an easy-to-read listed format. The total cost is about \$7,150 per month. I've written the list in the order of highest to lowest need for financial support:

Expense	Cost per month
Salaries	\$ 3,634
Disposable diapers / nursery	180
Social Security for Staff	764
Baby formula	800
Electricity	320
Food	180
Diesel & transportation	200
Medicines and hospital	133
Repairs	125
Cleaning Supplies	96
Propane	100
Internet	67
Income Tax	40
Petrol for generator	14
Other costs	500
AVERAGE TOTAL...	USD 7,143 per month

I also would like to complete the construction of the Cradle Director's residence. I have been able to roof the house but need to complete the interior construction. I estimate that it will take about US\$15,000 more to finish it off and furnish it completely. This house will be for our family for now, and for any future director. The house includes a one bedroom efficiency apartment for a couple, or a male volunteer. I would also like to increase the salaries for my staff to a more reasonable level.



Cradle Director's house

There are times when gifts-in-kind have been very helpful. Certainly when people in Tanzania come by to donate food or supplies, it is greatly appreciated! Sometimes specific gifts are given that make a huge difference, such as a large washing machine, a generator, or a box of baby formula.

Here is the address for GEM Resources where tax deductible donations to Cradle can be made in the United States:

GEM Resources
For: Cradle of Love Baby Home
Box 61
Berrien Springs, MI 49103
U.S.A.

Please make sure that your gift is marked for Cradle of Love. GEM's tax # is 38-3114488. The funds are then transferred monthly to Tanzania to be used for Cradle. A receipt will be sent to you from GEM and a note of appreciation will come from me in Tanzania. You can donate through GEM Resources on-line using Paypal (3% of your donation is taken for Paypal's overhead).

If you prefer sending your gift directly to the account of Cradle in Tanzania, the address is:

Name of Bank: Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania Ltd
Swift Address: SCBLTZTX
Account Name: Cradle of Love Baby Home
Account Number: 8752014770500

Donation by credit card is a secure way to donate and you can do this by logging into: www.firstgiving.com/cradleoflove

Thank you for working with us to meet the needs of the babies and continue with this ministry.

What You can Expect from Cradle of Love as a Donor and How to Contact Us

Every gift is personally acknowledged and thanked because every gift is an act of love. Thank you for working with us to meet the needs of the babies and continue with this ministry. You can also be sure that your gifts will be used only for Cradle, accounted for properly, and you may contact us at any time for pictures or other materials that you need. We want you to be able to know what is happening at Cradle, so we offer you various ways to keep in contact with us. The best way is to follow our updates on our website, since we keep that current:

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"Orphans are easier to ignore before you know their names. They are easier to ignore before you see their faces. It is easier to pretend they're not real before you hold them in your arms. But once you do, everything changes." ~David Platt