

## A MIRACLE FOR TOM

Tom Bagalana was a happy, active boy until August 2015, when he fell from a tree into a cooking fire.

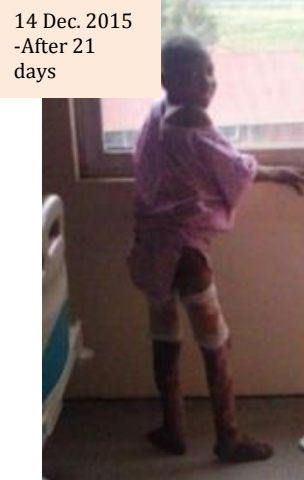
The local hospital could not help, so he was referred to the national Mulago Hospital in Kampala for treatment. Being the 9<sup>th</sup> child of a single peasant farmer mother, the family could afford neither the transport to Kampala nor the cost of treatment there, so Tom was taken home with only injectable penicillin as treatment.



Rays of Hope Hospice Jinja first learned about Tom a few months later when he was in severe pain. We were able to control his pain, but he urgently needed treatment for the severe, septic burns on his legs.

We approached the private Nile International Hospital in Jinja, and they agreed to treat Tom for free. He was admitted on 23 November, 2015 - this is when the miracle began.

With professional care, the septic wounds on Tom's legs began to heal. Only three weeks later he started to walk again, and seven weeks later he was back home with his friends. Now, with the support of Rays of Hope, Tom is back in school. He is strong and happy again, doing well in class – and also on the football field.



May 2017 Tom is doing well in school – here with his class mates (in front with long pants) and outside school with Nurse Esther