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Another reason for this orphanage to be one of those we visit. I would certainly like to talk to the director more about this. Linda, do you know which agencies use this orphanage? Abby

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Abby,
Last week I spoke at the length with the orphanage director from Kebebe Tsehaye government-run orphanage (RE: the needs of the orphanage and how money raised could best be spent). In the course of the conversation, he mentioned that they haven't received any new babies in over a month. Babies are typically brought in by local police, and the average is about 2-3 babies per week. The director is convinced that the police are being paid by private agencies to bring the babies to them. As evidence, he cited that he was at a police station recently and ran into a friend of his who runs a private orphanage. He reasoned that his friend had no legitimate reason to be at a police station.

Not sure of the validity of this claim, but thought I'd share in case you want to bring up this issue of corruption with government officials- yet another reason to become party to the Hague convention.

Thanks,
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