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Mulago Hospital
Uganda Heart Institute
Kampala, Uganda

17 Children Treated

March 2015 Uganda Training Visit

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Our heartfelt thanks to the visiting team from the Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, DC, Heart Healers International and World Children’s Initiative for traveling 7,200 miles to share their knowledge and skills with the Ugandan healthcare professionals and provide hope to Ugandan children and their families.

**VISITING TEAM:**

*Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon*: Dr. Pranava Sinha  
*Pediatric Cardiologist*: Dr. Craig Sable  
*Cardiology/ICU Fellow*: Dr. Asha Nair  
*Intensivist*: Dr. Jennifer Schuette  
*ICU Fellows*: Dr. Joanna Tylka, Dr. Sherrill Gutierrez  
*Anesthesiologist*: Dr. Ellen Rawlinson  
*Perfusionist*: Gerald Mikesell  
*OR Scrub Nurse*: Alisa Bruce  
*ICU Nurses*: Roel Cabulang, Lynda Dattilio, Krista Cato, Bethany Kannen, Cabrina Cacioppo  
*Biomedical Engineer*: Oswaldo Rivera  
*WCI Cath Lab Team*: Deep Gulasekaram, Dr. Kanishka Ratnayaka, Dr. Jattu Senesie, Tanuj Chopra, Sedi Pak, Daniel Sage, Charles Fleming

**UGANDAN TEAM:**

*Pediatric Cardiac Surgeons*: Dr. Omagino O.O.John (Director), Dr. Tom Mwambu, Dr. Michael Oketcho, Dr. Alfredo Omo, Dr. Magala John Paul  
*Pediatric Cardiologists*: Dr. Peter Lwabi, Dr. Sulaiman Lubega, Dr. Aliku Twalibu (resident)  
*Anesthesiologists*: Dr. Cephas Mijjumbi, Dr. Ejoku Joseph, Wadia Moses (Anesthetic Nurse)  
*Perfusionists*: Muura Pascaline, Wambuzi Sam  
*ICT Technician*: Enoch Kibalizi  
*Scrub Nurses*: Obwin John, Oyang Ben, Eva (Nurse Assistant)  
*ICU Nurses*: Among Grace, Ayikoru Leila, Ayaa Kate, Komugabe Penninah, Namanda Cissy, Munduru Jane F, Sendege Alex, Nawakonyi Susan, Samalie Kitoleeko, Ann Oketayote, Mwina Rachel, Sarah Namatovu, Annet Namuli  
*General Ward Nurses*: Munduru Gertrude (Nurse Supervisor), Nalule Grace, Berna Namayanja, Namukwaya Harriet, Nyakakye Catherine, Nalubega Madina  
*Cath Lab Nurses*: Musoke Leticia, Namuli Flavia, Nakiisige Monica, Nabulya Edith, Wesana Charles  
*Cath Lab technicians*: Kirenzi Daudi, Kalogo Paul  
*Cath Lab Physist*: Ndagire Hadja  
*X-Ray*: Maderu Paul  
*Physiotherapists*: Kasinta Richard, Omo ding Herbert, Semakula Eric  
*Procurement Officer*: Okwaro Edward, Birungi Suzan  
*Secretariat*: Anne Buhinya, Nakabuye Robinah  
*Biomedical*: Milad Nashat (Engineer), Robert Malungu (Technician), Juuko Denis, Achom Rose  
*Pharmacy*: Afidraa Philip, Imenyo Beatrice, Eleth Nyirankusi  
*Laboratory*: Kebba John, Faisal Nyanzi, Aol Lillian, Anyido Benson  
*Records*: Jaika Patrick, Akello Florence, Nabawanuka Zam  
*Stores*: Ngobi Bob, Kalinda Baptista, Mubiru Martine, Susan Birungi  
*ECG Echo Nurses*: Atim Grace, Anyayo Sylvia, Mwesige Beatrice, Bonabana Zilpa  
*Dietician*: Denis Musoga

Our sincere thanks to the doctors, nurses and administration from the Uganda Heart Institute for their support, coordination and teamwork to help make this mission a success.
Expanding Our Reach to Provide Hope to More Ugandan Children

Since 2009, Gift of Life International and our global partners have conducted 18 training visits, acquired $800,000 in essential equipment, supplies and medications and treated over 580 Ugandan children. During the March 2015 training visit to the Uganda Heart Institute (UHI), 17 Ugandan children were treated for their heart ailments. Global partners worked collaboratively with the team at UHI to provide hope to these children and their families. While doing so, the transfer of skills took place between the visiting teams and Ugandan teams to further empower local healthcare professionals to treat the children with heart disease in their own country.

We wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to the visiting healthcare professionals from Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, DC. The US-based team led by Pediatric Cardiologist, Dr. Craig Sable once again made the long journey to continue the training of the local pediatric cardiac surgery and aftercare teams.

We are also grateful for the partnership of the World Children’s Initiative led by Deep Gulasekaram, Dr. Kanishka Ratnayaka and Dr. Jattu Senesie who have initiated a training program for the Catheterization Lab team at UHI and provided assistance with the procurement of Cath Lab supplies and devices.

While children were being treated at UHI, members of the Children’s National Medical Center team expanded their reach to the Gulu District in Northern Uganda where they addressed another of Africa’s major health concerns - Rheumatic Heart Disease.

Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) is a preventable valvular heart disease, yet millions of children are affected worldwide. Data suggests that over 130,000 school-aged children in Uganda already have definite RHD. Extrapolating to all of Africa, there are at least 3,000,000 children affected. Fortunately, there are low-cost ways to decrease the burden of RHD. “SToP (Screening, Treatment, and Prevention) RHD Uganda” builds on the Uganda Heart Partnership, Children’s National’s longstanding collaboration with the Uganda Heart Institute. We have strong existing partners and a track-record of success in Uganda. In Gulu, Northern Uganda, we have established a team of on-the-ground experts, an RHD and penicillin clinic, a telemedicine partnership and a great deal of community support including many local Rotary volunteers. Children’s National has the tools needed to expand these efforts to create a regional model for sustainable RHD education and screening.
JUSTINE
2 years old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: March 9, 2015

AUGUSTINE
2 months old
Diagnosis: Cor Triatriatum
Date of Surgery: March 7, 2015

ERICK
14 years old
Diagnosis: TOF
Tetrology of Fallot
Date of Surgery: March 6, 2015

IBRAHIM
17 months old
Diagnosis: PDA
Patent Ductus Arteriosus
Date of Surgery: March 4, 2015

CHILDREN WHO NOW HAVE HOPE
CHRISTIAN
3 years old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Surgery:
March 9, 2015

CIARRA
7 years old
Diagnosis: DORV
Double Outlet Right Ventricle
Date of Surgery:
March 10, 2015

SHARIF
8 years old
Diagnosis: TOF, PS
Tetrology of Fallot, Pulmonary Stenosis
Date of Surgery:
March 5, 2015
ROSE
8 years old
Diagnosis: Bacterial Pericarditis
Date of Surgery: March 10, 2015

KISAKYE
3 years old
Diagnosis: VSD Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Surgery: March 11, 2015

PRECIOUS
16 years old
Diagnosis: TOF, VSD Tetrology Repair, severe pulmonary & tricuspid regurgitation, moderate VSD
Date of ICU Medical Management: March 10, 2015

DESTINY
4 years old
Diagnosis: VSD Ventricular Septal Defect, Cor Triatriatum, Dextrocardia, Heterotaxy
Date of ICU Medical Management: March 10, 2015
MOREEN
6 years old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Cath Procedure:
March 3, 2015

FIONA
8 years old
Diagnosis: Tricuspid Atresia
Date of Cath Procedure:
March 4, 2015

ZAINA
16 years old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
Date of Cath Procedure:
March 3, 2015

ABDUL
1 month old
Diagnosis: PS
Pulmonary Stenosis
Date of Cath Procedure:
March 6, 2015

GLORIA
3 years old
Diagnosis: PDA
Patent Ductus Arteriosus
Date of Cath Procedure:
March 5, 2015
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Our sincere thanks to the many organizations, individuals, healthcare professionals, Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts and Gift of Life programs who have helped ensure these Ugandan children and their families have hope for a healthy future.
THANK YOU FOR GIVING US HOPE AND A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE!
Developing a Sustainable Pediatric Cardiac Surgery, Catheterization and Aftercare Program in Uganda