JORDAN MISSION REPORT
MARCH 3 - 6, 2019
AL KHALIDI MEDICAL CENTER
AMMAN, JORDAN

5 Children Treated

Thank you to the Local Team from Al Khalidi Medical Center

Dr. Khaled Salaymeh - Cardiologist
Dr. Sami Rababa - Anesthesiologist
Dr. Rajai Sumran - Anesthesiologist
Hani Al Atrash - Perfusionist
Moawiya Ali - Perfusionist
Hanan Abu Amer - OR Nurse
Isam Subh - OR Nurse
Iynas Ghnaima - OR Nurse
Rami Ganem - Head ICU Nurse
Iyad Rasheed - Charge Nurse
Mohamad Zyoud - Charge Nurse
Mohanad Shamrock - Charge Nurse
Alaa Hazaymeh - ICU Nurse
Mohamad Shorman - ICU Nurse
Anas Azayzeh - ICU Nurse
Yousef Khader - ICU Nurse
Baker Kanani - ICU Nurse
Hibba Balout - ICU Nurse
Mais Al Basha - ICU Nurse
Ayah Al Bobali - ICU Nurse
Noor Abu Azab - ICU Nurse
Yasmin Qadseh - ICU Nurse
Hadeel Battah - ICU Nurse
Manar Al Saidi - ICU Nurse
Samah Al Far - ICU Nurse
Hiyam Ahmad - ICU Nurse

Thank you to the Visiting Team

Dr. Victor Tsang - Surgeon
Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children - London, England
Dr. Andrei Barsan - Surgeon
Grigore Alexandrescu Hospital - Bucharest, Romania
Dr. Ian Gavin Wright - Anesthesiologist
Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children - London, England
Dr. Riad Lufti - Intensivist
Riley Hospital for Children - Indianapolis, Indiana
Dr. Anne Farrell - Pediatric Cardiologist
Riley Hospital for Children - Indianapolis, Indiana

Healing Little Middle Eastern Hearts
Healing Little Syrian Hearts

The March 2019 Medical Mission to Al Khalidi Medical Center in Amman, Jordan was the second of a series of medical training missions sponsored through a Rotary Global Grant. A total of 5 Syrian children were treated for their heart ailments during this “mini” mission week.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the wonderful visiting team led by Dr. Victor Tsang for their dedication to the children with heart disease in this region. Team members from London, England; Bucharest, Romania and Indianapolis, Indiana joined together to heal the hearts of five precious Syrian children who otherwise had no hope. Thank you to the doctors and nurses at Al Khalidi Medical Center for your commitment to healing the hearts of children in or near their country of birth. A very special thank you to Chain of Hope UK for your partnership and support.

While these missions provide hope to children with heart disease and to their families, they also send a message of peace and love to families whose daily struggles are more than most of us can imagine.

Thank you to all Rotary Global Grant partners, Gift of Life Amman, led by Na’el Musharbash and Gift of Life Indiana, led by Dr. Stephanie Kinnaman who have helped make it possible to heal these precious little hearts.
Aghyad was born in Amman, Jordan, 1 month ago. His mother is from Homs, Syria and his father is from Deer Alzour, Syria. They met in Jordan in 2015 and got married. They have another boy who is 2 yrs old. Father studied Arabic literature and was a teacher in Syria but escaped Deer Azour and never finished university. The pediatrician heard a murmur at 2 weeks of age and diagnosed with coarctation. His mother said this child makes her "feel like a mom" because he knows when she's there.

Firas, 6 yr old Syrian boy with discrete membranous subaortic stenosis (DMSAS). Essentially he has a membrane of tissue that has developed below his aortic valve and is obstructing blood flow through the aorta. He can also develop leakage of his aortic valve due to the membrane-so it is usually removed before that happens. His surgery went very well-a large membrane was removed and the valve now has no leakage or narrowing.
Mariam was born in Irbid, Jordan. Family is originally from Dara, Syria and moved to Jordan in 2013. She is their only child and the mother lives with her mother and brother. Mariam's father works in Kuwait. Mom cannot visit him because of Visa reasons, and he usually visits every 8 months. She was diagnosed with a murmur at age 2 months, and then had surgery with a PA band right afterwards by Czech mission team in May, 2018. She has had symptoms of breathing fast and not gaining weight. Her mother says she is very good-but spoiled and picky eater.

Ameer was also born in Irbid, Jordan and his family is also originally from Dara, Syria (south where revolution started). They moved to Jordan in 2012. Dad works in Kuwait and is visiting now for the surgery. Mom cannot visit due to Visa issues as well, and dad visits every 6-8 months. He has 3 other brothers, ages 6-12 and the grandmother watches the children. The parents told Dr. Riad last night that he never sleeps - only 1-3 hours a day and very active!! He was diagnosed with a murmur at 6 weeks of age and then his heart defect was found. He has had significant failure to thrive. Hopefully that will now change and he'll gain weight easily!
Shaima'a is a 16 month old Syrian girl with Down syndrome and a complete AVC defect, essentially a very large hole between the lower chambers and smaller hole between the upper chambers. Her family now lives in Irbid, Jordan and is also originally from Dara, Syria and moved to Jordan in 2012. She has 3 older sisters, but her father said he loves her the most.
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In Amman, Jordan

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