Healing Little Hearts in Nairobi, Kenya

January 22 - 30, 2022

Together We Save Lives

11 Children Treated

Gertrude Children’s Hospital
Nairobi, Kenya

Gift of Life International Training Visit Report
The January 2022 training visit to Gertrude Children’s Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya was the second Gift of Life surgical visit to Kenya. The visiting team from Cairo, Egypt was led by Gift of Life Egypt Chair, Rotarian and Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon, Dr. Hesham Shawky. During the week-long visit, 11 children were successfully treated for their heart ailments. In October 2021, Dr. Shawky traveled to Nairobi with his screening team to evaluate 106 children. In November 2021, Dr. Shawky and his team returned to treat 12 of those children and now 11 more were treated in January 2022.

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GOLI Medical Volunteers Have Big Hearts Which Heal Little Hearts
Thank you to the Visiting Medical Team from Egypt

Dr. Hesham Shawky
Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon

Ahmed Wally
Surgical Assistant

Rabab Saleh
Scrub Nurse

Dr. Gihan Ali Gomaa
Anesthesiologist

Dr. Amal Elsisi
Pediatric Cardiologist

Dr. Ola Soliman
Dr. Mohamed Khallaf
Dr. Mohamed Youssef
Intensivists

Mohamed Mahmoud
Mohamed Ashmany
Ahmed Mohamed
ICU Nurses
Introducing the Kenyan Team
Gertrude Children’s Hospital

Dr. Mark Awori
Dr. Nikita Praful Mehta
Dr. Leon Ondiek
Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Dr. Martin Mbiata
Dr. Sean Del Rossi
Cardiologists

Dr. Jimmie Kabugi
Dr. Alphonce Mwendwa
Dr. David Waruingi
Anesthesiologists

Boniface Wainaina
Phillip Ochieng
Erickson Kilonzo
Perfusionists

Leah Asami
OR Manager-Theatre Nurse

Paul Ndiaga
Pamela Laleyo
Diana Njeru
Phyllis Ngige
Theatre Nurses

Dr. Wangui Manguyu
Pediatric Intensivist

Alice Cheruiyot
Surgical Ward Manager - Nurse

Lilian Mutege
Jacqueline Runyora
Team Leader Nurses

Dr. Anne Metto
Dr. Magarette Odney
Dr. Aspargreen Mola
Dr. Nicolas Mosoba
Dr. Ismail Ahmed
Dr. Kabui Kaguongo
Dr. Agnes Mwilu
Dr. Lizz Kinyua
Dr. Beatrice Tole
ICU Doctors

Matthew Bartinga
ICU Manager Nurse

Emma Chebus, Hannah
Kamau, Rosemary Wangari,
Judy, Mokeira, Matilda
Isambo, Godfrey Oketck
ICU Support Staff

Richard Timondo, Rose
Miriti, Judy Chelangat,
Tracey Allindi, Duke Ogoti,
Linet Barasa, Loise Mbti,
Susan Thuo, Evangeline
Bulimu, Janet Muithya, Mary
Joel, Ann Kajuju, Simon
Kanguru, Leah Kinuthia,
Jane Kamau, Ruth Nzomo,
Emily Ntinkyari, Topista
Nangira, Faith Wangachi,
Magdalene Nambuye, Felix
Kirema, Ann Oyaro,
Domtilla Kegehi, Thecla
Tibenda, Jane Mary Gichuru,
Ruby Ojode, Josephine
Indimuli, Lilian Tirra,
Stellamaris Wambua, Alice
Githuka, Grace Muiruru,
Molly Mutula, Hilda Mbuya,
Melisa Kwendo, Stephen
Kamunya, Newleen Boyani,
Betty Mutembei, Irene
Kariuki, Amos Simiyu, John
Nangaira
Nurses
Healing Little Hearts in Kenya
Happy Healthy Hearts
11 CHILDREN TREATED
11 Open Heart Surgeries
Levil
3.5 Years Old
Diagnosis: TOF
Tetralogy of Fallot
(Surgery)

Jayzan
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: TOF
Tetralogy of Fallot
(Surgery)

Nimrod
14 Years Old
Diagnosis: RHD
Mitral Valve Repair
(Surgery)

More than 40,000 little hearts healed since 1975…
HEARTS HEALED…

DUNCAN
2.5 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery)

JANE
4.5 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery)

KIAN
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: VSD Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery)

Lighting the World with Hope, One Child at a Time…
HEARTS HEALED...

RAYMOND
8 Years Old
Diagnosis: Subaortic Membrane (Surgery)

ABDISALAM
4.5 Years Old
Diagnosis: Subaortic VSD, Valvular PS (Surgery)

JAMILA
6 Years Old
Diagnosis: PDA Patent Ductus Arteriosus (Surgery)

93% of children born with a heart defect have no access to care…
HEARTS HEALED...

MAXWELL
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: VSD, PDA
Ventricular Septal
Defect, Patent Ductus
Arteriosus (Surgery)

JOHN
7 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD, PDA, Subaortic
Membrane (Surgery)

Every 3 hours a child with heart disease is cared for
through our Global Network...
Answering the Prayers of Parents Each and Every Day...
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