Together We Save Lives

November 21 - 28, 2021

Gertrude Children’s Hospital
Nairobi, Kenya

Gift of Life International
Training Visit Report

Healing Little Hearts in Nairobi, Kenya

12 Children Treated
The November 2021 training visit to Gertrude Children’s Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya was the first-ever 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, 12 children were successfully treated for their heart ailments. In October 2021, Dr. Shawky traveled to Nairobi with his screening team to evaluate 106 children from which the 12 surgical cases were selected.

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GOLI MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS HAVE BIG HEARTS WHICH HEAL LITTLEHEARTS
Thank you to the Visiting Medical Team from Egypt

Dr. Hesham Shawky
Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon

Ahmed Wally
Surgical Assistant

Heba Ibrahim
Scrub Nurse

Dr. Ahmed Elhadad
Anesthesiologist

Hany Awad
Perfusionist

Dr. Amal Elsisi
Pediatric Cardiologist

Dr. Mohamed Khallaf
Intensivist

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

Dr. Mark Awori
Cardiothoracic Surgeon

Dr. Martin Mbiata
Dr. Sean Del Rossi
Cardiologists

Dr. Jimmy Kabugi
Dr. Mwendwa
Anesthesiologists

Boniface Wainaina
Phillip Ochieng
Perfusionists

Nicholas Maina
Peninah Mwangangi
Theatre Assistants

Leah Asami
OR Manager-Theatre Nurse

Nicolas Miriti
Theatre Nurse

Paul Ndiaga, Pamela Laleyo
Ann Mutambi, Phyllis Ngige
Perioperative Nurses

Alice Cheruiyot
Surgical Ward Manager - Nurse

Lilian Mutege
Jacqueline Runyora
Team Leader Nurses

Lynette Mwangi
Anne Metto
Magarette Odoyo
Aspagreen Mola
Nicolas Mosoba
ICU Doctors

Matthew Bartinga
ICU Manager Nurse

Nurses
12 CHILDREN TREATED
12 Open Heart Surgeries
HEARTS HEALED...

Timothy
13 Years Old
Diagnosis: COARC (Surgery)

Victor
3 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD Atrial Septal Defect (Surgery)

More than 40,000 little hearts healed since 1975...
MARY
3 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
(Surgery)

GEORGE
15 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Surgery)

SABINA
13 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect
(Surgery)

Hearts Healed…

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

JAYDEN
1 Year Old
Diagnosis: TOF
Tetralogy of Fallot
(Surgery)

BLESSING
7 Years Old
Diagnosis: Subaortic Membrane
(Surgery)

BUSHRA
6 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect
(Surgery)

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

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Rama
3 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery)

Julie
2 Years Old
Diagnosis: ASD
Atrial Septal Defect (Surgery)

Angel
14 Years Old
Diagnosis: VSD
Ventricular Septal Defect (Surgery)

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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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