

Happy June 1st to you, which also happens to be International Children's Day. Did you know this special holiday began in 1925 during a global conference on child welfare being held in Geneva, Switzerland? What a fitting day for me to share some of my favorite monthly highlights from our programs.

While there is still so much work to be done, your support makes it possible for many more children to receive nourishing food, education, and medical care, as well as the priceless gifts of love and protection.

This photo of Beatrice, from our China Healing Home, was taken just this morning during a much-enjoyed Children's Day party.



Beatrice, age 5, China Healing Home

Uganda Pediatric Surgery Mission

LWB completed our third pediatric surgery camp just last week. An incredible 117 children receive essential operations, including 5-year-old Isa, who had been suffering with the pain of a hernia since he was only a baby. His mother tried to use herbs and even local witchdoctors to ease her little boy's suffering, to no avail. As a rural farmer, she was unable to raise enough money for her son to undergo surgery in a hospital, so you can imagine her joy when she learned that this community had stepped forward to make her son's healing possible. Just look at Isa's smile now that his agony has ended! (And I love that he's rocking an "Every Child Counts" t-shirt.)



Foster Care News

In Cambodia, we welcomed the sweetest little boy into our foster care program in May. Two-year-old Archer tragically lost his mother to domestic violence, and he had been hospitalized after suffering from a severe burn and malnutrition. We were very thankful that local officials called us to take him into our care. His tracheotomy should be removed this week, and as you can clearly see in these photos, he is feeling much better now that he is receiving specialized care. Welcome to the LWB family, Archer!

Critical Cleft Care



Six-month-old Alejandro was born to a Tibetan family, who applied to our Unity program after being unable to afford their little boy's cleft lip surgery. *"We try to save every cent. But it is so hard for a poor family. We are so anxious and worried."* How wonderful that on May 10th, sweet Alejandro underwent his operation to give him a brand new smile. Okay, he might not be smiling in this post-op photo...but we know he will be soon!

Another wonderful moment from May was being able to deliver hundreds of cleft bottles to Guatemala, after learning a local organization had just 12 bottles left for over 200 children identified! For infants born with cleft who struggle to feed, these bottles are truly lifesaving. I also was able to tour the charity hospital where our 2022 cleft trip will be held and can't wait to bring more news on this upcoming surgery mission.



Joy Overflowing



Finally, we of course continued our cardiac work for children diagnosed with congenital heart defects. One of the precious children who got to return home with a whole new future in front of her is 9-month-old Falak. This beautiful little girl was born with Down syndrome and a hole between her heart ventricles, which caused her to continually struggle with recurrent infections and fevers. Just look at baby Falak on the day she was able to leave the hospital in India. Isn't it wonderful to see that healthy sparkle in her eyes? It's the very picture of both hope and healing!

Thank you again for your continued support, as we all come together to help vulnerable children. I'll be back with more news next month. Until then, I hope you remember every day that your selfless acts of kindness are truly changing lives.

With a grateful heart,

Amy Eldridge
Chief Executive Officer
amy.eldridge@lwbmail.com

Thank You!

"Every Child Counts"