

Happy 1st day of December. I'm typing this email while looking at my empty suitcase and knowing I really should start packing for our cleft surgery trip to Guatemala which starts this Saturday! Some of the children have already begun arriving to the hospital, and I can't wait to bring you stories from on the ground, all next week on our blog. Before I switch over to full surgery mode, however, I want to share a few of my favorite moments from November that were only made possible because of your support and kindness.



### **Healing Home News**

I'm going to start this month with adorable baby Wes, because who doesn't love sweetness? Wes is the newest resident of our China Healing Home, arriving into our full-time care in early November. His orphanage in Anhui contacted LWB for help after realizing that he struggled to feed. This 3-month-old little boy has settled in beautifully to his new surroundings and is loving all the TLC he is receiving from our nannies. Welcome to LWB, Wes!

## More Beautiful Lives Saved!

In November, we helped some really wonderful children receive the cardiac care they needed for life. Here are three precious kids I know you'll celebrate with us.

3-year-old Will (right) is from Malawi, where the medical care he needed to survive is simply not available. We arranged for his surgery in India, but when he arrived he was so weak from a chronic lack of oxygen that he was immediately admitted to the ICU. His surgery was very complex, but he's doing so well post-op that he will soon be heading back home!



6-year-old Daniel (left) had successful heart surgery through our Unity program. His family, who are migrant workers, couldn't afford medical care and could only watch as he grew weaker. In his mother's desperate application she wrote, "I herein plead with you to save my son. In the future we'll pass your love and kindness down to help other needy people."

4-month-old Kanika (right) is from a very rural part of India. She was born with a rare heart issue called Complete AV Canal Defect. Kanika was moved to Amrita Hospital, where talented surgeons repaired her tiny heart on November 21st. All of her post-op tests have gone well, and she is now back on the regular ward in the arms of her loving parents.



## Essential Nutrition

Seventy-five at-risk families in Guatemala received food support last month because of your support. 10-year-old Kimberly has been part of our Empower Me program for girls since January, always arriving to the Believe in Me center with a huge smile on her face. For children like Kimberly, these monthly food packages have made an enormous difference in battling the high childhood malnutrition rate in the region.



## Finding Refuge

This past month we reflected yet again on the kindness of strangers, after we were contacted about little James. A woman passing by on the street noticed a crowd of people surrounding a little boy, who was soaking wet and holding just a tiny sheet. She noticed immediately that his leg was seriously swollen. She knew the little boy needed immediate help, so she abandoned her plans and quickly took him to a police station, carrying him the whole way while trying to calm the little boy down. Thankfully the police knew about our Uganda emergency foster care program, so they contacted our team for an immediate placement. Sadly, however, we soon discovered that the little boy had multiple fractures of his leg and had been left all on his own following the injuries. We have begun tracing efforts, to see if we can find birth family, but we give thanks that James has found a safe place to heal in our care.



## Dreams Achieved

I can't end this message without sharing the wonderful news about Bobby, from our Cambodia Higher Education program. Bobby's family had given up all they had trying to save the life of his older sister, and so achieving higher education was simply not possible for this boy from a rural village who had been born with a brilliant mind. Thanks to everyone who supports our education projects, however, Bobby was given an LWB university scholarship and began his studies at the National Polytechnic Institute in Phnom Penh. I'm thrilled to share that Bobby just received his college degree in automotive engineering, after completing his ambitious senior project. Bobby designed a solar-powered vehicle which actually runs at 12 mph! He is having a job interview with an electric motorcycle company this weekend, so please join with me in wishing him luck. We are so very proud of this remarkable young man!



From all of us at LWB, I wish you a beautiful holiday season.

With such a grateful heart,

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