

Sending you the warmest wishes as we begin a brand new year. I hope wherever you spent the first day of 2023 that it was with someone who fills your heart with joy.

And speaking of joy, it's what you brought to so many children and families last month through your support of LWB. Here are a few of my favorite stories of what your gifts made possible.

New Smiles

Last month we held our very first cleft trip to Guatemala. I was fortunate enough to be on the ground with the medical team, and it was an absolutely incredible week of healing. Most of our little patients live in very remote mountain communities, and their families had to make long and difficult journeys for a chance at surgery. We repeatedly heard stories of moms having to stay indoors for months at a time with their babies, due to the stigma of this special need. Their joy at seeing their children's transformations was immense and often moved us to tears. THANK YOU to everyone who made this mission a reality. We are already in discussions about another trip in 2023.

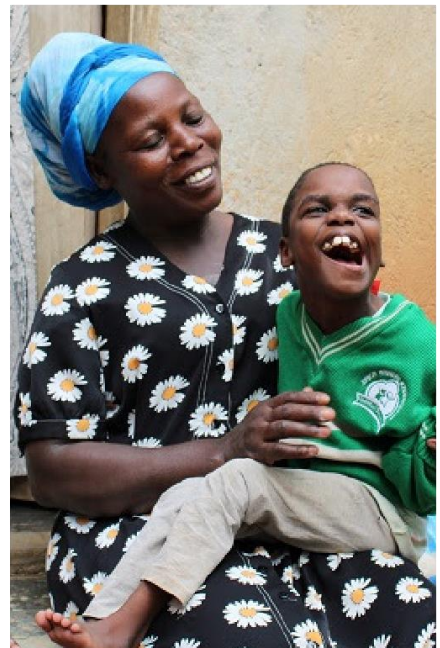


Crucial Supplies

Since December is often known as a season of giving, it was wonderful to provide heartwarming supplies to children around the world last month. Here are just a few of the distributions done with your support:

- Hundreds of children born with special needs in Uganda received the dignity of mattresses, bedding, and mobility equipment
- Children in Cambodia received wheelchairs and food supplies
- Children in China, India, and Guatemala received warm clothing and new toys
- School kids in Uganda received the gift of new shoes
- 1000 refugee children in Ukraine, who face continual power blackouts, welcomed the comfort of personal solar lights

Here are just a few smiles from these important projects.



Essential Medical Care



In addition to the cleft mission, December was another busy month for our pediatric medical program. 23 additional children received surgery, ranging from tonsillectomies and eye procedures to complex heart operations. Here are just two of the children who found healing through your support.

6-year-old Katrina, born with severe crossed eyes, is from an orphanage in China. Doctors were able to surgically repair her strabismus, and we are grateful she can fully recover in our healing home.

Handsome 5-month-old Satish was born in India with a rare congenital heart defect. We're thrilled that his operation was a complete success and that he was able to move to the regular ward quickly.



Important News from China

We're overjoyed that just last month, Love Without Boundaries' registration in China was renewed for another five years. We're one of just a very few foreign charities still allowed to provide aid for children here, and we never take that for granted. For orphaned children like Beatrice, paralyzed from the waist down, this wonderful news means our healing homes can continue to help the most vulnerable, well into the future.



Before I close for this month, I have one more special item I want to mention. I'd be very grateful if you'd keep four little girls from Uganda in your thoughts. On December 27th, Jane (pictured at right with her mom), Ada, Eleanor, and Minnie traveled from Uganda to India for the cardiac operations needed to save their lives. They are still being evaluated, but we hope all four will be able to undergo their heart surgeries very soon.



Today, I send my most sincere wishes to you for a wonderful 2023. The start of a new year is always a perfect time to reflect and give thanks for the things in our lives that truly matter. Having you as part of the LWB community is such a blessing, and I can't thank you enough for partnering with us to bring hope to the children who need us most. Because of your kindness, our world definitely shines brighter.

With a grateful heart,

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