



20
Hearts
Healed

Healing Little Hearts in Zambia



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Screening and Selection of Patients

Gift of Life International conducted our first screening mission to Zambia in March 2016. We partnered with Dr. Paul Matherne and Christine Saunders of the University of Virginia Children's Hospital and Dr. John Musuku and his team from The University Teaching Hospital of Zambia. 20 Zambian children were selected for lifesaving heart surgery in partnership with Gift of Life India (South Asia) and African Vision of Hope. Funding for this project which would see 20 Zambian children with heart disease travel to Delhi, India for treatment was made possible through a Rotary Global Grant. Logistics of the project were coordinated in a collaborative effort between Host and International Rotarians, African Vision of Hope, Gift of Life India (South Asia) and Gift of Life International.



Preparation for a Journey of Hope

Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Nkwazi worked together with partner African Vision of Hope to prepare each of the 20 families for their journey from Zambia to India. They helped each parent complete the necessary paperwork to obtain passports and visas for travel. They counseled each parent on what to expect during travel and also during their child's surgery and recovery. Most of these families had never traveled outside of the area where they live, much less board an airplane and travel to another country with the hope of having their child's heart healed. Logistics in India were coordinated by the Rotary Club of Ghaziabad Greater and Gift of Life India (South Asia). Our sincere thanks to all partners for helping to ensure each child's journey of hope was a success.



Embarking on a Journey of Hope

Five groups of parents and children left their homes in Lusaka, Zambia on various dates between June 12th and September 1st to travel to Delhi, India with the hope that their child's heart would be healed. Samson, the 20th child, and his father were the last to take this journey of hope.



Healing Little Zambian Hearts in India



Emmanuel
5 years old
Tetralogy of Fallot



Isaac
6 years old
Tetralogy of Fallot



Melody
3 years old
Tetralogy of Fallot

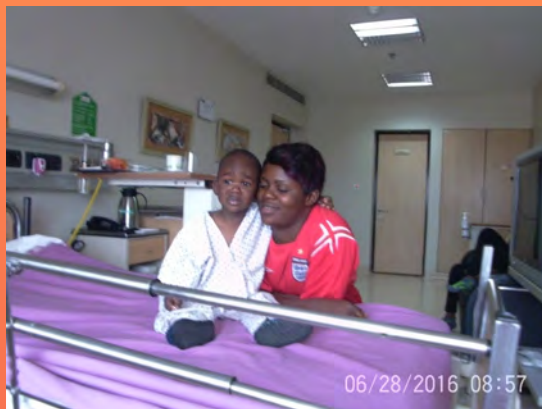


Macpromise
8 years old
Tetralogy of Fallot





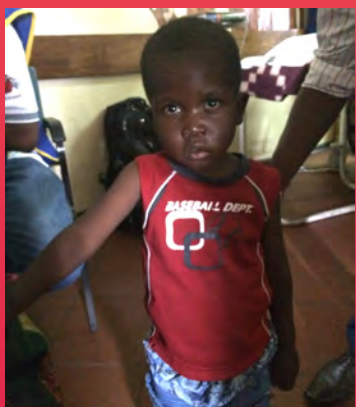
Michael
1.9 years old
Ventricular Septal Defect



Kezia
3 years old
Ventricular Septal Defect



Mwiza
11 years old
Aortic Stenosis



Innocent
4 years old
A/V Canal





Peace
6 years old
Atrial Septal Defect



Angela
1 year old
Tetralogy of Fallot



Joshua
6 years old
Atrial Septal Defect



Purity
9 years old
Atrial Septal Defect





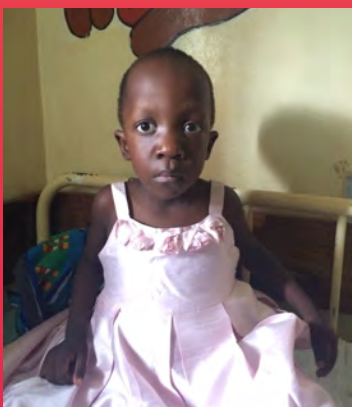
Emmanuel
10 years old
Ventricular Septal Defect



Bibian
4 years old
Ventricular Septal Defect
Patent Ductus Arteriosus



Martin
5 years old
Tetralogy of Fallot



Annie
4 years old
Atrial Septal Defect





Litonga
7 years old
Tetralogy of Fallot



Maxwell
2 years old
Ventricular Septal Defect



Mwewa
12 years old
Tetralogy of Fallot



Samson
3 years old
Tetralogy of Fallot





A Celebration of Life in India



Heading Home with Healthy Hearts



A Celebration of Life in Zambia









Healing Little Hearts Around The World



Providing **HOPE** to Zambian children with heart disease

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