



# Healing Little Hearts in Nairobi, Kenya

January 22 - 30, 2022

Together  
We Save Lives

11  
Children  
Treated

Gertrude Children's Hospital  
Nairobi, Kenya

Gift of Life International  
Training Visit Report





## ROTARIANS IN ACTION

*The January 2022 training visit to Gertrude Children's Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya was the second 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, 11 children were successfully treated for their heart ailments. In October 2021, Dr. Shawky traveled to Nairobi with his screening team to evaluate 106 children. In November 2021, Dr. Shawky and his team returned to treat 12 of those children and now 11 more were treated in January 2022.*

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**GOLI MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS  
HAVE BIG HEARTS WHICH  
HEAL LITTLE HEARTS**





## *Thank you to the Visiting Medical Team from Egypt*

**Dr. Hesham Shawky**  
Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon

**Ahmed Wally**  
Surgical Assistant

**Rabab Saleh**  
Scrub Nurse

**Dr. Gihan Ali Gomaa**  
Anesthesiologist

**Dr. Amal Elsisy**  
Pediatric Cardiologist

**Dr. Ola Soliman**  
**Dr. Mohamed Khallaf**  
**Dr. Mohamed Youssef**  
Intensivists

**Mohamed Mahmoud**  
**Mohamed Ashmany**  
**Ahmed Mohamed**  
ICU Nurses







## *Introducing the Kenyan Team*

Gertrude Children's Hospital

**Dr. Mark Awori**  
**Dr. Nikita Praful Mehta**  
**Dr. Leon Ondiek**  
 Cardiothoracic Surgeons

**Dr. Martin Mbiata**  
**Dr. Sean Del Rossi**  
 Cardiologists

**Dr. Jimmie Kabugi**  
**Dr. Alphonse Mwendwa**  
**Dr. David Waruingi**  
 Anesthesiologists

**Boniface Wainaina**  
**Phillip Ochieng**  
**Erickson Kilonzo**  
 Perfusionists

**Leah Asami**  
 OR Manager-Theatre Nurse

**Paul Ndiaga**  
**Pamela Laleyo**  
**Diana Njeru**  
**Phyllis Ngige**  
 Theatre Nurses

**Dr. Wangui Manguyu**  
 Pediatric Intensivist

**Alice Cheruiyot**  
 Surgical Ward Manager - Nurse

**Lilian Mutegi**  
**Jacqueline Runyora**  
 Team Leader Nurses

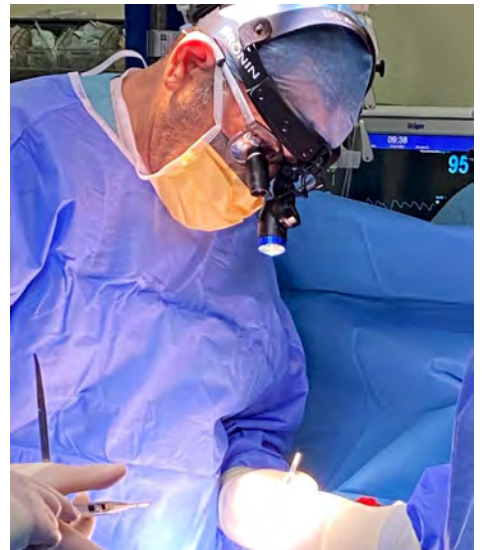
**Dr. Anne Metto**  
**Dr. Magarette Odoyo**  
**Dr. Aspagreen Mola**  
**Dr. Nicolas Mosoba**  
**Dr. Ismail Ahmed**  
**Dr. Kabui Kaguongo**  
**Dr. Agnes Mwilu**  
**Dr. Lizz Kinyua**  
**Dr. Beatrice Tole**  
 ICU Doctors

**Matthew Bartinga**  
 ICU Manager Nurse

**Emma Chebus, Hannah**  
**Kamau, Rosemary Wangari,**  
**Judy, Mokeira, Matilda**  
**Isambo, Godfrey Oketck**  
 ICU Support Staff

**Richard Timondo, Rose**  
**Miriti, Judy Chelangat,**  
**Tracey Allindi, Duke Ogoti,**  
**Linnet Barasa, Loise Mbiti,**  
**Susan Thuo, Evangeline**  
**Bulimu, Janet Muithya, Mary**  
**Joel, Ann Kajuju, Simon**  
**Kanguru, Leah Kinuthia,**  
**Jane Kamau, Ruth Nzomo,**  
**Emily Ntinyari, Topista**  
**Nangira, Faith Wangechi,**  
**Magdalene Nambuye, Felix**  
**Kirema, Ann Oyaro,**  
**Domtilla Kegehi, Thecla**  
**Tibenda, Jane Mary Gichuru,**  
**Ruby Ojode, Josephine**  
**Indimuli, Lilian Tirra,**  
**Stellamaris Wambua, Alice**  
**Githuka, Grace Muiruru,**  
**Molly Mutula, Hilda Mbuya,**  
**Melisa Kwendo, Stephen**  
**Kamunya, Newleen Boyani,**  
**Betty Mutembe, Irene**  
**Kariuki, Amos Simiyu, John**  
**Nangaira**  
 Nurses

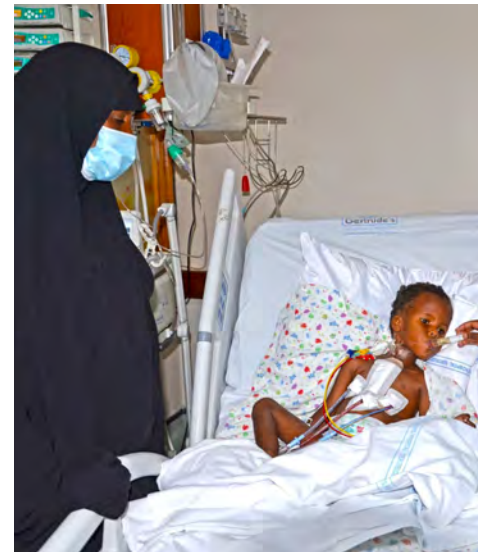




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# Happy Healthy Hearts







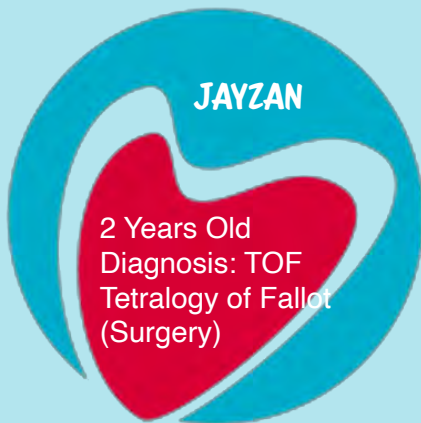
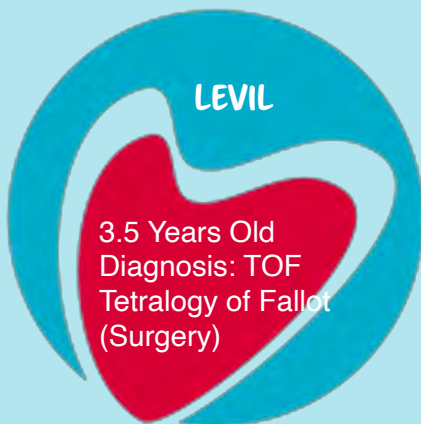
**11 CHILDREN TREATED**

11 Open Heart Surgeries





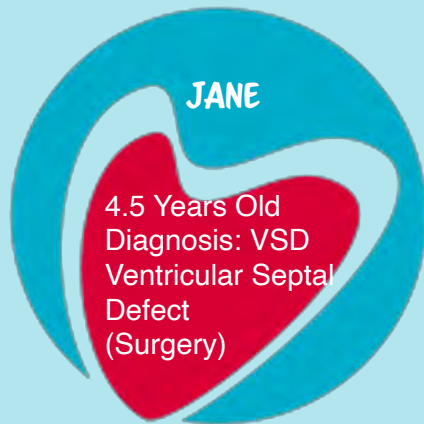
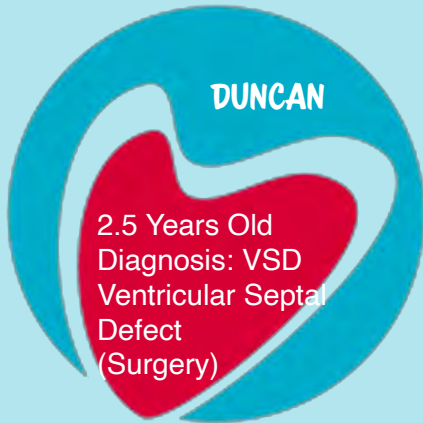
# HEARTS HEALED...



*More than 40,000 little hearts healed since 1975...*



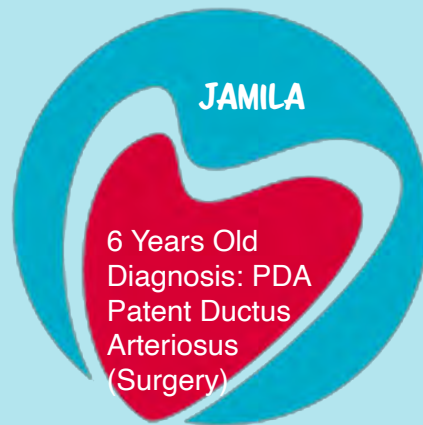
# HEARTS HEALED...



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



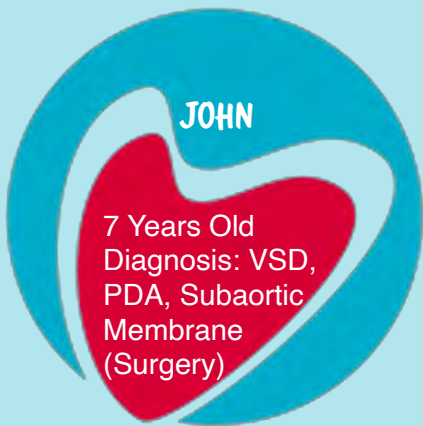
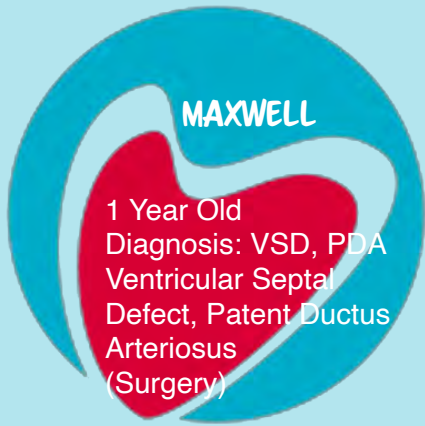
# HEARTS HEALED...



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



# HEARTS HEALED...



Every 3 hours a child with heart disease is cared for through our Global Network...





**ANSWERING THE PRAYERS OF PARENTS  
EACH AND EVERY DAY...**



THANK YOU!

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