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Warmest greetings in our Great Lord, Jesus Christ, to each of you from the Tumwebaze family!

I am so overjoyed to bring to you this update concerning our daughter, Nissi Mukisa Tumwebaze. With deep concern in our hearts for our daughter, we began our trip to India on the morning of August 1st. We knew for Nissi to live and grow, she must have this surgery. Even Nissi, that morning, was urging us to leave on time as she looked forward to getting treatment and being well.

Arriving in Delhi on the 2nd, we were brought to the Apollo Hospital, where our doctor was ready to receive us and brief us on what to expect. He trained in the UK and practiced there for 12 years, then in India, now head of cardiology, for 10 years. He assured us he had done many complicated surgeries and

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explained how well they went. Nissi's surgery would take approximately 3 hours and was scheduled for the morning of the 3rd. We arrived then and she was taken in at 7:30am.

We were left with our thoughts and prayers. It was hard to have concentrated prayer as our whirring thoughts of this and that overpowered us. But thanks be to God for the many prayers that were being offered around the world for Nissi and us! The prayers made us strong even when we were weak. As encouragement, we remembered the night before surgery, when we covered Nissi with a prayer blanket that was sent by Upper Room Church in California. Thank you for sending it. Nissi loves it so very much.

After three hours, the doctor came and took us to his office to explain the surgery. He told us how complex it was and that it went well. He showed the photos of Nissi's heart. It had no wall separating the four chambers of the heart. He then smiled and said that all had been put right and she was ok. It was time to take us to see our daughter. We called her name and she looked at us. We prayed over her and she said, "amen." In 3 hours time, we were able to come back in and talk with her. Our



hearts filled with great joy. We prayed again and once more she said, "amen."

After only 2 days, Nissi had so improved that she told her mother, she would like to go shopping in India and she had a list. Soon they asked her mother to give her juice and my job was to take photos. This was a great moment for us to see our daughter drink juice and eat some food on the third day.

Nissi began to cry asking why we are not staying there with her. The doctor called us and Joan stayed. We told her that we normally wait out by the door as they cannot allow us to stay with her in ICU. The Doctor then allowed Joan to feed her all her meals and NissI loved it.

On August 6th, another ECHO was done. The results were very fine with no problems. The heart was working

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normally. And on the 7th, she was discharged. We went to the hotel but continued to return for dressings. Then on the 12th, the doctor gave Nissi her Fit to Fly Letter and on the 14th, we started our trip home. Nissi was able to rest most of the flight and she is doing well. She said to me today that she is getting better each day.

We humbly and thankfully bring our sincere gratitude for the real love shown to us, as a family, in making sure Nissi has a chance to live. Thank you all of you for giving to this great need in our family, for our daughter to thrive and live her life freely. Thank you and may our Lord bless you in all that you do, giving you a long life to bless many.

The Tumwebaze Family.



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