



2017: Surgical Center Opening Soon

We have had another busy year! Highlights:

- Construction of the exterior and interior of the Surgical Center is complete!
- The Laminar Air Flow system that delivers clean, cool air over the operating tables is undergoing final testing.
- Initial cleaning of the Surgical Center is complete. Final sterilization will occur after testing of the Laminar Air Flow system.
- The hospital has identified a qualified Charge Nurse and Surgeon who will be instrumental to the operation of the Surgical Center.
- Our partners from Northern Ireland arrived in November 2017 to train staff and develop policies and procedures.
- Our final construction projects are building covered walkways between campus facilities and housing for Surgical Center staff.
- In the first eight years since opening, the Hospital has treated 34,500 children as in-patients and 162,200 children as out-patients.



Exterior of Surgical Center



Recovering Child, Happy Mom

Lee Haney Visits Holy Innocents

Board Member Lee Haney traveled recently to Uganda, and visited Holy Innocents Children's Hospital for the first time. It was an experience that he will never forget. He saw firsthand the significant impact the hospital is having.

The trip was filled with remarkable

moments. One was an encounter with a three-year-old child and her mother. The mother joyously told Lee how Holy Innocents had saved her daughter's life. She explained that, three days prior, she had brought the child, in her arms, to the hospital in a condition that was near death. The ailing child could not walk or eat.

After receiving treatment, the little girl's condition rapidly improved. So much so, that the child was discharged from Holy

Innocents and went home healthy. The mother beamed at Lee, "Look at her now!" Lee said, "The little girl held out her hand to touch me and waved goodbye. She not only touched my hand; she touched my heart."

Lee realized that the little girl would not have survived without Holy Innocents. "It gave me a warm feeling, knowing that I had played a role in building the hospital." God had poured out His Grace on this beautiful Ugandan child. (Cont.)

Surgical Center Interior



Pre-Op beds waiting for patients



Operating Room Light Installed



X-Ray Room



Laboratory

Lee's Visit Continued

Another experience showed Lee the significant improvement in quality of care that Holy Innocents offers compared to government hospitals. He encountered a Ugandan man who told his story: "My son became very ill so I took him to the government hospital. He got sicker and sicker as each day passed. After six days, he was near death." The man was confronted with the terrifying possibility that his son could lose his life.

But thankfully there was an answer. "I had heard about Holy Innocents, so I picked my son up, left the hospital, and brought him here. The doctor knew what to do. After treatment, my son is ready to go home after three nights. I am so thankful for Holy Innocents Children's Hospital. I will never return to a government hospital."

The trip had its lighter moments. Lee used his cell phone to take pictures of many of the people he met. "They don't have mirrors, and, in many cases, have never seen themselves before. The children were especially fascinated to see what they looked like." On many occasions, they were unsure that it really was their image. Lee happily assured them that it was.

Lee's journey to Uganda came following many years of working to help make the dream of Holy Innocents Children's Hospital become a reality. When he boarded the plane to come home, he was grateful for the remarkable experience he had with the children of Uganda, and gave thanks to God for being allowed to make a difference in their lives.

We're Not Done Yet!

There are just a couple more projects remaining. First, we must install covered walkways between the buildings on the Hospital campus. This will aid in transfer of children from post-op to the recovery wards in the Hospital.

Second, we are assisting the Hospital with construction of Surgical Center staff housing. The government of Uganda requires major employers to provide housing for staff. The housing we plan to build will meet the government's requirements and will also help Holy Innocents attract and retain highly qualified doctors and nurses.

Finally, we need to equip the second Operating Room..

Your continued support will make all this possible!



The children of Uganda thank you!