



Better Health through Better Medical Treatment and Prevention for the Children of Mbarara, Uganda

A Labor of Love...

Holy Innocents has been changing lives since 2009. A young girl in a coma with viral encephalitis recovers and returns home to her family. An infant boy born with extreme prematurity is transferred to Holy Innocents from a local hospital. He responds well to treatment, increases in weight by 80%, and is released after nine weeks.

There are now over 50,000 such stories at Holy Innocents – critically ill children whose families have entrusted them to Holy Innocents for in-patient treatment over the past 12 years. During that same period, we've treated over 250,000 children for less serious maladies in our outpatient facility. And, since our Surgical Center opened in

2019, we've performed over 2,000 surgeries! We are so proud of the all-Ugandan staff at Holy Innocents who has performed this extraordinary labor of love, and we're grateful beyond measure for your compassion and caring in supporting their efforts! Together we have brought about a world of change for children in Mbarara.



7-year-old girl being treated for viral encephalitis.



Surgical Center staff in pre-op prepare two children for surgery



Premature infant receives life-saving treatment

Infant Critical Care Ward Nears Completion!

Holy Innocents' long awaited Infant Critical Care Ward (ICCW) will open soon, providing specialized care for premature babies and other critically ill newborns. Uganda-wide Covid-19-related shutdowns delayed progress, but construction is now complete, and after sterilizing, furnishing and equipping, the ICCW will be ready to open in the first quarter of 2022.

The ICCW will be equipped with oxygen, incubators, and radiant warmers for up to 20 infants at a time. For the first time we will be able to provide care in a single dedicated ward for preemies and other infants referred to Holy Innocents by seven regional hospitals. We are deeply indebted to you, our donors, for making this new life-saving facility possible!



(See reverse...)

A Day at Holy Innocents

On any given day Holy Innocents is a whirlwind of activity. Recently, twins with low birthweight and respiratory distress were transferred to Holy Innocents from Divine Mercy Hospital. They received oxygen, antibiotics and IVs, and in two weeks were stable and ready for discharge.

An infant girl was born by emer-

gency C-Section and brought to Holy Innocents by ambulance. Our medical team resuscitated her, and after 13 days of oxygen and nasogastric feeding she was stable, breathing on her own, and gaining weight—another child saved.

Baby Cymone was born at 26 weeks. In Uganda newborns under 28 weeks are considered un-

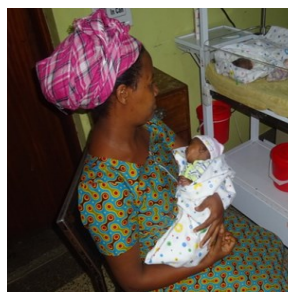
likely to survive, but Holy Innocents is working hard to change that cultural expectation. Holy Innocents treated Cymone with oxygen and IV meds. After six days he began taking expressed mother's milk at half a teaspoon per feeding. Cymone was able to go home after eight weeks. What joy for his family — and all of us!



Children being treated in in-patient ward



Girl being treated with life-saving oxygen



Preemie developing well, soon to be discharged



One of triplets born prematurely gets treatment

New Oxygen Generation System Up and Running

In January 2018 a St. Mary's College of California Global Executive MBA team, led by Heidi Hurst, partnered with Holy Innocents to address the medical-grade oxygen needs of the hospital. Medical-grade oxygen is a life-saving treatment for sick children who arrive at the hospital every day. In the past, Holy Innocents made 13-hour roundtrips to Kampala to purchase seven oxygen cylinders per trip – a costly endeavor which at times was insufficient to meet the demands of the hospital.

Hurst's team traveled to Mbarara to consult with hospital management. With input from the hospital, they designed an industrial-grade oxygen generation system that would meet the current and future needs of Holy Innocents. The team designed the system to produce a surplus of oxygen which could be sold to local clinics, thus generating revenue which Holy Innocents could use to fund additional programs and services to benefit the children of Mbarara and their families.

Hurst and her team raised nearly \$280,000 to fully fund the oxygen generation system. The system was successfully installed and commissioned in October 2021, and oxygen production is underway. We are so thankful to Heidi, her team, and to everyone else who has contributed in large or small ways to bring life-saving treatment to the children of Mbarara!



New oxygen generation system now operational!