



AUTUMN 2023 UPDATE



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Dear family and friends:

Thank you for your partnership in all we have the privilege to serve in. Not long ago I had a significant déjà-vu moment. I walked into the NICU ward of Children's hospital. Four years prior I had entered the same space while visiting an Iraqi boy who needed a heart transplant.

Fast forward and I was seeing a petite Tuareg girl from Libya. We sponsored this large family and the biggest concern was "A's" failing heart. Her condition deteriorated and a team of specialists were mobilized. Within two weeks a heart became available and the transplant happened.

"A" looked so fragile in the bed with a row of flashing monitors and attached to many tubes. Her mother, with head covered, shyly greeted me. "A's" eyes were initially closed but soon opened. I assured them through hand signals that many were praying. Then "A" slipped her hands out from under the covers and gave me a thumbs up sign. What a courageous gesture. All the paperwork, meetings, fundraising, praying, and problem solving melted away in gratitude to Jesus, the great physician and the team of gifted doctors and nurses. On Thanksgiving Sunday, "A" was in our church saying "Thank You". Please pray for new spiritual hearts for the whole family.



Circle of Nations

"It's the goal of missions because in missions we simply aim to bring the nations into the white hot enjoyment of God's glory. The goal of missions is the gladness of the peoples in the greatness of God. "The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!" (Ps 97:1). Piper

Recently, we had a wonderful gathering to celebrate our diversity and unity called Circle of Nations. Close to 350 came and enjoyed multi-cultural music, scriptures in their own languages, a flag parade, an inspiring message and of course LOTS of ethnic food. People were encouraged to wear Traditional clothing. It was a joy to rejoice with brothers and sisters from close to 60 nations.



With thankful hearts for the Lord and all of you.

Mark and Catherine



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