



## Russ & Beth White

Tenwek Hospital  
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Work is drawing to a close on the building and exterior of the CTC (Cardiothoracic Center) here at Tenwek, despite frequent heavy rains! Above is one of the many pictures of equipment that I take from above in our apartment to send to our grandsons, who innately love all things *vehicle*! We are excited to be close to entering the next stage of equipping the building, though I will miss checking on the outside progress and photographing excavators!

## Post Op



Yakhoub, the 13 y.o. Muslim boy from Chad, didn't just get his hair cut this week! He had his mitral valve replaced. He is up and walking, but he has some fluid collecting in his abdomen and has little appetite. They are trying to find food that is familiar and comforting to him. We prayed for him in the name of Jesus as the team does each day, hoping he and his father will come to know Who healed him! All of the translation for him and his dad has been done either from a man from a local mosque, through Google translate, or by phone with a resident at another mission hospital who speaks Arabic.



**Margaret, 69**, has had a rough week! She came in with a longstanding, contained ruptured aneurysm, and seemed stable, but in pain. On Monday morning, though, she took Yakhoub's place in surgery, as she developed severe pain. Russ operated and found a fresh, contained leak of the aneurysm that was about to rupture. Her aorta was severely diseased, presenting a major challenge to repair. After several days of recovery, she suddenly developed severe abdominal pain and right leg pain, and they had to take her back to perform a bypass from her left femoral artery to the right femoral artery. This was a huge undertaking for an elderly, critically ill patient. Thankfully, her kidneys and liver survived all of this trauma without any signs of failure.



We really thank God for her current recovery. This could very easily have led to multi-system organ failure and death. We were pleased to see her today sitting up in bed with stable vital signs today. Please pray for her body and spirit as she continues her slow recovery.



Russ is happy that her foot is warm, a sign that her bypass is healthy!



**Mary**, 45 y.o. mom of three kids, just had minimally invasive mitral valve replacement. I didn't even know that was a thing! Minimally invasive means that they didn't have to open her entire sternum, but rather made a small incision and inserted a telescope with which they could do the work. She still feels like she's had major surgery for sure, but doesn't have such a big wound to heal from.

## Pre Op



**Blacksen** is a 12 y.o. orphan boy who has had increasing fainting episodes because he has severe Atrial Insufficiency due to RHD. His heart is really struggling to keep his body going. He and his grandmother joined gratefully in as we prayed together for his surgery this week.



**Michael** is here to have a right lung lobectomy for lung cancer. He had colon cancer nine years ago, but this does not appear to be related. He is a construction worker who fell off a roof several years ago and has been too weak and in too much pain to be able to work. We pray that his lung will heal well and that he will be well enough to get help for his back from one of our neurosurgeons!

## Amen!



Thank you for joining us in prayer for these patients, who are here in our care at a crucial time in their lives. Please pray that they and their caregivers would experience the love of God through all the nurses, doctors, and hospital workers they come in contact with during their stays.

May God bless you and all those you come into contact with each day!

*Russ & Beth*

We'll be seeing more of beautiful little **Amen** from Ethiopia in future weeks. She is too sick with viral gastroenteritis to have the surgery that she needs for her congenital heart disease. Please pray for her and her mom as she cares for her.

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