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SUNDAY IS A COMING!

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A few hours ago a nurse from the pediatric ward called me to see a baby that was having a hard time breathing. As I make my way down there, my head is running trying to think of all that could be going on with the baby and what it is I might be able to do to help. When I get to the ward, I find a nurse carefully assessing the baby, mom sitting on the bed, looking lovingly at her child, and dad with a worried look on his face standing near the bed looking down at his child.

When I approach, mom gently lifts this 6-month-old child to her lap, and I notice that the child, despite oxygen is struggling to breathe. Every muscle the child has in his chest is being used to breathe; even his nose is flaring in an attempt to get oxygen throughout his body. I find out from mom, that he had been doing ok since he was admitted just 2 days previously, but all of a sudden tonight, he got worse and seemed to have a fever.



I examined the child and heard a very loud heart murmur, but nothing worrisome in his lungs. As reassuring as this may seem, it wasn't. Our limitations in children with congenital heart disease are significant, and this little guy probably had something that we can't fix with just medicines. I looked through his chart and saw that we were already treating him with medicines for a congenital heart disease that we found on his cardiac echo.

All the thoughts that were running through my head as I headed down to see the patient were now changing. I went

down there thinking I could just give him oxygen, or put him on an antibiotic to fight his pneumonia, Now I was thinking there isn't a lot I can do for this little kiddo. I did give him antibiotics in case it was pneumonia, and gave him a little bit of IV fluid since he was unable to breastfeed because he was breathing so hard,. Other than that, I couldn't think of anything that would fix him.

So now I was faced with a small child who has the real possibility of dying, maybe not tonight, but sometime soon. Having a conversation like that with parents isn't easy, no matter what language or culture you are in. Tonight was no different. So I told them, the best that I could, in a way that they would understand. Despite everything, we would do, there is a chance the medicines aren't going to be enough, Their child could die. Then we prayed and I asked God to heal this child and to comfort these parents.

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Nazarene Hospital Foundation exists to support the on going work of Kudjip Nazarene Hospital in Papua New Guinea through the collections of medicine, medical supplies, equipment and cash donations. **100%** of the supplies and cash collected are used for this purpose.

Because You Care

The hospital is working to reduce infections in the hospital and have recently formed an infection control committee. The infection rate in very high in Papua New Guinea and if we can reduce that rate we can improve the health of patients, family members, and reduce the need for more costly medical resources that are used to help treat the infection after it is present. However, the hospital needs our help. One need is for rolling garbage cans separating regular garbage and medical biohazard waste. Another need is for liquid soap so that staff, patients, and family members can wash their hands to reduce spread of disease. We also need biohazard bags, sharp containers, gloves, and hydrogen peroxide.

Garbage cans	\$ 85 per can (need 18)
Liquid soap	\$ 15 per gallon (need 3 gallons per month)
Hydrogen peroxide	\$ 3 per 32 oz (need 10 bottles per month)
Gloves	\$ 6 per 100 (need 500 per month)
Sharps container	\$ 15 per 8 gallon (need 4 per month)
Biohazard bags	\$ 40 per 100 bags (need 100 bags per mo)
Staple guns	\$ 6 per gun (need 700 per year)
Electrical Regulators	\$ 50 each (need 10)
Tylenol, Ibuprofen	\$ 7 per 1,000 (need 100,000)

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Despite the seeming hopelessness of the situation – SUNDAY IS A COMING. Sunday, the day Jesus rose from the dead, the day hope returned, the day the curtain was torn. Sunday, the day we no longer needed a mediator between us and God, the day the hope of eternal life came for all who believe. Sunday, the day of joy and happiness and peace. Sunday, the day of forgiveness, mercy, grace and love for one and all.

For this family too, Sunday is a coming. Even though it seems like this child is against all odds in surviving with our limited resources. SUNDAY IS A COMING. Sunday a day of new life for this kiddo, a day where he doesn't have a heart condition, where his parents shed no more tears. The day he sees his Savior face to face, is a coming. This was a great reminder of why I am here.

I am here to serve this child and others like him, who seemingly have no hope, except one – Jesus – and the need to be reminded that Sunday is a coming.

The fact is, the child is close to death. The truth is, Sunday is a coming.

Thank God for His Eternal Hope.

