

On a cold winter day, a 28-year-old pregnant woman named Diljan and her husband arrived at the CURE International Hospital of Kabul in desperate need of medical care. She was suffering from shortness of breath and could barely move.

The hospital staff quickly found out this was not an unusual pregnancy for Diljan.

She had a traumatic history of six previous pregnancies which had all ended in miscarriages due to complications associated with pulmonary hypertension. In each case, she had received only basic medical care.

The specialists at the CURE hospital faced a very difficult situation and deliberated about what to do. Should they induce a delivery right away—she was more than six months pregnant—or should they wait for the mother’s health to improve? Not only was the unborn child in danger of dying, but Diljan was seriously at risk as well.

Motivated by their love for each other and a resolute desire to have a child, the mother and father begged the CURE staff to do whatever it could to save the baby.

They came with nothing but their “empty hands” and a strong belief that God had brought them to CURE, noted a staff member.

The hospital decided to delay the delivery, despite the complexities involved. It had the capacity and expert medical staff to give Diljan an opportunity to safely deliver her baby.

After a month in the care of the hospital, Diljan’s health began to improve. She was ready to deliver the baby. Soon, she was holding her first child, a healthy and beautiful little girl.

After many years of unimaginable pain and heartache, Diljan and her husband’s dream of having a baby had come true.

It was once again a cold winter day when the couple left the hospital. But this time, they were smiling, ready to begin a new life with their firstborn child. It was a birth only made possible by the unmatched care they had received at CURE Kabul.

Diljan/ Afghanistan



Diljan holds her newborn daughter.

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