

Immaculate is a healthy, happy 7-year-old girl from Uganda. She makes big contributions around the house, helping with cleaning and preparing meals.

Immaculate's parents are grateful for her contributions. In fact, they are thankful their eldest child is even alive.

Immaculate was born in 2001 with hydrocephalus, a condition caused by excessive fluid in the brain. It leads to extreme swelling of the head and is often fatal if not treated.

Her parents noticed something was wrong soon after their daughter was born. Concerned, they immediately sought medical help at a local hospital. But Immaculate's condition only got worse. Her head continued to swell.

Knowing her parents were desperate to find help for their child, a caring friend told them about a hospital in Uganda that specialized in treating cases like Immaculate's.

Through contact with a mobile clinic, the 6-month-old Immaculate was soon in the care of the medical staff of the CURE Children's Hospital of Uganda in Mbale. An operation called an ETV procedure followed; this procedure can alleviate the effects of hydrocephalus with a minimum of disruption to the patient. Rather than using a shunt to drain the fluid in the brain, a tiny hole is utilized instead.

The operation saved Immaculate's life. She soon was able to return home with her parents.

More than seven years later, Immaculate remains a living miracle because of the CURE Uganda hospital.

Immaculate was one of the first patients who was treated at this hospital using the ETV procedure. Since then, thousands more children with hydrocephalus have been changed as well because of the sophisticated care CURE Uganda offers.

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