I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.
Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.
Glorious and majestic are His deeds, and His righteousness endures forever.
He has caused His wonders to be remembered;
The Lord is gracious and compassionate.
He remembers His covenant forever.
Psalm 111:1-5
Prayer

“To pray for others means to make them part of ourselves. To pray for others means to allow their pains and sufferings, their anxieties and loneliness, their confusion and fears to resound in our innermost selves. To pray is to enter into a deep inner solidarity with our fellow human beings so that in and through us they can be touched by the healing power of God’s Spirit. When, as disciples of Christ, we are able to bear the burdens of our brothers and sisters, to be marked by their wounds, and even be broken by their sins, our prayer becomes their prayer, our cry for mercy becomes their cry. In compassionate prayer, we bring before God those who suffer not merely ‘over there’...but here and now in our innermost selves. As so it is in and through us that others are restored; it is in and through us that they receive new light, new hope, and new courage; it is in and through us that the Spirit touches them with God’s healing presence.”

(From Henri Nouwen’s book Compassion)

Pray for the New Believer in your email who has recently come to Christ through the ministry outreach of CURE. Continue to pray for the impact we have on patients, both physically and spiritually.

This month we will highlight our ministry in Niger.

Situated in West Africa, Niger is rated among one of the poorest countries in the world. CURE Hôpital des Enfants au Niger (CURE Niger) opened in October 2010 in the capital city of Niamey and is the only one of its kind in the entire country, offering specialty surgical care for children needing orthopedic, reconstructive and plastic surgery. Its world-class surgeon has the ability to cure children of their physical disabilities and to train national doctors to do the same.

Given the poverty of the country, CURE has a significant opportunity both to provide healing through surgery and to level the economic playing field for children and families that are unnecessarily burdened by correctable disabilities. Since inception, CURE Niger has performed over 1,400 life-changing surgeries and provided over 6,300 outpatient visits for children with orthopedic and other disabling conditions.

Beyond meeting the physical needs of these children, CURE Niger ministers to the emotional needs of the families through prayer and counseling. Many families who bring their children to CURE Niger have been the brunt of social stigmatization, as their children have been labeled as “cursed” due to a lack of understanding of the child’s disability. In coming to CURE, these emotional impacts are addressed so the whole family can receive healing.

In an effort to further meet the needs of the children, CURE Niger began an art therapy program. Children are able to express their journey of healing through painting, coloring, and creating. Additionally, the spiritual ministry team hosts monthly meetings to train and equip local pastors to reach out into their communities and identify children with physical disabilities, allowing more children and families to find healing and be presented with the good news of Jesus Christ at CURE.

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Afghanistan
Praise God for those He is bringing to the hospital. Often, our patients are seen as worthless in their societies. Praise God for the opportunity to take part in both their physical healing and emotional healing.

Pray for wisdom for leaders in the hospital and in the country as well as safety for both staff and patients at CURE Kabul.

Bethlehem
Pray that we will continue to be faithful to the Lord’s guidance as we await His plans for CURE’s presence in Bethlehem.

Dominican Republic
Praise God for Anderson’s birthday celebration. Anderson turned 11 the day before he went into surgery and had to spend the night before at the hospital. He was sad when he came in, but when the elevator opened to his floor, there was a surprise birthday party waiting for him! Pastor Tito was able to share the Gospel with Anderson and the other children on the ward. The next day, Anderson was still beaming even as he was being wheeled in to have extensive surgery on his back.

Pray for Anderson as he recovers from surgery and returns home as a healed 11-year-old.

Egypt
Praise God for His faithfulness during this time of great turmoil in Egypt and for the peace He offers to those who trust Him.

Pray for the tense situation in Egypt. Recently, Egypt has experienced some of the worst attacks in its history. Violence has taken place on the streets and about 45 churches have been burnt down. A 6:00pm curfew has been implemented in Cairo due to the danger of being on the streets. Pray for the safety of the CURE staff and patients during this time.

Ethiopia
Praise God for a visit to CURE Ethiopia by Dale Brantner, CURE’s President & CEO, and Victor Nakah, Senior Vice President of Spiritual Ministry. The hospital staff was very encouraged by their visit. Praise God also for the unity of the staff at the hospital.
Ethiopia (Continued)
Pray for patients who travel far for treatment at CURE Ethiopia. Pray for the family members that stay home and wait in anticipation while the patients are at the hospital.

Kenya
Praise God for the three mobile clinics that took place last month in Meru, Embu, and Thika. In the Meru and Embu clinics, the Jesus film was shown to a total of 970 people. Praise God for opportunities like these to connect with pastors, travel to their communities, and work together to share the Gospel and identify children who can be healed at CURE.

Pray that those who accepted Christ in Meru, Embu, and Thika would make connections with their local churches that help them grow in their faith.

Malawi
Praise God for 20-year-old Esnart Sitima from Nsanje District in southern Malawi known for its hot weather. Esnart and her mother Mary came to the hospital for treatment for Esnart’s legs. When they came to CURE, Mary and Esnart were encouraged to see children that had already been healed and were learning to walk with newly healed legs. Esnart’s surgery was very successful. Mary hopes that she and her husband will be able to send Esnart to college to further her studies. Esnart would like to become a nurse one day. Esnart has a strong personality and she does not let anything or anyone think of her as different. She says she believes God created everyone in his own image, so no one is superior to another. Mary concluded, “Being at Beit CURE does not even feel like a hospital. It is simply a place that restores people’s hope by teaching the Word of God and healing physically and spiritually.”

Pray for Esnart as she learns to walk on her newly healed legs and that she is able to study nursing.

Philippines
Praise God that construction of the Tebow CURE Hospital in Davao remains on schedule for a 2014 opening and that community support and interest in this project continues to grow.

Pray that God will bring together a gifted spiritual ministry team capable of sharing the Good News at the hospital in Mindanao, the most culturally diverse island of the Philippines.
**Uganda**

*Praise God* for the mothers who have been counseled and disciple at CURE. Many fear that they will be rejected and denied support for their babies if their relatives learn they have received Christ. The spiritual ministry team encourages them to put their hope in God and trust Him for their safety and provision. Praise God also that mothers at CURE Uganda have the opportunity to learn to make paper beads and hand-sewn clothes for the babies taught by Janet, a mother whose daughter has fought severe Hydrocephalus. Janet’s testimony about her daughter who is alive today and doing very well has been a great encouragement for the mothers.

*Pray* that the mothers going back home after their babies’ treatments would feel encouraged and return home with a new sense of value for themselves and their babies.

**United Arab Emirates**

*Praise God* for the many ways that He has provided for CURE’s needs and the relationships that continue to be built.

*Pray* for the senior management of CURE Oasis as the new team starts working together. Pray for unity as the team leads the hospital in healing many.

**Zambia**

*Praise God* that a group of nine students from four universities had the opportunity to visit and serve at CURE Zambia. At their universities, they have been planning fundraisers, speaking about CURE, and faithfully praying for the children treated at CURE hospitals. Each piece of the trip helped the students gain a greater understanding of CURE’s vision while being able to take part in its ministry. At the hospital, the students built relationships with the staff, spent time with the kids, helped with hands-on needs around the hospital, and even got to watch CURE’s doctors perform surgeries. During their second week in Zambia, the students joined the spiritual ministry team on an outreach to Kabanze Village. They were able to see firsthand where the kids they met in the hospital come from. This challenged them and was a great opportunity for growth. They shared the Gospel, held discipleship classes, and spent time with members of the community. Praise God that 108 people came to know Christ during this outreach week.

*Pray* as the students continue to process what they saw and learned during their trip and press on to make plans to share their experiences and hold events at their campuses for the kids they met at CURE Zambia. Pray also as some of the students who are pursuing futures in medicine and have been heavily impacted by their experiences with CURE.
CURE Clubfoot Worldwide (CCW)

Praise God for CCW’s many partners and how they have been encouraged by the healing they’ve seen through CCW programs globally.

Pray that all details will be worked out and the appropriate counselors and medical personnel will be able to attend upcoming Ponseti and Medical training in Cambodia, Haiti, Rwanda and Burundi. Pray also for safety in travel, wisdom in discussion, health in all contexts, and growth in spiritual maturity for the team of three regional managers as they continue to lead CCW forward.

CURE Hydrocephalus

Praise God for Dr. Benjamin Warf’s leadership as the Senior Medical Director of CURE Hydrocephalus. Dr. Warf served as the founding Medical Director of the CURE Children’s Hospital of Uganda over a decade ago where he pioneered the shunt-less surgical treatment of hydrocephalus. Today, he serves as a pediatric neurosurgeon at Boston Children’s Hospital and as Associate Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School. He continues to volunteer his “free time” with CURE Hydrocephalus in his ongoing leadership role with the program. Praise God for Dr. Warf’s leadership, neurosurgical skills, and his passion for helping vulnerable children.

Pray for Dr. Vincent Wekesa as he continues his three-month fellowship training through the CURE Hydrocephalus Surgeon Fellowship Program. Dr. Wekesa is an experienced neurosurgeon from Nairobi, Kenya with a passion to advance his skills in treating children with hydrocephalus. Pray for his time away from his family and colleagues as he trains at CURE Uganda. Pray for his efforts to begin treating hydrocephalus through the endoscopic treatment method upon his return to Kenya. Also, continue to pray for our partnering neurosurgeons and the CURE Hydrocephalus Care Coordinator team serving in 12 countries as they minister to the children and families battling hydrocephalus. Pray they will be strengthened in their ministry to these vulnerable children and families.

CURE Board

Praise God for the CURE board members. Their commitment and support to CURE is a great encouragement to the staff both locally and abroad.

Home Office

Praise God for safety over the past several months of heavy travel schedules for many at CURE Headquarters. Praise God also for a good start to the new fiscal year.
Home Office (Continued)

Pray for a number of upcoming events CURE will be a part of. See http://cure.org/events for more details.

- August 21-28 – Andrew Belle West Coast Tour
- August 23-September 15 – “Better With You Tour” featuring 7eventh Time Down, Finding Favour, Abandon, and Ryan Stevenson
- September 15 – FCA Fusion in Athens, GA
- September 20-21 – Uprise Festival in Shippensburg, PA
- October 2-4 – Catalyst in Atlanta, GA
- November 21 – Catalyst One Day in Manheim, PA

Please use these lines to add prayers and praises as they come up over the next month.

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