

# LETTER FROM

Dear Hope Igniters,

Three years ago, Hope Ignited launched what in our minds was an impossible campaign to construct a space of hope and healing where the children of Guinea could find the care they deserve, and local healthcare

workers would be empowered to care for the needs of their community and their country. Since that

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time, we have stood in awe at the way God has used his people to rally around this vision and have been humbled by the outpouring of your generosity. Your faithful support served as an inspiration to our entire who has team worked tirelessly to ensure that the gifts you gave were used to maximize the impact of our work for the children of this

beautiful country. May 2023 was a historic month for all of us as the once perceived impossible dream became a reality that was celebrated in the inauguration of the country's first pediatric center of excellence and the

consecration of our chapel that sits in the center of our space, serving as a reminder that HOPE is

more powerful than the darkness.

Since the opening, we have seen a steady increase in patients, averaging up to 50 per day and our local staff continues to surprise and inspire us. Our nurses have grown by leaps and bounds and our local doctors have taken huge steps toward becoming independent

# THE DIRECTOR

providers. The journey has been anything but easy, and the pain, suffering and loss of life we continue to see makes for long days and sleepless nights. And yet, we persevere because we know the world is not yet what it will be, and God in his mercy has already provided us with glimpses of HOPE as children are finding healing, and families are finding a place o f love and compassion where they feel seen because a building full of people are doing everything in their power to fight for their kids.

We wanted to create this magazine as a way of inviting you deeper into the story God is unfolding in Guinea and as a way of saying thank you for daring to hope with us. We pray that as you read and look through these pictures that

you will rejoice with us and give thanks to our God who in the



incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ has begun the work of making all things new - the one who makes a way in the wilderness, who brings rivers in the desert, who sets the captives free and who fills us with joy and peace, even in the midst of the darkness, that we may abound in HOPE by the power of the Spirit.

Following the trajectory of Jesus' life to bring HOPE,

Adam V. Jamison Executive Director Hope Ignited



#### A special look at Sacré Coeur Pediatric Center

# HOPE IGNITED

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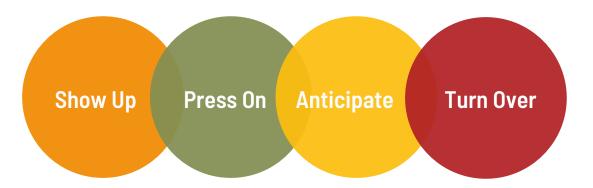
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# **HOPE IGNITED • DARE TO HOPE**

"We can dare to undertake actions that risk failure, if we have the confidence that even in failing to achieve their ends they will achieve the most important end, which is to witness to the unfailing purposes of God." Oliver O'Donovan

### VISION

To embody a new narrative of HOPE that tells and shows every citizen of Guinea they are seen by God and indispensable to the work of His Kingdom.



# Show Up (Incarnation)

HOPE begins by showing others they have not been forgotten. We are committed to not just caring for, but being present with those we serve.

# Anticipate (Resurrection)

HOPE, standing on resurrection ground, anticipates the world to come by working to align the present with God's coming future.

# Press On (Crucifixion)

HOPE is lamenting the dissapointments and difficulties of this world while courageously enduring. We will not give up until HOPE wins.

# Turn Over (Ascension)

Sustainable transformation can only happen when locals take ownership of their own future. We are committed to providing a spark, but then stepping back and letting HOPE spread.

### IMPLEMENTATION

To Show Up, Press On, Anticipate and Turn Over are the core commitments of Hope Ignited, and for us these commitments are nothing other than a practical embodiment of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In hearing our cries, God showed up, enduring in our midst, even to the point of death on the cross, rising from the dead, opening up a new world of possibilities and ascending to the Father, binding us to himself in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we might find the power, apart from his physical presence, to fulfill the mission that has been uniquely given to us to fulfill. It is this gospel trajectory that serves as the model for our capacity building efforts, and it is this trajectory that provides our work with a steady compass as we refuse to let the darkness of the world have the last word.



### **Mission**

Reshape the imagination of the people of Guinea towards God's coming Kingdom through gospel centered healthcare and capacity building programs that run counter to the false stories that leave people without HOPE.



### Goals

We will create...

- A premier diagnostic site where families don't have to weep over the unnecessary loss of their loved ones.
- A place of compassion where thousands of people discover they have not been abandoned, that they and their loved ones are not simply destined to die young.
- A place of hospitality and nearness that reminds people even in the face of death and loss, that they are not alone.
- A premier heart center, performing the country's first pediatric open heart surgery, where the city can rejoice that good things can and will come from Guinea.
- A premier pediatric residency program where young doctors learn to be present to the cries of the sick while finding the skills and hope needed to do something about it.
- · A premier theological training site that shapes the hearts, minds and souls of future church leaders so as to become active agents of God's coming Kingdom.
- A place of beauty that shows the past does not determine the future.
- · A place that inspires thousands upon thousands of people to fight for change, to battle against the darkness of the world in favor of HOPE.



# a new story of hope

The life of the Guinean people is being shaped by false narratives; stories that produce hopelessness and despair, stories that tell them nothing good will come from Guinea; stories that say don't fight the system, because nothing will ever change; stories that say children are destined to die young, they will amount to nothing, their dreams cannot be fulfilled, and the darkness cannot be overcome. The people have all but lost their ability to imagine a world different than the one that is staring them in the face.

Sharing the gospel missionally is about understanding the stories that shape and determine people's lives, and figuring out ways to tell new stories, stories that embody the greatest story of all - "that God so loved the world he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believes in him shall not

perish, but have everlasting life."

This is why Sacre Coeur Pediatric Center - the space of hope and healing that was inaugurated at the end of April - is not just a clinic, it is not just another healthcare center or surgical center, it is not even simply a space of vocational formation that serves to strengthen the competencies of local healthcare providers. Rather, it is an embodiment of a new story, a story that tells the people of Guinea that they are seen by God and freed to become an indispensable part of the work of His Kingdom. In short, it is a story that shows them that HOPE is more powerful than the darkness.

April 28, 2023, the inauguration of Sacre Coeur Pediatric Center, was a historic day for Hope Ignited, for Guinea, and for each of you who

through your generosity and prayer made this day possible. It was a moment of singing, dancing and giving God the glory for what he has accomplished through us in Guinea.

We were joined by our staff, the local community, local leaders including the mayor and the governor, as well as national leaders from the office of the prime minister of Guinea. Many shared a word of thanks for this new work in their community, and for the new story that was unfolding through the pediatric center.

What is new for the people of Guinea, however, is for us at Hope Ignited a culmination of a long story of God providentially knitting people and events together to arrive at this moment.

As we looked to the future, and with

HOPE dreamed of what God would do in and through the pediatric center, we simultaneously remembered Ignited's founder, Chuck Jamison, who never got to see the completed work, but whose heart for the people of Guinea and faithfulness to God's calling laid the groundwork, along with so many others, to make this special day a reality.

As we reflected on the number of people God has put in place since the founding of Hope Ignited in 2002, we were reminded that the story that is unfolding in Guinea is not a story created by us, but rather one God is telling for the sake of His glory.

We pray that we can continue to remain faithful to participate in His story for Guinea, and pray that He does more within our midst than we could ever envision or imagine.



# INSIDE SACRÉ COEUR: A TOUR





- 1. Sacré Coeur Pediatric Center
- 2. Main entrance
- 3. Reception
- 4. Entryway



- 5. Triage
- 6. Consultation room



















7. Urgent care 8. Laboratory 9. Pharmacy10. Operating room 11. X-ray 12. Physical therapy



ALFRED SOUWALA DORÉ - MEDICAL BIOLOGIST





The transfer of knowledge and the building up of local expertise is core to our vision at Sacre Coeur. To that end, watching our nurses flourish - from learning in the simulation room to improving patient care - has been such a joy. Each of them joined Sacre Coeur with a passion for loving and serving the children of Guinea, but none of them were confident in pediatric care. From evaluating vital signs on a crying baby to starting an IV on a squirming toddler, the nurses of Sacre Coeur are constantly acquiring new skills.

Not only are they practicing new medical assessments and tasks, but they are doing it with compassion. This is what truly touches the hearts of the parents and children that come to Sacre Coeur. To watch parents' faces when our nurses take time to comfort their child in a difficult procedure or play with their child when they are feeling better after treatment is a blessing. Their faces relax and shine, feeling a love and care in medicine that they've never experienced before in Guinea. It is truly what makes Sacre Coeur Pediatric Center, and our nurses, special.

## PRACTICING MEDICINE WITH LOVE

DR. EDGAR FASSORY TRAORÉ

It is with a heart full of gratitude that I address these words to Hope Ignited and all those who have believed in their vision by investing their money, time and energy.

I am the son of a Guinean pastor, born in Bible college and raised on a mission field. Very early on, through my father's ministry, I understood that evangelism in a country like Guinea is more effective through acts of service than through speaking words alone. People won't listen to you if they're hungry, if they're sick...

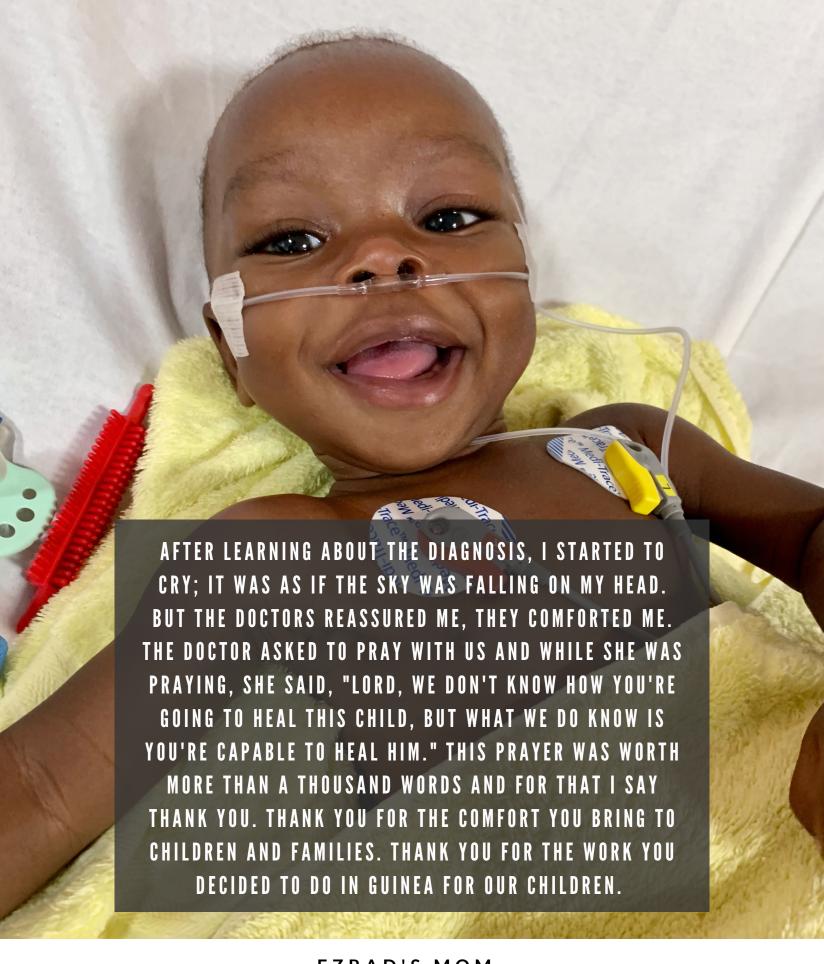
I was 11 when I understood that God was calling me to evangelize my Malinké people, and for that I would need to train in medicine and in theology. If this dream comes true, Hope Ignited will have been one of the powerful elements that God used to give me a scientific and spiritual foundation. Being

fresh out of the benches of the medical school, Sacré Coeur allowed me for the first time in my life to feel like a doctor, a good doctor. During these last six months, I learned more than I had learned in six years. I have never spent a day at Sacré Coeur without learning something new. I am no longer the person I was six months ago. It is truly a grace for me.

In our work at Sacré Coeur, we often pray for the sick. I experience great joy when I have the opportunity to pray for the sick in Malinké. It was difficult to find this kind of opportunity during my childhood, as our people are so hostile to the gospel, and I see myself finally accomplishing my mission. There is something that particularly struck me at Sacré Coeur; it is the empathy with which our supervisors treat the sick. For me, that means everything — showing the love of Christ through care. If I were to sum up all that God has done for me in the last six months, I would simply say: I learned how to practice medicine with love, the love of Christ.

I am convinced that God will use me effectively for His work, I will always remain grateful to Hope ignited who allowed itself to be used by God to train and equip me both scientifically and spiritually. May God bless Hope Ignited and all those who contribute to the materialization of their vision.

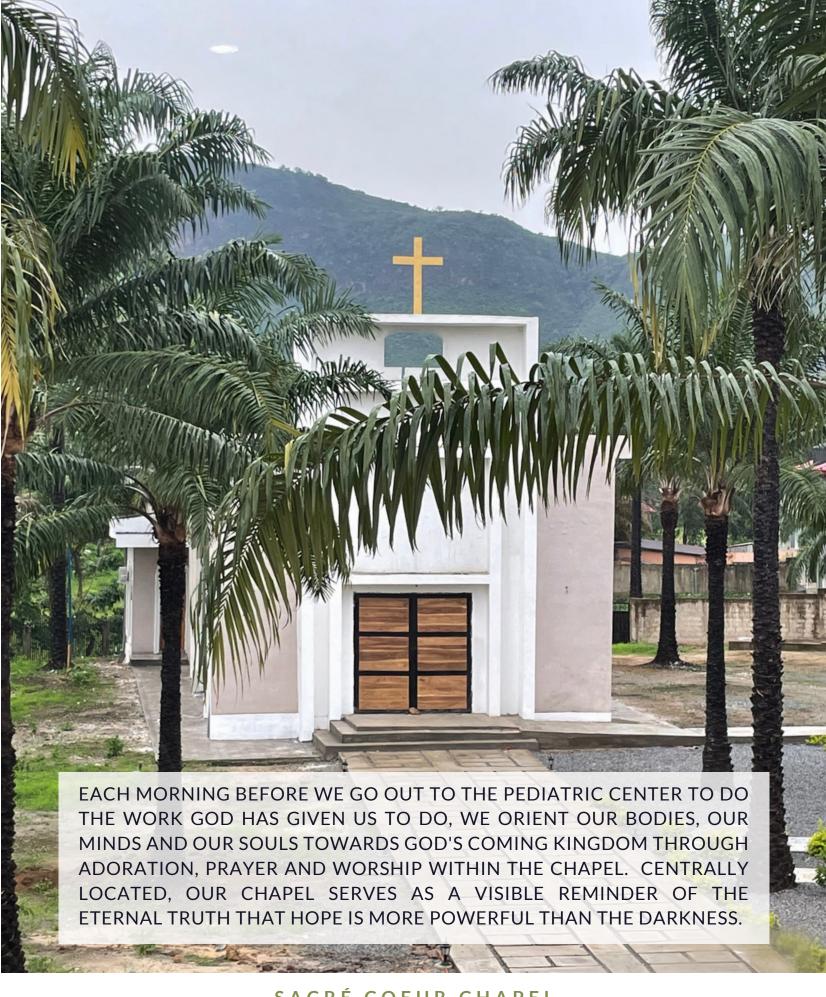




#### EZRAD'S MOM

Ezrad was diagnosed with a hole in his heart and underwent successful heart surgery in France





SACRÉ COEUR CHAPEL

### HOPE AND HEALING FOR HEARTS

Meet Kadiatou. Her parents knew there was something wrong from the beginning, but despite attempts many medical therapy, she continued to breath too fast and failed to gain any weight. They went to several clinics and hospitals, but struggled to find a clear answer.

During their first visit with Dr. Rachel, Hope Ignited's

Chief Medical Officer and pediatric cardiologist, thev finally found the answers they had been seeking. Kadiatou had been born with a heart defect called ventricular septal а defect - a hole between the two sides of her heart. It was causing her to breathe too quickly and to lose weight. It also prevented her from developing normally.



Our team worked to submit her medical file to an NGO in France that provides free heart surgery to children from Africa and after a few months, she received lifechanging surgery to close the hole in her heart. After her surgery, she gained weight quickly and even developed chubby cheeks! She also

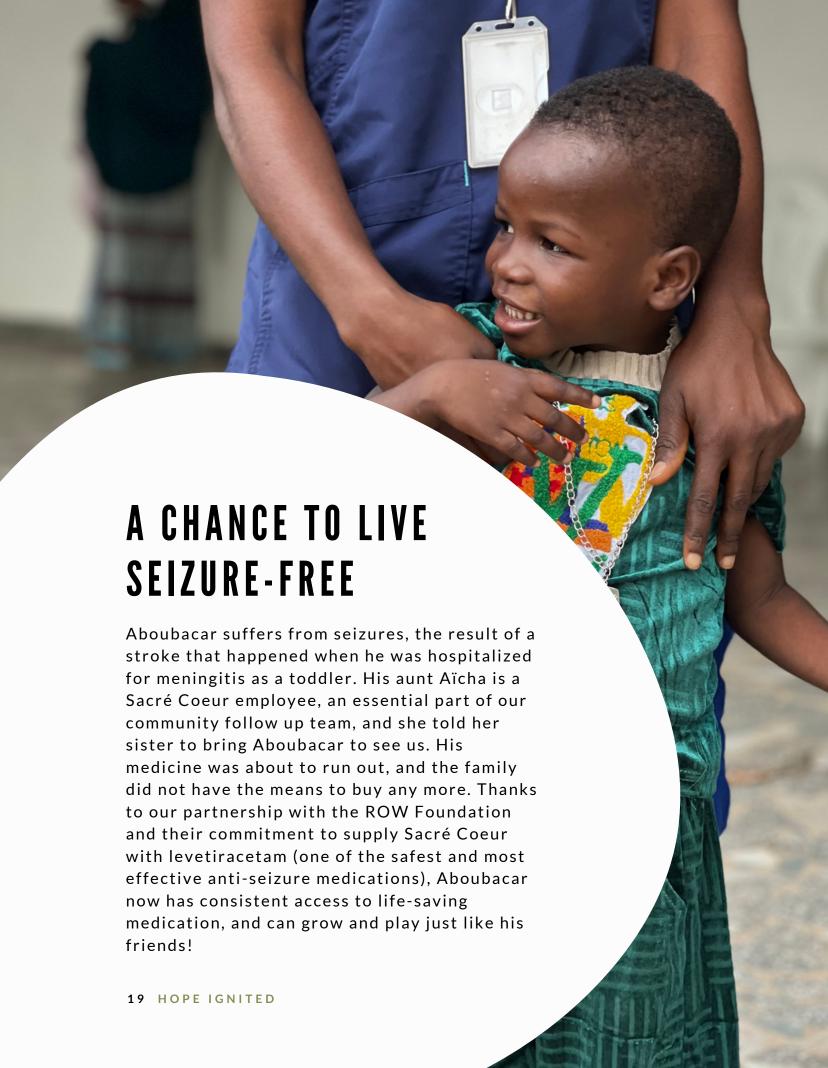
started walking and saying her first words. Her father told us. "I don't have the thank [Sacré words to Coeurl. Thanks to Dr. Rachel, my daughter finally healthy. Even with everything I could possibly do, it wouldn't be enough to repay her. I now have hope because Kadiatou is well."





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Because of Sacré Coeur Pediatric Center, children like Kadiatou can find the care they so desperately need and can have a chance at a full and healthy life. Despite living in one of the darkest places on earth, she is proof that hope is more powerful than the darkness.





ESTHER BANGOURA - NUTRITION COUNSELOR



#### ADRIAN'S FATHER

Adrian underwent a successful heart surgery in France and is now back in Guinea doing great.

# NEW METHODS, NEW HORIZONS

Capacity-Building: Pharmacy



This year, the pharmacy at Sacre Coeur was able to import low-cost, high-quality medications for the children of Guinea. In Guinea, patients often experience severe complications from illnesses that are easily treated because they are unable to find and/or afford their medicine. Your support allows us to purchase medications from reputable distributors outside of Guinea and provide them to patients and the community.

Your support also allowed the pharmacy at Sacre Coeur to regularly compound essential medications for patients.

Pharmacy compounding is the process of making a medication which is otherwise unavailable. Until Sacre Coeur opened. compounding had never been done in Guinea. Due to how small our patients are, many previously had to go without critical medications because the dose of the normal pill is too high. Now, our Guinean pharmacist, Jean, is independently compounding medications children are getting better thanks to medications that are dosed correctly for their size!



# SAFE & AFFORDABLE SURGERY

With our operating room complete and functional, we had the privilege of welcoming Dr. Allison Travis, a general surgeon, to perform our first outpatient surgeries for children in the community surrounding the pediatric center.

When our community team went out in search of good surgical candidates, Aicha was quickly pointed out as she had been suffering from an umbilical hernia that was causing her severe pain.

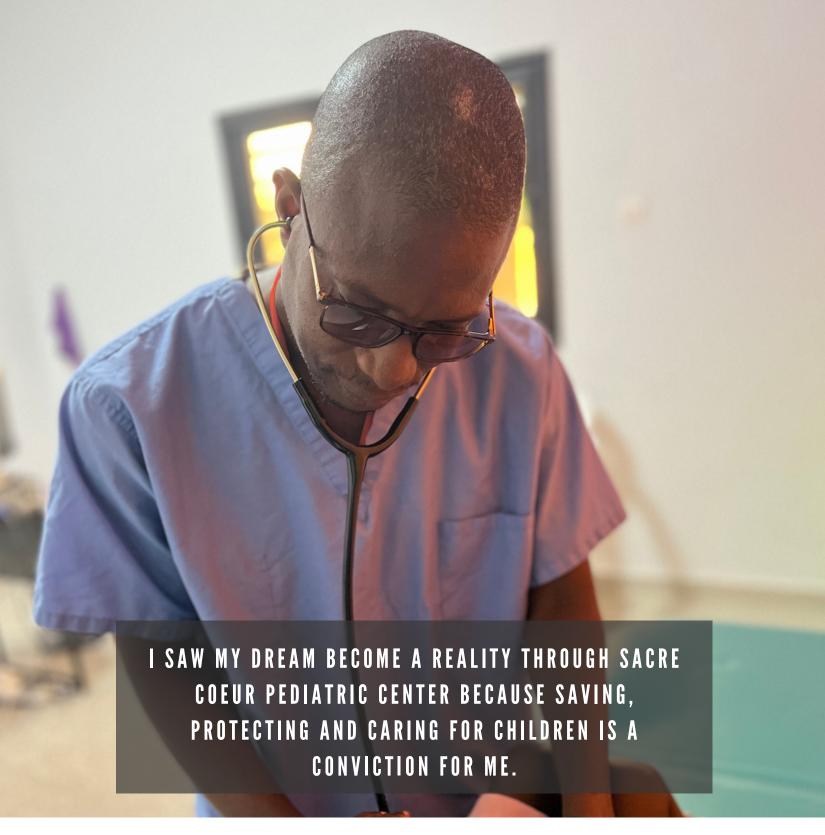
After a successful operation, we were overjoyed to find Aicha again playing in the community with local friends and hearing her report that the pain had gone away completely! In addition, after seeing her transformation, the reputation of the center greatly increased within the wider community, and families are now rejoicing that they have an excellent center of care for their families and children.

We were able to keep the cost of these surgeries affordable for families who have very little by offsetting the cost through our generosity fund. Thank you for the support you give and for playing a vital role in Aicha's transformation!









DR. ISSIAGA BARRY - PHYSICIAN



### IS GOD CALLING YOU?

How one week can help further the kingdom of God

On est ensemble — "We are together." This year the Sacre Coeur team has experienced firsthand what it means to be part of the global church as we welcomed visitors from a variety of professions and backgrounds. Our visiting teams have included physicians, microbiologists, nurses, advanced care practitioners, radiologists, a nutritionist, a lactation consultant, pastors and church teams.

Medical teams spent hours teaching our staff and community in their area of expertise, providing knowledge and hands-on practice that are otherwise unavailable. Church teams painted walls, wired electrical boxes, and set up the center's computer network. More importantly, every visitor was fully invested and became a part of what God is doing here. Engaging our local staff, playing with patients, holding babies so exhausted parents can rest, visiting patients in their own homes, praying over families, and participating in Sunday church services are a few examples of the gift each visitor gave us...the gift of presence. Many people think a short trip will amount to very little, but each time one of you makes the sacrifice to show up alongside us, to invest in the lives of our staff, patients and community, you are becoming an agent of HOPE by joining with us to tell a new story that despite what may seem, the people of Guinea have not been abandoned or forgotten. Together, we will continue to run the race God has placed before us.

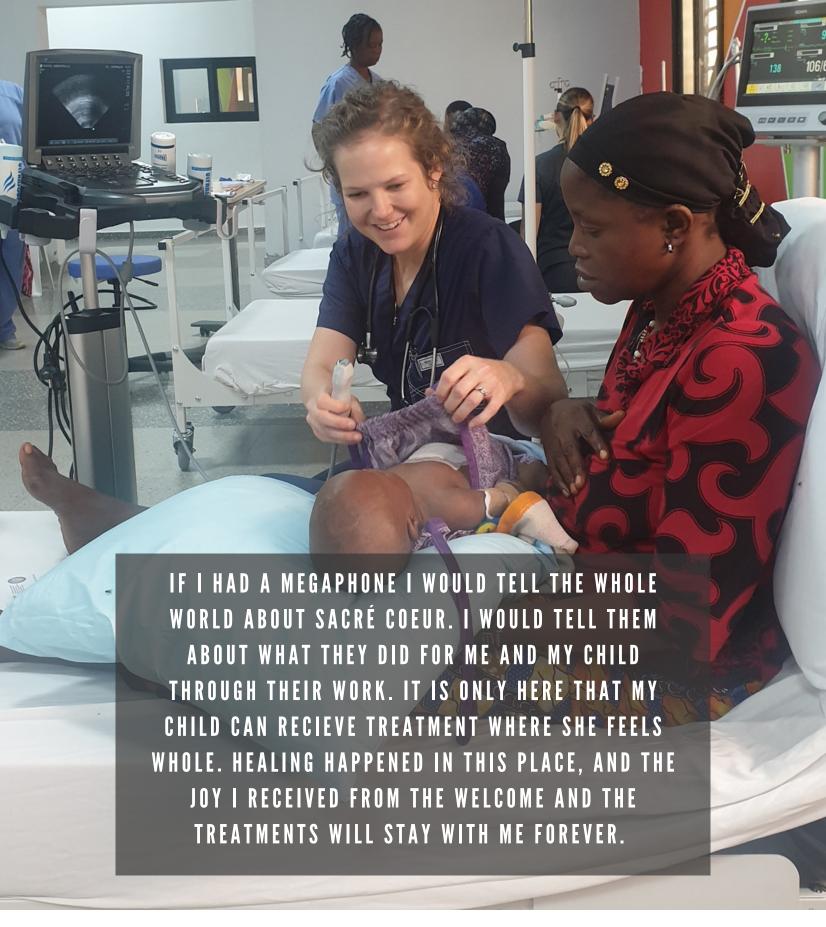
Visit us at hopeignited.org to find more information on how you can be a part of what God is doing in Guinea.







KASMIR MANSARE - INTERPRETER



#### AISSATOU'S MOM

Aissatou underwent a procedure to drain fluid from around her heart and is now healthy

### BEYOND THE CENTER

Coming alongside families through incarnational presence

"Christianity is most transparently embodied when disciples imitate Christ's incarnation and show up among those on whom the world has turned its back, whose suffering the world cannot bear to see. It is not about having the solution or the answer, but about being present even when you have no things to do, actions to offer or words to say. That is what faith means." Sam Wells



Our follow up team was created to be an incarnational presence in the lives of the families who come to our pediatric center. They are meant to provide hope in the healing and in the hurting. For those children who are feeling better, it is an opportunity to join families in their homes to rejoice; and for those who have lost a child or loved one, it is an opportunity to be with them in their pain, to remind them that even in the midst of their suffering they are not alone.

It is such a joy when God uses the skills and competencies of our team to provide healing, but like anywhere, there is pain, suffering and death that simply can't be fixed. Even in these moments we seek to ensure we do not turn our back on the families who have experienced loss. That is why our follow up team, with your help through our bereavement fund, visit families with a simple token of love - a bag of rice and our presence. Our presence doesn't fix anything, but we pray it embodies the message that their child was important to us as well, and that as they endure the unimaginable, despite what may seem, they have not been abandoned.

Taking time to visit families in their homes can often feel like a massively unproductive and inefficient way of spending our time, as visiting just one or two families can fill up an entire day. However, we have learned to welcome this disruption because although you can't measure it, you can't add it up, there is something extraordinarily powerful that happens when we are willing to simply be with.

# SACRE COEUR BY THE NUMBERS

through august 2023



Number of clinic visits - 2,933



Current patients / day - 50+



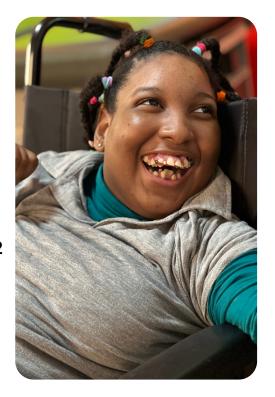
Kids sent for heart surgery -18



Number of children vaccinated - 432



Number of home visits - 147







Number of local staff - 36



Number of American staff - 6



Number of Belgian staff - 2



Training hours delivered - 10,000+

# WAYS TO GIVE

By giving monthly to Sacre Coeur, you help us fulfill our mission of creating a pediatric center that provides the highest quality care accessible to the poorest of the poor.

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