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**JESUS LOVES ME**  
Children's Center

## August 2025 Jesus Loves Me Report for LIVE2540



### Introduction

August was a month for refocusing and preparing for new initiatives as a team. The team were continued to treat high numbers of children, particularly those suffering from severe malaria, while inpatient and outpatient feeding numbers were slightly reduced. Training workshops took place to prepare the team for the launch of the chronic illness clinics, and continued future developments around vertical programming such as HIV, Tuberculosis and immunisations took place at a high pace. Many children who came to the hospital extremely unwell were able to be turned around very rapidly thanks to a combination of prayer and dedicated work by the whole team.

## Highlights

- )] Immunisations increased to two days weekly.
- )] Triage system has greatly improved with the installation of 2 lines and 2 weighing and measurement stations for children coming through OPD.
- )] New record numbers of children admitted to the hospital inpatient department.
- )] Training workshops to cover team building and chronic illness took place to prepare for launch of these services.
- )] Entire center welcomed the inauguration of the new county health officer.



## August in Statistics

- )] 1874 children treated in the outpatient department.
- )] Additional 27 staff treated during August.
- )] 27 new children treated in the OPD for severe acute malnutrition, with 72 currently on the program, 28 discharged as cured.
- )] 122 children immunized against serious medical conditions.
- )] 167 total admissions to the inpatient ward.
- )] 35 admissions to the inpatient feeding ward with severe acute malnutrition, 4 of whom were less than 6 months old. 30 children were discharged from the inpatient feeding ward.
- )] 112 admissions to the ward with complicated malaria, 6 of whom required blood transfusions.
- )] 3 patients referred onward to other facilities for care.
- )] 4 deaths in the facility.
- )] 18 children less than 6 months old treated with formula milk.

## Educational Developments

- )] Weekly teaching sessions continue every Thursday, covering topics including urgent reporting of deterioration in children's conditions.
- )] PA teaching of caregivers takes place every morning, involving further topics such as malaria prevention, breastfeeding and recognition of pediatric danger signs.
- )] Afternoon teaching for PAs taking place .
- )] Medication and prescribing reviews now taking place weekly in the pharmacy.



## Challenges

- )] The center still needs more missionary staff to invest in training and mentoring for the whole team.
- )] Ensuring that children suffering from malnutrition are seen as a high priority remains a concern.
- )] Clear treatment protocols need to be established for chronic illness clinics.
- )] Managing the very high numbers of children without burnout of staff will take good organizational skills and a very strong commitment to caring for our local leadership while also safeguarding the most vulnerable.

## Goals

- )] Onboarding of a new nurse to focus exclusively on triage from September 2025.
- )] Tuberculosis medication and ledgers to be in the center for continued follow up of children in outpatients from September onwards.
- )] Opening of chronic illness clinics for epilepsy, asthma and sickle cell from September 2025 onwards.
- )] Mobile medical clinics to launch November 2025.





## Success stories



Early in the morning, 3 year old Abigail was brought to Jesus Loves Me, pale and breathing rapidly. She had been unwell for some days, her temperature bouncing up and down and her little body unable to keep any fluid down. Her mother did her best, but there was no way she could afford any medication apart from paracetamol, so she kept getting worse. Her Mom had brought her to Jesus Loves Me after hearing that the hospital had medicine and staff who cared. When she got to the hospital, she was pale and burning up with a high fever, barely able to wake up.

When she was seen by the team doing the triage, she was very rapidly recognized as unwell and brought straight to the ward, where the team got her on oxygen and started on antimalarials. The whole team worked together to figure out that her hemoglobin was just 3.4, dangerously close to the level at which she would soon run out of blood. Thanks to the speed of the lab and the newly installed blood fridge and donor reserve system, Abigail had blood flowing into her veins within 10 minutes of arrival.

Within an hour, a 4 year old boy called Benjamin came in, his little legs barely able to carry the his body. He was hot and hadn't been able to eat for 3 days. He sat next to Abigail and watched the blood dripping into her body, looking a little scared, his mother's eyes darting everywhere, watchful and worried about what might happen next. The team stayed calm and rechecked her hemoglobin, finding it to be 3.7. He was getting blood within minutes, his little body starting to remember what it could do, the energy beginning to return.

The two children lay next to each other all day, their bodies slowly returning back to life and their health steadily being restored as the vital blood returned to their system, turning back the tide of malaria. Color began to return to their cheeks and hope returned to both of their mothers. The families began to chat, interacting and learning from each other about their experiences of life in the village, sickness, but most importantly the joys of healing. And the picture of Jesus' love shown in the blood given to restore their children to life.

By the next day Abigail and Benjamin began to play together, starting to walk around the ward. They were able to start to make sense of the world and what had happened to them, most importantly making sense of the care they received and the picture of Jesus' love. They went home happy as families, knowing that there is love and life at Jesus Loves Me.

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