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**JESUS LOVES ME**  
Children's Center

## October 2025 Jesus Loves Me Report for LIVE2540



### Introduction

October 2025 was an intense month full of many positive developments, including life-saving interventions for many unwell children, many with severe respiratory distress as the bronchiolitis season began. Thankfully the introduction of new more powerful oxygen concentrators has led to more effective CPAP systems. This month also saw new records set for numbers of children treated, with over 200 children attending on several days. Amidst this, the tuberculosis clinic was launched and the groundwork laid for a full time immunization service for center.

## Highlights

- Launch of the Tuberculosis clinic with 5 day a week service, in collaboration with the ministry of health and in accordance with WHO directly observed therapy standards. This will ensure more cohesive follow-up for children
- Record numbers across inpatient and outpatient departments with a high level of trust developing between the center and the local community.
- Mortality rate remains low as a result of dedicated nursing care and clear decision-making, with strong attention to detail.
- Multiple in-service training events took place which have encouraged the staff to develop stronger skillsets.
- The Spiritual temperature of the center is very positive with many spontaneous worship moments and celebrations of gifts being given to unwell children.



## October in Statistics

- 3004 children treated in the outpatient department.
- Additional 112 staff treated during September.
- 55 new children treated in the OPD for severe acute malnutrition, with 80 currently on the program, 16 discharged as cured.
- 281 children immunized against serious medical conditions.
- 266 total admissions to the inpatient ward.
- 43 admissions to the inpatient feeding ward with severe acute malnutrition, 2 of whom were less than 6 months old. 35 children were discharged successfully from the inpatient feeding ward.
- 132 admissions to the ward with complicated malaria, 9 of whom required blood transfusions.
- 1 patient referred onward to other facilities for care.
- 3 deaths in the facility.

- 27 children less than 6 months old treated with formula milk.
- 6 children treated in the sickle cell clinic.
- 12 children treated in the asthma clinic.
- 4 children treated in the epilepsy clinic.
- 9 children treated in Tuberculosis clinic.



## Educational Developments

- Tuberculosis training extended to cover the staff working in OPD with a focus on recognition of suspected cases.
- 2 staff members completed immunization training and are ready to launch a full immunization program from November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- In-service training sessions covered CPAP and triage.
- Ward-based patient-centered teaching involved examination skills and prescribing for all the physician assistants.
- Patients and caregivers received health education in small groups for epilepsy, sickle cell and asthma.



### Challenges for prayer and wisdom:

- Patient numbers are extremely high. This means that at times it is difficult to prioritise well and there is a risk that patients may have to wait too long to be seen or have to return the next day. A stronger prioritization system is needed with a bigger focus on children under 5 years of age.
- Overprescribing remains a challenge in the outpatient department despite efforts to reduce this. The risk is that there will be excessive interactions between medication in children. Much mentoring is needed to address this, along with culture transformation.
- There is a high risk of burn out in staff who are overstretched, particularly among the leadership team. Intentional recreation and team building remains a need as a few key people carry huge weight.
- There remain some administrative challenges as there are not sufficient back up personnel to the staff currently leading the programming.



### Goals

- Launch of a full-time immunization service from November 3.



- Increase of bed numbers to 40 by December 31. Corresponding onboarding of 5 nurses, 1 lab technician and 2 physician assistants to take place in November/December 2025.
- Inventory system to be strengthened by establishment of re-order levels by January 2026.
- New budget for 2026 to be agreed by December 31.
- Fuller mentoring of staff in OPD around prescribing to take place December 2025.
- Establishment of an outpatient HIV service, goal date April 2026.
- Community health evangelism to launch late 2026.

## Success story



3 month old Cecelia came after losing the ability to feed and developing a very temperature. Her mom tried to help her with local healers and by keeping going with breastfeeding but it wasn't working. She was getting more lethargic and the light was fading from her eyes. Eventually, her mom brought her to Jesus Loves Me, having heard that tiny undernourished babies were able to get help there.

As soon as she arrived, the PAs recognized that she needed help and moved her straight to the inpatient ward. The tell-tale signs of fast breathing and indrawing were recognized quickly, and thankfully oxygen was started right away. A nasogastric tube was inserted for feeding. The first day went well as her breathing began to settle and her temperature got under control. She seemed to be getting a little better.

The next evening Cecelia suddenly got more breathless. Her chest started bouncing in and out as she began breathing faster and her oxygen levels started dropping. One of the supervisors listened to her chest and heard the tight wheezing. Cecelia had caught severe bronchiolitis, and the oxygen and feeds simply weren't enough to keep her going. Anywhere else in Liberia she would soon stop breathing.

Thankfully, Jesus Loves Me is different and the staff had just received training in how to operate the bubble-CPAP system. CPAP was started quickly, and overnight the alveoli began to open once more. Her breathing began to settle and the doctors and nurses worked together to ensure precise fluid then feed management to keep her hydrated and fed. For 3 long days, her life hung in the balance, her narrowed airways propped open by CPAP. Eventually she started to improve, managing to keep a little of the milk down without vomiting.

Malnourished children on CPAP are desperately fragile, but the team at Jesus Loves Me was up to the challenge and were able to give her very detailed care. As her breathing settled, the CPAP was gradually pulled back. After another 5 days, Cecelia was able to come off entirely and her lungs were back to normal. Now she is happily feeding and smiling, well on the way to a healthy and hopefully full life.

Many blessings in Christ,

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