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THE GIFT OF LIFE MID-SOUTH NEWSLETTER



Child #85:
Mariam from
Honduras



Child #86:
Carlos from
Honduras



Child #87:
Helena from Belize



Volunteers of
the Month



Mariam and her mother, Lesli, landed in Memphis on May 1st. Given her very poor condition when arriving, Mariam's surgery at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital was expedited and performed on May 7th. The family returned home on June 1st after her successful, life-saving surgery. Mariam now has the chance to live a full and thriving life!



Baby Carlos and his mother, Mercy, travelled from their small village in Honduras to Memphis on May 22nd. Seven days later, Carlos was healing from successful, life-saving surgery at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. His recovery was difficult at times, but Carlos was well enough to return home with his mother on June 21st. Dr. Boston, Carlos' surgeon, stated it best: "Carlos can live 80 years more!"



We will welcome two year old, Helena Wiebe, and her father, Peter, on July 15th! The family is traveling from their home country of Belize. Thank you to the Olive Branch Rotary Club for sponsoring this family!



Two amazing volunteers, **Kenna Chelsoi** and **May Ann Overman**, provided significant time to Baby Carlos and his mother, Mercy. Both ladies ensured the family received consistent care and attention. Thank you!

Octavio Areas, GOLM Board Member and Staff Chaplain at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, was instrumental in providing Mercy support and comfort during the hospital stay. Thank you!



Ways to Help

Financial Support

Your donations go directly to help the children we bring to Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. All GOLM-affiliated hospitals charge a nominal fee to cover basic hospital costs. Funds are also used for incidental expenses while the family is staying in Memphis at the FedEx Family House.

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Volunteer

Rotary Club and Latino Memphis volunteers are a critical part of the Gift of Life mission. Volunteers and their families have the opportunity to get to know our guest families on a personal level. The host Club provides meals and transportation during the family's stay in Memphis. Volunteers also accompany families to clinic visits and provide support during the hospital stay.

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