

Dear Yotkom supporters,

I thought you might like an update on some of the cases we are seeing at Yotkom and people we are helping with the Yotkom compassion fund.

Gloria:

A young girl named Gloria from a remote village recently received surgery in order to repair a very bad supracondylar fracture of her left humerus. Gloria came to the clinic with severe swelling, deformity and inability to use her left forearm. The father of the girl was unable to afford both the surgical and medical treatment as the family hut they live in had been burnt down by tribal warriors. Yotkom was able to provide treatment through the compassion fund and she received surgery, treatment and physiotherapy and was able to return home.



Joel's story:

Joel, aged 9, was treated at Yotkom recently after falling from a tree while picking mangos. Joel fell directly on his back and sustained a spinal injury. He obtained a type of spinal shock syndrome and at first had paralysis in his legs and was unable to go to the toilet.



Thankfully Joel is slowly regaining use of his legs and we have been able to provide him a wheelchair while he recovers. The compassion fund enabled this young boy to be transported to a facility to receive CT scans to help with diagnosis. Please pray for Joel's ongoing recovery.



Joel in his donated wheel chair.

Surgery at Yotkom:

Multiple and varied surgeries are being done in the Yotkom operating theatre. The medical and surgical and orthopaedic cases here are very interesting and challenging for the doctors here.

Here are a few cases seen while I have been on the ground:



A woman from Lakot received life-saving surgery for a perforated bowel due to typhoid fever.

A woman with blunt abdominal trauma due to an accident was not improving and Dr Matthew and Dr Felix were able to do a laparotomy confirming a bowel perforation. She would have died without the surgical intervention.



We are also seeing some emergencies at our Child and Maternal clinic and we are able to intervene quickly thanks to having an anaesthetist and well equipped theatre room at the ready. Last week a 32 year old woman had a ruptured ectopic pregnancy (pregnancy in the fallopian tubes) presented in shock. Dr Emmanuel did an emergency exploratory laparotomy and found a ruptured ampulla. Intraoperative blood transfusion and post operative care stabilised the young woman as well. This life saving surgery saved her life and the team worked well under pressure.

A number of Caesarian Sections are also being performed in theatre. A few days ago a pregnant woman (36 weeks) was sent to us with severe foetal distress (heart rate 60 bpm)



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- an emergency Caesarian Section was done and the new born baby girl revived by resuscitation! Mother and baby's lives saved by quick action.

And one more case that you probably won't see in Australia! A 39 year old man shot with an arrow had it removed in theatre.



Thank you all for praying for me and supporting the work of Yotkom.

I will keep up the stories from Kitgum and how your support and prayers are helping the poor and sick here in Northern Uganda. If you do have social media we are updating Facebook and Instagram (@yotkom_uganda) pages regularly.

God bless you!

Andrew