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Dear Friend,

### ***Will you join me in praying for Meble?***

This young girl's full name is Meble Gumira. I'm not sure how to properly pronounce her name, but here is what I know.



- Meble is 11 years old.
- Her mother, Christine, became pregnant against her will when she was 13 years old and gave birth to Meble at 14.
- She and her two children are refugees from Congo. Upon escaping violence in their home country, they settled in a mud-and-sticks home in Sarakihombya village.
- Three years ago, Meble developed a terrible abscess on her leg. A local doctor operated, but now the problem has returned.
- Part of the bone in her tibia died. A piece of the devitalized bone protruded and acted like a foreign body in the wound which prevented the infection from healing. Meble has suffered and been afraid.
- When her family brought her to our mobile clinic, our medical officers examined her and two of our team sent us a video.

**She is precious to her family, to our team, and to us.** Everyone hoped to help her, and we pledged our support.

Dr. Mike, our U.S.-based medical advisor, viewed the video and reported, "This looks like chronic osteomyelitis or infection in the bone. If that's what it is, she needs an operation to remove the devitalized bone." Dr. Mike went on to explain that this condition can result from trauma but also from sickle cell disease." She should be tested for sickle cell ASAP," he recommended.

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Here are the steps our medical team has taken:

- 1) Meble was tested for sickle cell disease.
- 2) One of our nurses accompanied her and her mother to Kilembe Hospital - exactly 100 miles away - a respected hospital that specializes in orthopedics.
- 3) The hospital staff met Meble, took X-rays, then recommended surgery.
- 4) The surgery was successful! **"Take another look at the huge smile on Meble's face (on the photo on the front of this letter)!"** Her surgeon believes that the diseased bone has been removed and he expects a full recovery. She needs to keep up to date on antibiotics, but she may experience a full recovery!



Through the entire saga, her family was praying, our medical team was praying, and we starting praying the moment we knew her condition. Now that surgery is behind her and Meble is back home, we hope you will join us in thanking God for her loving caregivers and in praying for her continued and complete healing.

I will be in her home village of Sarakihombya in a few weeks. God willing, I look forward to meeting Meble, her mother Christine, and her 7-year-old brother in person!

It really is easy to change someone's story. Please come alongside Meble in prayer and, if you can, with a financial gift to help pay for her treatment. With God's healing touch, this beautiful girl will fully bounce back, say goodbye to her suffering, and enjoy abundant health. How wonderful is that?!

Every prayer matters. Every donation multiplies the blessing.

Thank you!



Ron Gladden

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