



Aishwarya

A Mother's Love

Aishwarya captured our hearts with her mischievous grin and laughing eyes as she followed her mother to the LWR cleft camp site stationed outside of Bangalore. Dr. Sathish examined her and noted her healed cleft lip scar. Her palate was not repaired, even though she was now six years old. As we obtained her history, the mother told us that Aishwarya was born with both cleft lip and palate. Her husband wanted nothing to do with Aishwarya once he saw her in the hospital. In fact, he threatened at that time to kill his daughter. Once they were discharged from the hospital, Aishwarya and her mother were taken by her grandfather to his home.

Aishwarya's mother's eyes filled with tears and her voice became tense as she explained how her husband tried multiple times to find and murder his child. He simply hated her. There were no other words or understanding that the mother could give. She had done all she could to protect her daughter over the past six years. She was able to have Aishwarya's cleft lip repaired through a charity, however, no one ever returned to follow up with her about her unrepaired cleft palate.

As Aishwarya grew into a playful, charming and loving little girl, her words were airy and the sounds from her throat were very nasal in nature. We watched as she played with the photographer's equipment and chased the staff around the camp, making us all laugh. However life back in the village was not easy. Her teachers could not understand her and gave her a hard time at school. Her friends and playmates made fun of her and soon abandoned her. Aishwarya's mother, stood far off and watched her daughter with tears in her eyes hoping that Love Without Reason could help her.

***"As we celebrate Mother's Day,
we honor women like
Aishwarya's mom who risked
her life for her daughter."
- Susan Mathews***

Our team accepted her as one of our patients and her cleft palate surgery was completed. Aishwarya recovered well from her surgery. Children with a cleft palate must have their palates repaired within 18-24 months of birth to be able to speak well. Aishwarya was well beyond that timeframe, and will need to continue with speech therapy.

We carry a burden for Aishwarya's life. Instead of rejection and vulnerability to human traffickers, she needs to know that her life has value and has purpose.

Your generous support gave Aishwarya and her mom new hope for a better future. Together we will continue the work and change the lives of children like Aishwarya.

Because Every Child Matters!

- Susan Mathews



50 SURGERIES IN 5 DAYS!!!

The hospitality team of Kenya welcomed Love Without Reason when Susan and Santhosh visited in March 2018. As they spoke with government leaders, local leaders, ministry officials, and medical professionals, the response was the same: What can we do to help our children, and our country be cleft-free? With the opening of the Nakuru Level 5 Hospital new surgical suites, the number of patients that can be screened and operated on during the one-week mission can be multiplied.

A team of 30 volunteers from the United States, India, Hong Kong and Zimbabwe, including surgeons, anesthesiologists, and pediatricians are leaving for Nakuru, Kenya on July 20, 2018 to conduct a two-week mission to help provide cost-free cleft surgeries for the poor. Screening camp will be on July 29, followed by 5 days of surgery during which we will do above 50 surgeries.

Love Without Reason can extend through India and into countries within Africa through strategic partnership with individuals and corporations to make such transformative changes into the lives of desperate people.

We are looking for philanthropists to invest in the next phase of Love Without Reason's mission into Africa. Come join us as partners to help transform lives. This is an opportunity of a lifetime. Donate online at www.love-withoutreason.org. Checks can be sent to P.O. Box 21009, Chattanooga TN 37424.

Until the World is Cleft-Free!
Santhosh and Susan Mathews



Children born in rural Africa like Munyaradzi Blessed Nagombembe have no access to cleft surgeries, hence are destined to live in shame unless we intervene.



Love Without Reason's Kenyan Team

