

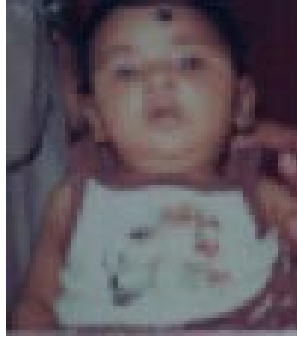
A
HEART-WARMING
MESSAGE

**The Story of How a Little 2 Month Old Baby Girl Will Live
... Because a Tidal Wave of **Love & Generosity** Hit Her!**

A Special Report

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This 3-month-old baby girl was born with a serious heart defect.



Her heart was not getting enough oxygen and energy to work effectively, to pump blood to the rest of her body. She had a condition called **ALCAPA** – an acronym for “**Anomalous Left Coronary Artery from Pulmonary Artery**”.

Without an operation, she might not have survived.

Today she is recovering from complex heart surgery in the Intensive Care Unit of our partner hospital.

Behind this simple anecdote is an inspiring, heart-warming story of generosity and love that spans continents, bridges religions, mocks geography, shatters objections and overcomes obstacles... to save a child's life!

Read it... and be inspired

(Note: Permission has been obtained from the family to use personal information in this report to help explain to a general audience the activity and purpose of the Children's Heart Foundation)

It was a 'Black Saturday'.

Late at night, I returned home feeling exhausted, depressed. I had spent 3 hours trying desperately, but then watching in helpless frustration, as one of our patients failed all attempts at resuscitation. Our best efforts failed. The eight year old girl lost the battle – and her life.

I drove home in a daze. It takes time to get over a sudden, crushing loss. In the meantime, emotion ruled. Anger. Frustration. Sadness. Hopelessness.

I felt them all. I felt like a **complete failure**.

The blues lingered over the weekend.

Tuesday morning.

I reached the hospital early. An envelope lay on my desk. I slit it open.

It was this letter, reminding me about a 2 month old infant in need of emergency heart surgery.



Forgetting what time it was, I called Mrs.Laxmi, co-ordinator of the Charitable Wing at the Narayana Hrudayalaya Institute of Medical Sciences.

“What happened to the little girl?” I asked.

The reply came in a sleepy voice – *and made my heart sing.*

“She was operated yesterday, doc. Doing fine. Thank you for making it possible.”

It was thrilling news!

But it wouldn't have happened without a tidal wave of love and support, from half-way across the globe. Thanks to this man...

It was a week before that I received an email with an innocuous subject. The SUBJECT line said:

“Item #001a – Notification of Payment Received from (sa...)”

I clicked open the message.

And couldn't believe my eyes!

*This email confirms you have received a Payment for \$10,000 USD
From InfoBack Corporation (sales@marketing*****.com)*

View the details of this transaction online at:

<https://www.paypal.com/row/vst/id=XXXXXXXXXX>

Firmly convinced this was just a prank or joke, I clicked through to my PayPal account – and sure enough, there it was – **a donation of TEN THOUSAND dollars!**

I sat back, stunned.

But this was a ‘good’ kind of ‘stunned’. Because this donation from a very generous man named Mr.John Reese would save lives. Of at least 4 children. Probably more.

It would have been great if it ended there.

But John Reese is a man with big dreams – like me. He didn't just stop with making his contribution. He mentioned it in a special report that went out to thousands of readers on his – and many others' – list... and urged them to help out too.

The result – in just 10 days, **another \$6,179** poured in from fantastic people across the world.

All funds will be used by the **‘Dr.Mani Children’s Heart Foundation’**, a registered non-profit organization in India. The money will go to help sponsor heart surgery for children whose families cannot afford the expense.

Like the little 2 month old baby girl.

While the cost of a heart operation in a developed country could run to \$40,000 – or more – the same treatment can be offered in India for just \$2,500 (and often for much less!)

Prajula is relieved. Her baby may now live a normal, healthy life.

I feel happy to have helped make this possible.

And proud too.

Proud to count among my friends some incredible folks who reach out across distances, crushing barriers of language, culture, class or religion, and help – in their own way – to help a child live.

The life of a heart surgeon is a pleasure – and a nightmare. There are delightful highs and crushing lows. In the end, **the highs are what give us the drive, the energy, the inspiration to keep on trying.**

That, and the support from caring, concerned, generous people who care just as much for a child – and help in any way they can.

Thank you – from my heart.

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