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## Today's picks

## Save a Child's Heart

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Two Ghanaian children who suffered a heart disease have successfully undergone a life-saving open-heart operation in Israel through the world-renowned programme Save A Child's Heart.

These children namely Christian Nornormekquadzi, 10 years and Mame Esi Brown, 3 who were sent by the Friends of Save a Child's Heart (Ghana) Ltd arrived in Ghana safe and healthy last week.

A press statement released by the SACH Ghana indicated that medical records of ten more children are currently being screened in Israel to enable them send more children who are suffering from heart diseases.

SACH Ghana, SACH's local affiliated charity in Ghana, was established earlier this year by Infrastructure Project Development Ltd IPD, a UK-based company with the aim of helping Ghanaian children in need of heart surgery to benefit from the work of SACH charity.

However, the main aim of SACH Ghana is to raise funds to send children from Ghana under the SACH programme to undergo paediatric cardiac operation with the help of a paediatric ward of the 37 Military Hospital in Accra, headed by Dr. Kwashi who is assisting IPD in co-coordinating the necessary activities.

Save a Child's Heart is a world famous, non-profit, NGO based in Israel with branches in North America, Europe and Australia, dedicated to saving young children in developing countries regardless of nationality or religion, who suffer from heart diseases without the facilities to undergo cardiac surgery in their own countries.

Since its inception in 1996, SACH has operated and cured approximately two thousand children from the debilitating and often fatal effects of heart diseases. The cost for each operation is about \$10,000, and is funded by SACH through donations raised around the world.

SACH's patients, whose ages range from infant to teenagers, come from the four corners of the earth with more than 32 countries so far. 43% who have undergone surgeries are from Africa, 45% are from the Palestinian Authority, Jordan and Iraq, 5% from Russia and Moldova and 7% from China, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

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