



Save a Child's Heart Newsletter

**Save a Child's Heart News Alert from
Luanda, Angola**

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Dear Friends of SACH,

SACH medical team is in Luanda, Angola, carrying out the first SACH Cardiology Clinic in Angola. The medical team comprised of Dr. Lior Sasson, pediatric cardiologist Dr. Alona Raucher and Simon Fisher, SACH executive director, has been in Luanda for the past couple of days working at the Luanda Children's Hospital together with Angolan pediatric cardiologist Dr. Christina Gamboa.



Dr. Gamboa has a waiting list of 600 patients from all over Angola (a country with a population of 11 million people) in need of life saving heart surgery but there is no surgeon in the country to help these children.

The doctors equipped with the state of the art GE portable echo machine will be seeing approximately 100 patients through three days of intensive work, the fortunate ones will travel to Israel for open heart surgery.

This new initiative has been made possible thanks to the Israeli Corporate group, L.R. that has already made it possible for five patients to travel to Israel for treatment. Two of the children, three year old Dalton Antonio Domingos and one year old Kadija Josefina Baptista returned with the team to Angola having undergone life saving



surgery in Israel.



SACH plans on bringing a second group of children to Israel before the end of 2008 and subject to funding will continue on bringing patients to Israel throughout 2009. The team also visited the operating theatre and Intensive Care Unit at the Children's hospital and has found it to be adequate for closed heart surgery procedures and there are dozens of children waiting for such procedures.

Check the following story to see more about the story:

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