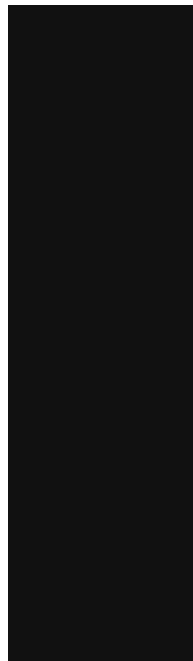


Rakai district where Isaac is recovering



# ISAAC LUBEGA - 2 YEARS OLD



This little boy is called Isaac Lubega and he was born without a fully developed abdomen. He is 2 years old and lives with an uncle and aunt.

Isaac has a condition known as Omphalocele where the intestines form and grow outside the abdomen because of a hernia. As the condition continues, treatment becomes more complicated because the abdominal cavity becomes too small to accommodate all the organs.

A generous donor from the USA allowed Children Arise to fund the necessary surgeries to restore Isaac. If this were not the case, Isaac would have likely died within a year. During the initial surgery which took place on January 12, a team of doctors placed his liver, intestine and other organs back into the abdomen where they belong. Space was limited so items like the appendix which is not required were removed. Thankfully no gut needed to be removed.

**OMPHALOCELE** - *is a birth defect in which an infant's intestine or other abdominal organs grow outside of the body. The intestines are covered only by a thin layer of skin and can be easily seen.*

The first surgery seems to have been a complete success and Isaac now has a shape much like other people. So far he has recovered without any blockage or infection. He is currently under clinical post-operative care with good doctors in the Rakai area. Isaac will stay at Shalom clinic for about a month to ensure he has the nutrition he needs and that any complications can be dealt with promptly. Isaac had a very enlarged liver which suggests infection has been common. Clinical care aims to ensure this issue is monitored and addressed.

Isaac is missing a lot of his abdominal muscle which is of course the original cause of his problem. In order to keep his intestines and organs in place for now, surgeons covered them with a mesh material. As little Isaac grows, the mesh is expected to dissolve. The next surgery for Isaac will attempt to rebuild his abdomen muscles.

*Doctors are skilled and gifted but Jesus is our ultimate healer.  
Please pray for Isaac to be fully restored.*





*Isaac post-op*



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PLEASE PRAY FOR ISAAC

