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When Life doesn't Make Sense

By Ted Henderson MD Kudjip Hospital Missionary Doctor

I have continued to face death on a regular basis, each instance unique in source and circumstance, but never less, tragic. A recent example occurred well after midnight (I was on Call), when I was asked to come help a boy in the Pediatric ward who had stopped breathing. I arrived within a minute and found the staff pumping air into his lungs, but it was unclear if they had done any chest compressions. He didn't have a pulse, and appeared lifeless.

While starting chest compressions, reading the boy's chart (possible diagnoses of both pneumonia and gastroenteritis), and teaching the nurse how to effectively give breaths through the mask, I learned that the boy (named Isaiah) had stopped breathing 15 minutes before the nurses had called me. My heart sank. The chance of getting him back was slim to none. I ordered STAT Epinephrine, but the dose had to wait a minute for the medication to be found, and another minute for me to decipher the miniscule writing on the snap-top vial to calculate the appropriate concentration/dosage. In the US, shocking the heart is another life-saving tool, but I had no such option for the boy. We took turns performing chest compressions and bagging air into his chest, but even with Epinephrine on board, Isaiah's pulse never returned.

When I finally approved stopping CPR, the words "I'm so sorry" quietly edged their way out, and the boy's father folded into sobs beside me. I placed my arms around him, squeezing him tight, letting him just weep, and whispered my sorry over and over. The lifeless boy in front of me, maybe 4 years old, was handsome and well-muscled. I envisioned him playing and smiling, as I see every day with the local kids, and I tried to imagine the memories of him flooding his father's mind. I asked if everyone would be OK praying, and a small gathering formed around Isaiah's bed – his parents, the nurses, and even the parents of neighboring patients. We thanked God for the boy's life, and for welcoming him Home. We asked for the family to have peace in their grief, and for all present to trust Jesus in and through life's hardships. Please keep us in your prayers.



The Drs at Kudjip Hospital have sent a request for cervical care kits. Cervical cancer is rampant in PNG. Would you join the **Bandage Brigade** in meeting this need? Could you get a group together to help our own Kudjip Nazarene Hospital with this great need. **Contact Dr. Todd for more information.** Send your completed kits to NHF c/o Dr Winter at:

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