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Discipleship certainly has many similarities to raising children. There are times of frustration and exhaustion but those are forgotten in the times of great joy. One of my great joys in my children and with those I am blessed to disciple is seeing them grow closer to God through reading His Word.

I have been reminded of this on a couple of occasions in the last month. We have four boys so there are always battles and try as one might “shooting guns” seem to be ingrained in their minds. Last week my four-year old told my three-year old that he was shooting him with his finger guns. My three-year old responded, “That's okay because I will go to see Jesus.” I wonder sometimes during our devotions in the evening how much they absorb but I am pleasantly surprised when they respond like that in their daily lives.

I was struck the other day as a student in my discipleship class was sharing with the rest of the class what an amazing time in the Word she had in her quiet time. I remembered when she started in the class and she would tell me each week that she didn't find anything that stuck out to her as she read. I recommended that she try using the ‘PRECEPTS’ acronym. Using this tool she could read the Bible each day and ask herself is there a ***prayer to pray, reason to praise, error to avoid, command to obey, example to follow, promise to claim, truth to believe or sin to confess***. After a year and a half of being in the Word consistently, she is now writing mini sermons from the genealogy in Matthew chapter 1. It is amazing what spending time with God consistently does for one's maturity in Him.

This Saturday is our Half Day of Prayer in Richmond at the Fujian Evangelical Church and we are looking forward to spending this extended time with God. My family has many things for which to praise God and be in prayer. So, this day of prayer comes at just the right time.

Some things on the horizon in the ministry for which we ask you to pray are:

1. Jenn and I have been asked to speak about the process of adoption at a local church and we are looking forward to the opportunity. Please pray that God will help us as we prepare the presentation and for the couples who will come to the class. Adoption is a great example of God's love for every believer is adopted into his family.
2. I will be leading a team of six people from Canada this summer to Kenya and Uganda to follow up with discipleship groups and support the local teams there. Pray for good planning and godly wisdom to support the African teams in whatever way they need.





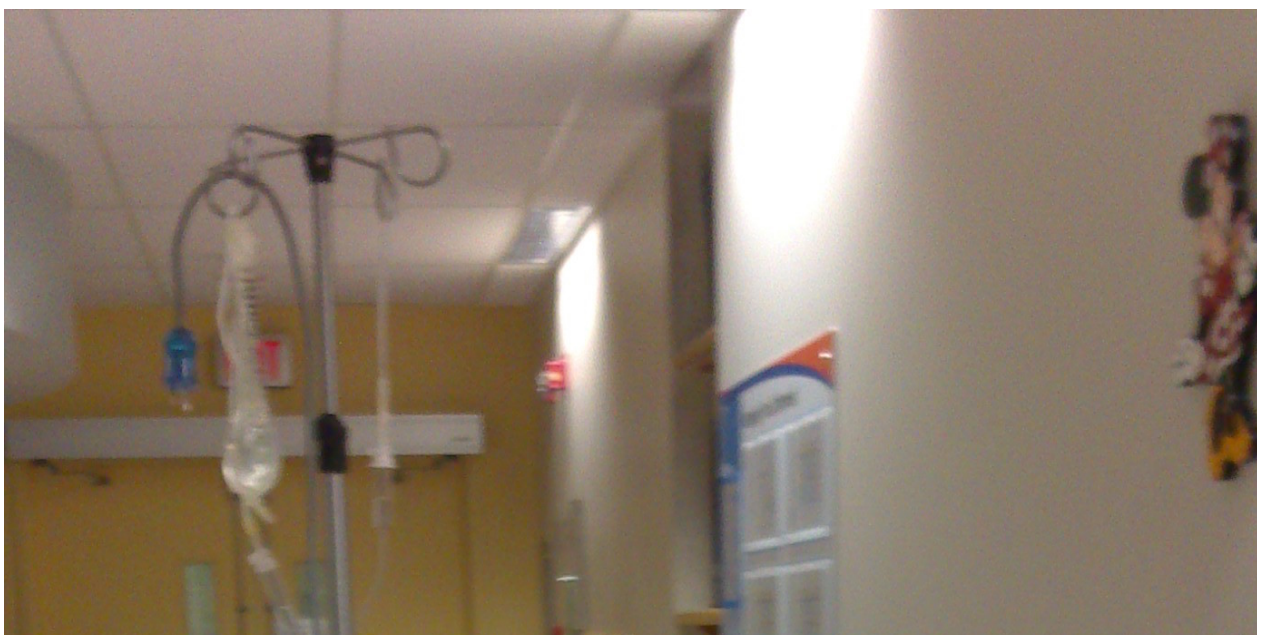


*I love playing with kids and relationships that are made every time I am in Kenya*

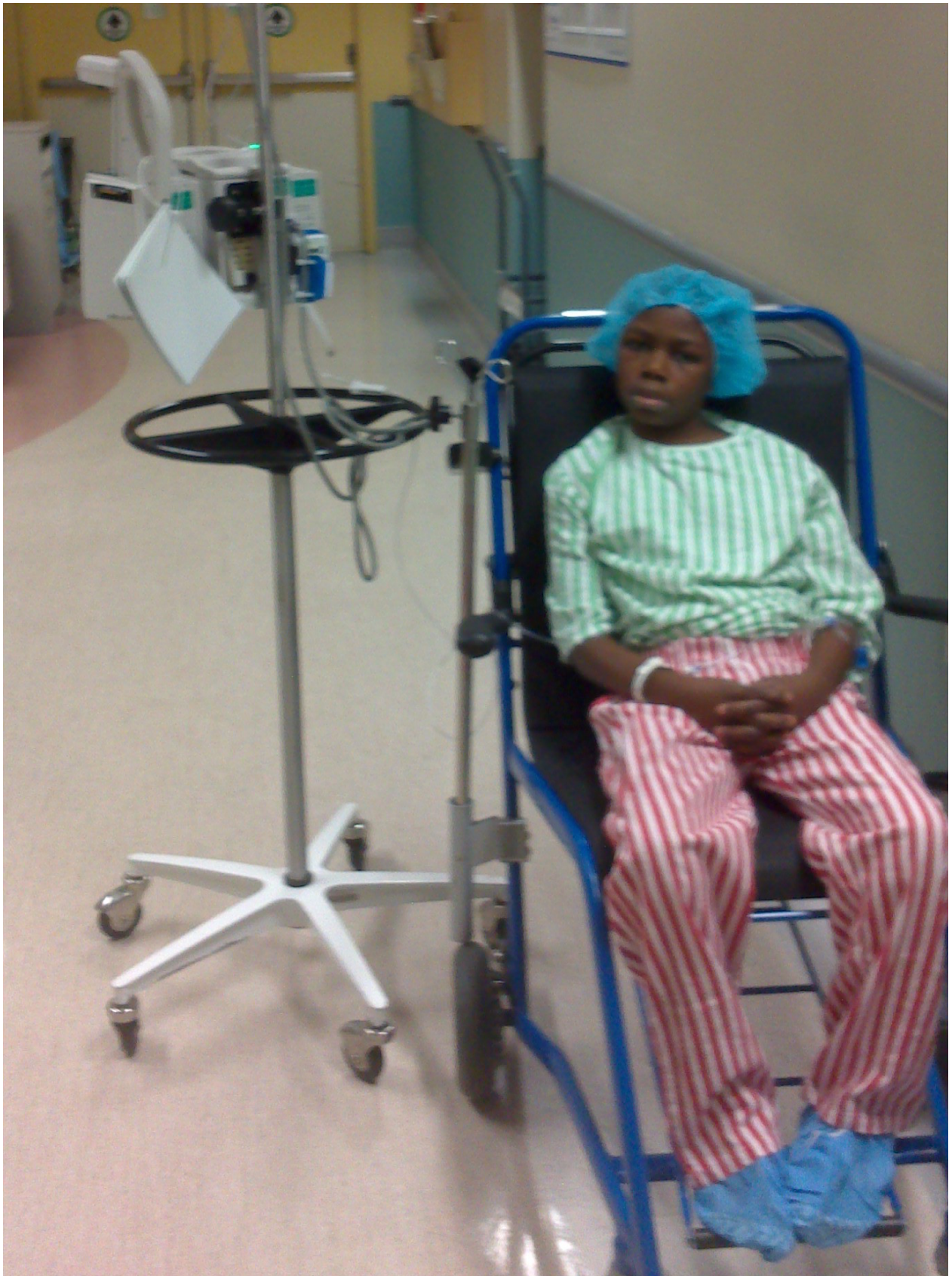
3. I have been asked by Step Ministries <http://www.stepministriesindia.com> to go and conduct discipleship training in November 2015. I am praying about the logistics and timing. I am praying for the right person(s) to go with me to lay a strong foundation with the local pastors ministering in the East India Native Pastors Network (EINPN) with whom we would work. While in India I could go and see the work of Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Centre (ECFC) with Pastor Abraham who has been asking me for two years to come and work with his ministry.



4. Our family is quickly becoming known as the surgery family. I had a minor surgery a couple weeks ago for a hernia that needed repair. One week after that surgery Sterlin our second oldest, who was complaining of stomach pain went to the hospital and had his appendix removed that evening. Please pray for patience for Sterlin & I to not overdo it physically and ruin the surgeon's work.







*Sterlin in his stylish hospital attire after surgery*

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As the Lord leads you I am beginning to raise support my upcoming mission trips, funds can be donated by cheque to the Discipleship International office or on-line at