



No surgery needed for Jonathan!  
Steve Vinton, August 17, 2007

After four tries getting voice mailboxes that reduced us down to our last quarters here at the phone booth in the airport, we finally connected up with Jonathan's cardiologist. She sounded genuinely exuberant and said that after reviewing all of the data and not just the preliminary reports, the news can only be said to be nothing short of excellent.

The doctors this morning decided when they got the full reports that the numbers that they were initially so worried about were coming from a particular place in the heart where repairs had been done and actually those "bad numbers" were really therefore totally normal and that the numbers everywhere else in the heart were actually excellent. Jonathan's heart is working absolutely wonderfully, excellent even, she said. So not only is there no surgery needed, everything is looking so good we don't have to bring him back in six months for another check-up -- our leash is long -- we don't need to bring him back for a whole year! That is off the wall better than anything that she prepared us for and exceeds all that she said she was personally expecting. So no

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The roller coaster ride of the last three weeks is over.

So now we're off and racing to head back to Tanzania next week Sunday afternoon as originally planned. Boy are we happy! We're already checked in, made it through security, we're at our gate ready to board our plane to go to Oklahoma and we just got this excellent news from the hospital and so off we go for a wonderful weekend. One of our really wonderful missionary teachers is from Oklahoma and we've been invited to spend the weekend with people in her home church and share some of the things we're seeing God do in Tanzania these days. And I got the chance just a few minutes ago to talk to Godfrey again and tell him the good news and so the word is now spreading far and wide that Jonathan is ok and we're all coming home.

Strange the old human body, sometimes it really is possible to be so happy you cry.