

## Friberg Tanzania Update

March 2022

Two-month old Hosiana came to us with pneumonia, sepsis, hypoxia, and dehydration. We could only give oxygen, IV antibiotics and IV fluids. She had to fight to live on her own. She maintained a respiratory rate of 80-90/min for 36 hours. Her parents wanted to put her in God's hand and asked our evangelist Mika to come and baptize her.

At 48 hours she opened her eyes and her exhausted parents shed tears as they realized she might survive. We discontinued oxygen and started tube feedings of expressed breast milk. On day 4 she began nursing and seemed to fully recover.



Neonates cannot contain infection in one part of the body— infections tend to generalize. On day 7 Hosiana spiked a fever to 40°C and Laiti, our experienced nurse, noticed that she had a bulging fontanelle. Hosiana had developed meningitis and required high doses of antibiotics for ten more days. She kept defying the odds, stayed alert, and continued nursing.

Hosiana survived because our motivated medical team of 5 people kept praying and addressing new problems as they arose. On day 19 she was bundled up between her mother and the driver of a motorcycle for the 1-hour ride up Ketumbeine mountain. Hosiana is safely home and reminds us of the fragility of life and that each new day is a gift from God.

Thanks for being part of our team.

Steve and Bethany

