SACH Activity Report 2010

Children Treated


Outreach Training Program

In 2010, SACH trained 14 medical personnel at the WMC:

Pediatric Cardiac Surgery – Dr. Godwin Godfrey Sharaua from Tanzania - he has been training with the SACH staff since September 2008 and is now specializing in cardiac surgery.

Pediatric Cardiology – Dr. Abraham Haileamlak Mitikec from Jimma, Ethiopia; and Dr. Fayez Shakalia from Gaza in the Palestinian Authority

Anesthesia Department – Dr. Wafiq Othman, Dr. Akra Haitham, Dr. Mahmoud Kdimat and Dr. Samir Nasralla from Nablus, in the Palestinian Authority; Dr. Kwinet Alu, Dr. Elizabeth Nwasor and Dr. Shola Jangbadi from Nigeria; and Dr. Alphonse Mwdenewa from Kenya

Pediatric Intensive Care – Dr. Xioli Zhu and Ms. Xiulin Li from Shijiazhuang, China; and Dr. Othman Abu Saleh from Nablus in the Palestinian Authority

Neonatology – Dr. Rima Nabulsi from Nablus in the Palestinian Authority
Medical Missions

Jimma, Ethiopia, February 2010 - On February 10th Dr. Akiva Tamir, Chief Pediatric Cardiologist in the WMC and Professor Abraham Haileamlak Mitike, who was then a physician from Ethiopia training with SACH in Pediatric Cardiology, began a three day mission to examine children in Jimma, Ethiopia. The mission was sponsored by TAG, a humanitarian organization bringing expertise and social development innovation to people in developing nations.

The arrival of the doctors was announced on the radio and the local parents brought their children to the hospital in Jimma to be screened by the doctors. The two doctors screened children with the portable echo machine on loan for the medical mission from GE Healthcare in Israel. They were joined by residents and students from the Jimma hospital who assisted and learned from the experience.

As a result of their working from morning until evening 51 children were examined in the clinic. 20 were found to need surgery as soon as possible, and the rest will require follow up in the next few years and possible surgery. Professor Abraham had been training with Save a Child’s Heart since September 2009 and he returned to Ethiopia at the end of August 2010. The first five of the children who need surgery, arrived to Israel, the week before Prof. Abraham returned home.

Iasi, Romania, May 2010 - The mission was sponsored by TAG, a humanitarian organization bringing expertise and social development innovation to people in developing nations. It was organized by Rotary Israel together with Rotary Romania.

On May 14th Dr. Akiva Tamir, Chief Pediatric Cardiologist and Dr. Ilan Cohen, Deputy Director of Pediatric Intensive Care in the WMC, travelled to Iasi, Romania, to screen children in need of heart surgery.

As they arrived at the hospital straight after their flight, there were already 60 children waiting to be screened. After the first session, they screened 22 children and found 4 candidates that can be corrected in Israel.

On day number two, after working for 2 hours, they had already screened their 30th patient. By the end of the day, after 10 productive hours, the mission was over and they had screened a total of 55 children. 20 children are candidates to come to Israel for their life saving heart surgery, 4 of which arrived to Israel in May and have returned home after successful surgery.

Angola, October 2010 - On October 24th 2010, Save a Child’s Heart (SACH) set out for its third mission to Angola to evaluate new patients and to follow-up on children who have already undergone surgery through SACH. The team travelling to Angola consisted of Dr. Alona Raucher, Senior Pediatric Cardiologist, Dr. Sagi Assa, Pediatric Cardiologist and Nava Gershon, Head Nurse of the Pediatric Surgical Ward - all from the Wolfson Medical Center in Holon, Israel where the children who are brought to Israel are treated.

They took with them on the mission, 2 Vivid I portable echo machines, one of which was donated to SACH from General Electric Healthcare for the purpose of this mission.
During the one week that they spent in Luanda, Angola, they evaluated 122 children of which 50 were possible candidates for treatment in Israel.

We would like to thank the LR Group for sponsoring the mission to Angola and the subsequent treatment of the children who will arrive in Israel. To date, 52 children have been treated from Angola, all through the sponsorship of the LR Group.

Dr. Sagi Assa screening a child in Angola

Dr. Alona Raucher screening a child in Angola

**The New Children’s Home**

We are proud to report that in August 2010 SACH commenced construction on the new children’s home. The first two floors have been constructed with the third floor currently being constructed. The home is planned to be opened in September 2011 and will provide SACH with the required space for the growing number of children participating in the program and it will be perfectly tailored for the program's needs. Construction of the children’s home has been made possible thanks to the generous support of an anonymous US foundation, a Canadian charitable foundation, the Save a Child's Heart Endowment fund in memory of its founder Dr. Amram (Ami) Cohen z"l and the Dutch foundations KidsRights and Wilde Ganzen.
**Young Leadership Program**

The Young Leadership Program extends to students around the world and follows them into their young professional years. The program empowers students and young professionals to engage in wide-ranging meaningful programming at SACH in Israel, on campus and in their community. During the past three years, SACH has partnered with Hillel, the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, in Israel and in North America, to promote awareness and involvement of students around the globe. In addition to these students, unaffiliated students and young professionals from Canada, US, England, Switzerland, New Zealand, Argentina, Australia and Brazil have visited SACH and have become increasingly engaged. This involvement comes in the form of volunteering and interning with SACH in Israel, group visits, starting SACH clubs and young professional committees and/or organizing awareness and fundraising events in Israel and abroad.

Volunteering in the SACH Children’s Home - Volunteers may choose to volunteer on a part-time basis or live in the SACH Children's home in Azur. Part-time volunteers have the opportunity to volunteer at the SACH Children's Home in Azur or at the WMC in Holon, or both. In 2010 there were 250 volunteers helping out at the SACH home and in the Wolfson Medical Center. A variety of internship opportunities are available to Young Professionals including medical internships, internships in Social Work, Public Relations, Web Design, Graphic Design and more. In 2010 there were 17 medical interns.

**Student Groups** – In 2010, 90 groups have visited SACH, which resulted in over 3,100 students and young professionals being exposed to the program. These groups include: Hillel, Amazing, Stand with Us, Canada Israel Experience, AUJS, CIC, Israel Experience, Aish HasTorah, Young Judea, Rhodes Scholar Groups, Hasbara and more. These visitors return with a new understanding and appreciation for Israel. Visitors are not only inspired by SACH’s work, but are also anxious to present SACH’s activities on their campuses and in their communities back home showcasing Israel’s humanity that they witnessed first hand. The connection made with these students on group visits has the potential of continuing through volunteer and internship programs at SACH.

**Campus Activities** – In 2010, 90 events have been organized in Israel, Canada, the US and the UK. These students act as SACH ambassadors and grow to possess a full understanding of the organization’s mission with the ultimate goal of students volunteering or interning at SACH in Israel.

The Young Leadership Program also initiated an online Valentines Day campaign to raise funds and awareness (additional information is provided under the News and Events Section below). An additional campaign is also planned for 2011.

In total the Young Leadership Program raised $139,000 for SACH activities in 2010.
Activities in the Middle East

European Union - During 2005 - 2008, SACH received two consecutive grants from the European Union’s Partnership for Peace Program for the Heart of the Matter program. The €1,000,000 grants co-sponsored the treatment of over 400 Palestinian children from the West Bank and Gaza, and the training of six Palestinian physicians in the WMC.

The European Union and Save a Child’s Heart are continuing this co-sponsorship for the Heart of the Matter program during 2010 - 2011. In this two-year program, the European Union will allocate €400,000 for the provision of cardiac treatment for at least 150 Palestinian children, will provide in depth post graduate training in pediatric cardiac care for 8 Palestinian physicians and will initiate other joint Israeli-Palestinian activities. In 2010, 138 Palestinian children were treated by SACH, 307 Palestinian children visited SACH’s free weekly cardiology clinic, five Palestinian physicians were trained under the SACH training program, 6 Palestinian and Israeli physicians jointly participated in international medical conferences and SACH held a cardiology seminar for Palestinian and Israeli physicians.

Seeds of Peace - As a part of the Heart of the Matter project which is being co-sponsored by the European Union’s Partnership for Peace Program and Save a Child’s Heart, a wonderful Palestinian and Israeli Youth Volunteer Program is taking place. SACH and Seeds of Peace are facilitating a joint Palestinian/Israeli volunteer program for 100 young graduates of the Seeds of Peace International Camp, comprising of 50 Palestinians and 50 Israelis. Each week the volunteers meet up at the WMC for the weekly clinic attended by children from the Palestinian Authority and their parents. The volunteer program assists these families whilst they are in the hospital, translating questions and requests from the doctors and providing the children with much needed attention. The program strengthens the cooperation and channels of communication between Palestinian and Israeli youth, all working together to improve the children’s daily routine in the hospital.

Israeli Ministry for Regional Cooperation - Another important program is that of the Israeli Ministry for Regional Cooperation, who fund lifesaving heart surgery for 100 children from the Palestinian Authority and Iraq. The program is being steered by Mr. Silvan Shalom, the Israeli Vice Prime Minister and Minister for Regional Cooperation.

David Baum International Foundation - The David Baum International Foundation funds a 12 month training program for three Palestinian physicians from the Rafidiah Hospital in Nablus at the WMC. The physicians are training in pediatric cardiology, pediatric intensive care and neonatology, which reflect specific areas of specialized pediatric healthcare that currently do not exist at the Rafidiah Hospital in Nablus and the Northern West Bank. After the program, the trained medical personnel will return to the Palestinian Authority to apply their acquired knowledge. The project will also strengthen working relations and promote reciprocity, cooperation and dialogue between Arab and Israeli medical personnel from Israel, the PA and the rest of the region.

Launch event, June 2010 - On June 20th 2010 we enjoyed a joyous and memorable event, marking the launch of the partnerships with the European Union and the Israeli Ministry for Regional Cooperation. The guests of honor were Silvan Shalom, Israeli Vice Prime Minister and Minister for Regional Cooperation, and Andrew Standley, European Union Ambassador to Israel.

Silvan Shalom (middle) and Andrew Standley (right) with Joan Weitzen Amir (EU)
News and Events

January 2010
Save a Child's Heart operated on 6 year old Woodley Elysee, who was rescued from earthquake-stricken Haiti and brought to Israel so that Save a Child's Heart could perform the heart surgery that he needed to survive into adulthood. See the Media Section below for the full story about how this amazing boy survived against all the odds.

Feb 2010
SACH UK organized a number of fundraising and awareness events, raising £30,000, which were attended by Dr. Sion Houri, Head of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at the WMC and SACH Board Member Debra Silver.

For Valentine's Day 2010, an online campaign was launched. Donors were invited to buy a virtual heart on our campaign wall, which included a personal message when touched and could be linked to a donor’s Facebook page and blog. The colorful online “Wall of Hearts” corresponded to a similar heart-decorated wall at the SACH home, the residence of the children and caregivers during their pre and post operative stay in Israel. Consequently, an amazing $53,000 was raised for the campaign.

SACH Australia began activities in February 2010, which included: Yavneh, Bialik and Scopus schools in Melbourne raised $AUS 1500 at a movie fundraiser as part of the international Valentine’s Day campaign; March of the living Australia visited SACH in Israel; and AUJS (Australian Union of Jewish Students) included a visit to SACH as part of their itinerary in Israel.

March 2010
The European Union Ambassador to Israel, his Excellency Andrew Standley, visited Save a Child’s Heart. It marked the European Union and Save a Child’s Heart launching the “Heart of the Matter Project” under the European Union’s ‘Partnership for Peace” program. This project will fund life saving heart surgery for children from the Palestinian Authority, will fund training for Palestinian physicians and will initiate community activities between Palestinians and Israelis.

Mrs. Marta Linares, the wife of Panamanian President Ricardo Martinelli, visited SACH. As a result of the visit, the state of Panama and SACH are starting a joint project of training doctors from Panama in Israel and treating Panamanian children with heart problems in Israel. The cooperation will also include a display of the Save a Child’s Heart international photography exhibition throughout Panama during awareness and fund raising events in the country.

SACH Canada hosted Dr. Lior Sasson and Simon Fisher on a visit to Toronto, where they networked at the AATS conference (American Association for Thoracic Surgery), met with donors and attended fundraising and awareness receptions, held by SACH supporters. The SACH Leadership Board of Toronto smashed their target for their annual bowling competition for students and young professionals. A staggering $75,000 net was raised, helping save the life of 7 children.
May 2010
To mark the launch of a project by the Israeli Ministry for Regional Cooperation, who will fund lifesaving heart surgery for 100 children from the Palestinian Authority and Iraq, Mr Silvan Shalom, the Israeli Vice Prime Minister and Minister for Regional Cooperation, visited the Wolfson Medical Center. He met with the Director of the hospital and senior doctors, and then took a tour around visiting the sick children and speaking with their mothers.

In May, Save a Child's Heart hosted many guests, among them: two reporters from the Philippines who learned about the life saving work which we do; a group of Australian political leaders who took a tour of the hospital and visited the children in the wards; and a delegation from SickKids hospital in Toronto who met with the SACH children. Additionally, Johanne van Dijk, from Wilde Ganzen who are generously supporting the construction of our new children's home in Holon, paid a visit to SACH, meeting with Dr Akiva Tamir in the catheterization lab and Dr Sion Houri in the ICU.

June 2010
SACH launched their two Middle East Projects mentioned above with a wonderful event. The guests of honor were Silvan Shalom, Israeli Vice Prime Minister and Minister for Regional Cooperation, and Andrew Standley, European Union Ambassador to Israel. More than 200 people attended, among them Ambassadors from Belgium and Moldova as well embassy representatives from Switzerland, China, Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Panama and Hungary. The afternoon began with a cocktail reception followed by a screening of a documentary outlining the two new ventures. After a set of speeches, Idan Raichel, a goodwill ambassador for SACH, held a concert. Miki Haimovich, Israeli journalist and anchor woman, was the Master of Ceremony for the event.

A Palestinian–Israeli medical conference took place at the Wolfson Medical Center. This was the first joint conference to take place under European Union Partnership for Peace program for 2010 – 2011. Headed by Dr. Akiva Tamir, the Head of Pediatric Cardiology at the WMC, the conference was attended by Palestinian physicians working in the Palestinian Authority, three Palestinian physicians currently training with SACH, WMC staff and an Ethiopian physician in training with SACH.

Our dedicated New York City Young Professionals Committee helped to co-host Ping Thing, a ping pong-tournament initiated by COJECO (Council of Jewish Emigre Community Organizations) with great help from Dr. Michael Girshin. The very successful event raised over $7,000 and enabled the young professionals to reach their inaugural goal of $10,000 and thus save their first child - Dana from Jenin, the Palestinian Authority.

July 2010
In July, young professionals got together for brunch in Washington D.C. to launch the Save a Child's Heart (SACH) D.C. Young Professionals Committee (YPC).

In July, Save a Child's Heart hosted many guests: the Australian Ambassador to Israel, her Excellency Andrea Faulkner; Yael Dayan, SACH supporter and close friend, who came to the house to meet the children and take part in the farewell party of our
first Italian volunteer, Marcantonio Brandolini d'Adda; a delegation on Young Leaders from Australia; a Romanian TV crew; Ronit Hershkovitz, the Honorary Consul of Tanzania in Israel; and Members of Parliament and senior political advisors from Canada.

August 2010
We were delighted to host John and Mary Somerville from Christians United for Israel, long term donors and supporters of Save a Child's Heart.

We welcomed our first 5 children from Jimma, Ethiopia, following the medical mission to Ethiopia led by Dr. Tamir and Prof. Abraham who was then training with SACH in pediatric cardiology.

September 2010
On September 29th 2010 Save a Child’s Heart (SACH) was awarded the National Friendship Medal at a momentous ceremony in Beijing, China. Dr. Lior Sasson received the highest honor China awards to foreign experts, noting SACH’s dedication and outstanding results in affecting China’s health development. Additionally, to celebrate this growing partnership, Yoram Cohen received an award on behalf of SACH - the Yan Zahao Friendship Prize from the Hebei Province.

We have trained 5 Chinese doctors in Surgery, 1 in Anesthesiology, 2 in Intensive Care and 10 in Nursing. Currently, Dr. Kiaoli Zhu is training in the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at the WMC. SACH’s nomination follows 9 Teaching and Surgical Missions to China, led by Dr. Lior Sasson, with the most recent in November 2008 to Shijiazhuang in the Hebei Province. Since SACH initiated its cooperation in China in 1999, over 500 Chinese children have been screened, 110 Chinese children have undergone lifesaving heart surgery in China and 11 Chinese children have been treated in Israel.

October 2010
SACH USA was presented with a check for $250,000, by Pastor John Hagee’s Ministries.

Idan Raichel held a private show in the house of Esta and Ben Levitas to raise awareness for SACH.

A very successful reception was held by Save a Child's Heart Switzerland in the home of the Ambassador of New Zealand and under the patronage of Israel’s Ambassador to the UN in Geneva. Attending were Ambassadors and their partners, and country representatives. Dr Sion Houri also attended the event.

SACH Canada raised over $320,000 in their Heart and Soul Un-gala. Guests enjoyed an evening of soul music organized by Raymond Perkins and Terence Gowan and delectable foods prepared by the Drake’s Executive Chef Anthony Rose.

Simon Fisher, Dr. Godwin Godfrey and Einav Barazani (SACH volunteer) climbed the Kilimanjaro Mountain in Tanzania. The climb was done in preparation for the Save a Child's Heart Kilimanjaro Challenge 2011 which is due to be held next summer.
November 2010
Save a Child's Heart (SACH) was honored with a visit from Qiao Shujiang, the Party Secretary of Shuangchen City of Harbin in China. The Party Secretary and his delegation have admired SACH's partnership with China over the years and will be sending 20 children from Harbin in China to Israel in 2011.

The Israeli Ministry of Trade held one of the largest Israeli Wine tasting events ever held, and proceeds from the event were donated to Save a Child's Heart.

Milken Community High School organized their third annual *Fashion with Compassion* charity show, reaching their goal of raising $10,000 – the amount needed to save the life of one child.

December 2010
Cape Town’s jazz lovers were treated to a sparkling performance by the Rus Nerwich Quartet at a Save a Child’s Heart special Chanukah gig.

*A Christmas Miracle* – The Israeli doctors of Save a Child's Heart really did perform a miracle in Bethlehem this year and gave a young Christian Palestinian, Lourd, the best possible Christmas gift - *The gift of her life.* Fox News travelled to Israel to film this touching story, showing Lourd and her family going to the Wolfson Medical Center in Holon, for her life saving heart surgery. Lourd's surgery was successful and she made it back to her home in Bethlehem in time for Christmas Day.

To see the Fox video please click [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g19iFWVgTUU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g19iFWVgTUU)

Also in December the first child from Indonesia, Kevin, arrived in Israel for heart surgery, scheduled for January. Indonesia, the most populous Muslim country in the world, does not have diplomatic relations with Israel. We hope this surgery will facilitate improved relations with Indonesia in the future. The surgery is made possible through the generous support of the American Jewish Committee.

Photography Exhibition
As mentioned in our previous report, SACH’s ‘From Art to Heart’ international photography exhibition, which features the works of seven talented photographers each inspired by their personal experiences with SACH, continues to travel globally in eight copies around the world in Canada, the United States, Europe, Australia/Asia and Africa. A preview of the exhibition is available through the following link: [http://www.saveachildsheart.org/452-en/TheInternationalPhotographyExhibition.aspx](http://www.saveachildsheart.org/452-en/TheInternationalPhotographyExhibition.aspx).

So far, the exhibition has been shown in: Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Nigeria, The Philippines, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, UK and USA, with more on the list as the exhibition travels around the world.

**Exhibition highlights 2010:**

**Durban, South Africa, January 2010** - The SACH photography exhibition opened in the Durban Jewish Center on January 17th 2010. Sixty people attended the opening event, among them the
Honorary Consuls from Switzerland, Mozambique, Greece and representatives from the Italian Consulate as well as the Deputy Mayor of Durban. The exhibition was then displayed at the Nelson Mandela Medical School at the University of KwaZulu Natal and in two other hospitals in Durban.

Cape Town in South Africa, February 2010 - The Save a Child’s Heart international photography exhibition was opened in the Artscape Theatre Foyer area in Cape Town on February 8th 2010. More than 300 people attended the event, among them the Israeli Ambassador to South Africa, parliament members, members of the medical community in Cape Town, top donors, media representatives and more. Special guests were two Save a Child’s Heart doctors, one Israeli and one Palestinian, who were invited to open the exhibit – Dr. Akiva Tamir and Dr. Wafiq Othman. Save a Child’s Heart executive director Simon Fisher was also invited to speak at the reception. The event opened with a screening of the film “The Betty Story” which tells the story of five year old Betty from Ethiopia who made the journey from her village in Ethiopia to Israel to undergo life saving open heart surgery. Betty, who was then ten years old, was invited to Cape Town with her mother to take part in the event.

Exhibition in Switzerland, April and May 2010 - The SACH photography exhibition was on display simultaneously in the Israeli embassy in Geneva and in the Israeli embassy in Bern, on April 19th, Israeli Independence Day. In Bern, the evening was attended by 400 people, many of whom expressed interest in the project and brochures about SACH were handed out to guests. The event was attended by the late SACH Switzerland chairman professor Alfred Donath z”l. In Geneva, the Israeli mission to the UN invited SACH to display the exhibition. During the event, the Ambassador of Israel to the United Nations, Mr. Ambassador Aharon Leshno Yaar, told his audience how in October 2009 a group of Geneva-based ambassadors travelled to Israel and visited the WMC where the SACH surgeons treat children with heart conditions. After describing the mission of the organization and some of its latest initiatives, the Ambassador concluded by saying that “for me, this is the true face of Israel”.

In April the exhibition was also displayed at the Geneva Health Forum. 500 people from all over the world attended the forum, where they had the opportunity to visit the exhibition.

On May 4, 2010 the exhibition was displayed at the Credit Suisse Forum that marked the 50th Anniversary of the Bnai Brith organization.

Duke university, USA, April 2010 - The SACH international photography exhibition was displayed at Duke University between February and April, 2010. Jointly housed at the Freeman Center for Jewish Life and the Center for Muslim Life, the exhibit was organized by the Muslim and Jewish communities at Duke and cosponsored by over ten university organizations. An opening reception for the exhibit was featured in the school’s newspaper. In addition, student-organizers of the exhibit spoke at the National Association of College and University Chaplains annual conference held at Duke. They discussed why they supported Save a Child's Heart and their hope that it would further bring the religious communities together.

Namour in Belgium, May 2010 - An uplifting event was organized by Husain Shaban, the Secrétaire Général of the Mutualité Socialiste de la Province de Namur. Our goodwill ambassador Achinoam Nini (Noa) opened the ceremony with a song and a video clip showing Noa visiting the
SACH children at the home and in the hospital. More than 100 people attended the event. Members of the medical community, politicians, and influential community members mingled and enjoyed the inspiring pictures of the exhibition. They were later entertained by the music of Noa who performed in a concert with the musician Mira Awad, a beautiful sound of Israeli and Palestinian harmony.

**Brussels in Belgium, November 2010** – The exhibition was displayed in Brussels at the center of the Evangelical Congolese Community on November 20, 2010.

**In The Media**

More than 50 media articles/stories/video stories were produced on SACH in the past year; Televisions crews from Brazil, Angola, Romania, Italy, Austria, Israel and more came to film in the hospital and in the children's house and reporters from Asia, The United States, Canada, Belgium, Nigeria, Kenya and many more countries around the world wrote articles and stories on the project:

**The SACH photography Exhibition** - Numerous media sources (such as: the Duke Argus, South Africa, The Chronicle, USA; South Africa Jewish Report) covered the story, as the exhibition traveled the world.

**January 2010**

An article was published in the *Asian Jewish Life* about the story of Lyka from the Philippines, who was treated by Save a Child's Heart following a plea from her grandmother to have her brought to Israel. She was the first Filipino child that SACH has brought to Israel for life-saving surgery.


**Reuters, Jerusalem Post, Ynet, Daily Observer, Channel 2 Israel, Channel 10 Israel** - Some examples of the media sources who covered the story of 6 year old Woodley Elysee, who was rescued from earthquake-stricken Haiti to Israel so that SACH could perform the heart surgery that he needed to survive into adulthood. One of the volunteer doctors on that team was SACH pediatrician, Dr. Yuval Levy. From SACH’s previous fieldwork in Haiti, the doctors here knew that Woodley suffered from a congenital heart defect which would have prevented him, unless treated with surgery, from reaching adolescence. At Dr. Levy's impassioned urging, SACH brought Woodley back to Israel to save his life. After ten days of tests and preparations, Woodley had surgery on February 9th 2010. During the complex surgery, serious complications developed and Woodley's life was in danger. But he kept fighting for his life and after a week in the Intensive Care Unit at WMC, his condition has significantly improved to the point that doctors have brought him out of his induced coma. After a month of recuperation in the SACH children's home, Woodley recovered and gained back his strength. In April he returned back to Haiti, a happy and healthy child, with a beaming smile on his face.

March 2010

*Northern Ireland Friends of Israel* ran an article on house mother, Laura Kafif, who has been working in her position for SACH for the past 9 years. [http://www.saveachildsheart.org/sip_storage/FILES/8/2438.pdf](http://www.saveachildsheart.org/sip_storage/FILES/8/2438.pdf)

*The Jerusalem Post* wrote about the visit of Marta Linares, the wife of the Panamanian president, who visited the WMC in Holon to familiarize herself with SACH, which is starting a joint project with Panama to train Panamanian doctors in Israel and to treat Panamanian children with heart problems in Israel. Jerusalem Post columnist, Liat Collins, gives her views on what she calls ‘the absurdity of Israel Apartheid Week’, using the number of Palestinian children that Save a Child's Heart treats each year as an example. [http://www.saveachildsheart.org/sip_storage/FILES/9/2439.pdf](http://www.saveachildsheart.org/sip_storage/FILES/9/2439.pdf)

May 2010

*Jerusalem Post* covered the story of 18 month old Chinese orphan, Baoxin Quian, who underwent life saving surgery in Israel. SACH doctors realized that his heart defect was even more complicated than they had expected. They found he had a very complicated heart defect in which not only is his heart located on the right side of his chest but that all the blood is pushed to the left atrium of the heart, instead of being divided into vessels connected to the two sides. In addition, there was a hole in the septum between the two sides. Nevertheless, they decided to operate him. The operation was successful and Baoxin returned back to China a happy and healthy child. [http://www.saveachildsheart.org/sip_storage/FILES/8/2608.pdf](http://www.saveachildsheart.org/sip_storage/FILES/8/2608.pdf)

June 2010

*The Angop Press*, an Angolan paper, covered the journey of 6 Angolan children who were treated by Save a Child's Heart. [http://www.saveachildsheart.org/sip_storage/FILES/2/2692.pdf](http://www.saveachildsheart.org/sip_storage/FILES/2/2692.pdf)

*The Jerusalem Post* wrote an article about Sara Magdalena Ryes, the first child from El Salvador to be treated by Save a Child's Heart, bringing the number of countries that SACH brings children from to 40. [http://www.saveachildsheart.org/sip_storage/FILES/7/2717.jpg](http://www.saveachildsheart.org/sip_storage/FILES/7/2717.jpg)


August 2010


*Maariv* wrote an article on Dr. Abraham from Ethiopia, after his year of training in pediatric cardiology, who returned to apply his newly gained knowledge. [http://www.saveachildsheart.org/sip_storage/FILES/9/3119.pdf](http://www.saveachildsheart.org/sip_storage/FILES/9/3119.pdf)


October 2010
The *China Daily*, *Xinhuanet* and the *Global Times* covered SACH’s work in China and the awards we received by their government. [http://www.saveachildsheart.org/sip_storage/FILES/2/3192.pdf](http://www.saveachildsheart.org/sip_storage/FILES/2/3192.pdf)  

The *Financial Express* and *Yahoo News* published articles on SACH’s life-saving work.  

An article about Stephanie Bercy from Haiti was printed in the *Toronto Sun*.  


**November 2010**  
*Shanghai Daily* focused on the hope that SACH gives to Chinese children.  


An article on Save a Child's Heart was featured in a supplement in the Belgium newspapers *'La Libre Belgique'* and *'Dernier Heure'*.[http://www.saveachildsheart.org/sip_storage/FILES/2/3372.pdf](http://www.saveachildsheart.org/sip_storage/FILES/2/3372.pdf)

**December 2010**  
*A Christmas Miracle* – Fox News travelled to Israel to film Israeli doctors of Save a Child's Heart saving the life of a young Christian Palestinian, Lourd.