

## Kari's update

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In our April update, we mentioned that Kari has been seeing a number of medical specialists about a dermoid (normal tissue in the wrong spot) in her right eye socket. Last week, we met with her Consultant Paediatric Ophthalmologist to discuss the scan results and treatment options. The long and the short of it is she is booked in for surgery next week on July 13<sup>th</sup>

Whilst it is not major surgery, it still comes with a number of risks, including the anaesthetic, possible complications and a slight chance of damaging the tear duct (which would result in a weeping eye). Scarring is expected to be minimal and underneath her eyelid. Hopefully, it is only a day procedure, with an expected week or two for recovery.

We would really appreciate your prayers for Kari – for no complications, for a speedy recovery, for no adverse long term issues and that Kari not feel too overwhelmed, considering she is only 5 years old!



## Lauren's update



Many of you will know of Lauren, the daughter of Doug and Kara Watson, Canadian missionaries who are also working with Next Level International. Following is a brief summary of her history, and a little glimpse of how God is looking after her.

*"Lauren Keara Watson was born on 18 October 2006 and what an amazing little girl she is. In the past two years she has been diagnosed with tuberous sclerosis and battled epilepsy. In recent months she has had two to three seizures each day in spite of the doctor's best efforts with medication. For the last seven weeks we have seen absolutely no seizures!"*

*Given what the outlook was for her ever becoming seizure free and the nature of TS and its ability to affect a person with multiple types of epilepsy at once we see this as a real answer to prayer. We continue to pray for complete healing from the genetic condition and ask for the evidence of that to be seen in the disappearance of the characteristic white marks on her body. **Please continue to pray with us!***

*Meanwhile please celebrate with us as we continue to seek the good reports. Just today her teachers gave us her very first report card and we were encouraged to read, 'Lauren is a lovely little girl who has settled into nursery well. She is a happy sociable little girl who is forming good relationships with staff and children. She has a fantastic personality and loves fun. Lauren makes the most of every opportunity. I am looking forward to seeing her progress over the next year.'"*



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