

August 11, 2010

Thank you all for the prayers. We got a call from the doctor today and Sophia's heart rate is still slower than normal, but it was high enough to avoid a pacemaker for now! This is a definite praise! We are very grateful for this news; however, we are still asking for prayer in this matter. The doctors are going to take this week to review Sophia's situation in depth and they are going to really try to determine at what point Sophia might need a pacemaker and if she'll need one.

Basically, since Sophia's heart rate is low, it causes part of her heart to have to work much harder and this can cause one of her ventricles to enlarge, which can have long term effects. We will continue to check in monthly to make sure that her heart function is good and that her heart does not enlarge as a result and that her heart rate is still high enough and not irregular. Sophia would need to be years older in order to not have a major surgery to install a pacemaker. When she is older it is a much simpler procedure. So this is still going to be a long journey, but God has continued to deliver Sophia and guide us the right way. So, we are trusting that God will continue to bless Sophia and help her heart function properly.

Thanks for the prayers and words of encouragement!!! We are so thankful that we have such wonderful people to pray for our sweet Sophia even after two years!

Love,

Samuel, Benita, and Sophia

August 10, 2010

Hello,

Sorry it has been so long. The doctor said they just now got Sophia's monitoring results and that they will call us later today or first thing tomorrow with the results. Unfortunately, her heart rate has been low here and there over this past week. We are just praying and asking everyone to continue to pray that she will not need a pacemaker and that her heart rate stays high enough. We are also praying that if they want her heart rate higher, they will be able to come up with an alternative solution, like perhaps a medicine or something like that. There was talk of a medicine to raise her heart rate before but it can interfere with her anti-rejection heart medicine so it is a fine tuned balance. Thanks for the prayers, we will update you all tomorrow!

Love,

Samuel, Benita, and Sophia