

About 15 inches cut



With Father Ed 2nd day



With Mommy
Edith

Aziel's operation update

FROM ED AND EDITH AMPER OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY

Dear friends,

Greetings in the mighty name of Jesus our Lord.

The Lord is indeed great and worthy of our praises. His Word is true especially to those who believed. Several verses have been our inspiration as we trust God for our daughter's Scoliosis surgery (Medically termed as POSTERIOR INSTRUMENTATION AND FUSION) last April 17, 2007 at UP-PGH in Manila.

Eph. 3:20 is especially important for us as we put our trust in God starting from the fundraising to the actual surgery and healing period. He indeed worked out things in amazing ways more than we ever ask or imagine. We have never trusted Him this much, P600,000.00, but praise the great provider, he provided more than enough to cover our transportation from Cagayan to Manila and vice versa for the whole family, the hospital bills, medicines, steel instruments and our stay in Manila with the food, lodging and miscellaneous expenses.

Let me back track a little. We were already advised to have Aziel operated on in 2005, but Edith and I didn't have that faith that time to trust God for the finances. But God used situations and people to help us in our faith. I would like to mention those people who significantly encouraged us to trust God--Gary and Delia Leath, Ched Arzadon, Aunt Wheng Amper and Kuya Wency. They were used by God to encourage us to decide to make this step of faith. Special thanks to Ched who finalized the appeal letter. There were many others like you who encouraged and helped us and we would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

I went to Manila with my family last April 11 and had Aziel confined at the Philippine General Hospital on April 15. A series of x-rays and tests were done upon admission. On April 17, after the Pediatrician gave the clearance, Aziel was taken to the operating room around 6am and operated on by 8am till 4pm (8 hrs), then to the recovery room till 9:30pm. She was brought back to our room around 10:30pm. Tension filled the air at around 9am when the doctors asked us to produce two to four more bags (450ml) of blood. We panicked but God has His own ways and finally we were able to get the needed blood, only to find out later that only one bag was used. Special thanks to those who donated in Davao RSTP blood letting for this purpose and to those who went to the blood bank when we needed more.

The first two nights were stressful and we hardly slept because Aziel was crying in pain even with the pain relievers. The doctors said that she was brave and strong and in fact she was up in bed and on her feet earlier than expected. Edith and I told our daughter few moments before she was ushered to the operating room to put her trust in God and we can not forget her answer. She said "Don't worry, I trust God, what I am worried about is both of you." Why? We ask her. "Because I am asleep while you are awake!" Yes indeed we were tensed and just kept on praying the whole stretch from the moment she left the room till she got back. She was discharged ahead of the target date. We went out of PGH on April 24.

We stayed at the Navigators Ministries building till May 13, 2007. The doctor originally wanted to check on her again by July and then October. But praise God that later the doctor said there's no need to go to Manila because Aziel is doing fine without any complications. He just asked us to take X-rays and send it to him through mail. The correction of less than 20 degrees is considered excellent.

Aziel is back to school as a sophomore student at Xavier University (Ateneo De agayan) taking up Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education majoring in Mathematics. Praise God for your prayers, she was reconsidered to

be accepted for her scholarship even if she missed summer classes. She was also given keys to the school's exclusive elevators because the doctor advised her to refrain from climbing up the stairs and was given exemption from her Physical Education classes for at least one year.

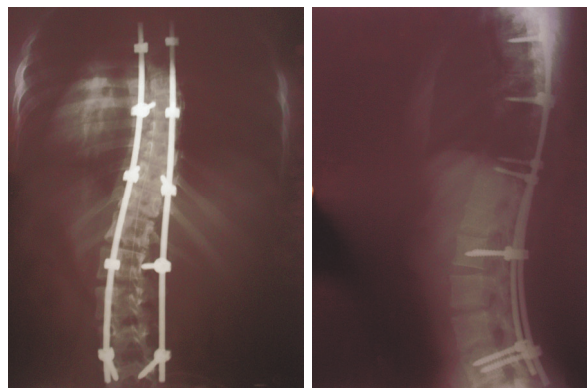
Below is a summary of expenses incurred for Aziel's operation:

Doctors fees (Surgeon, Anesthesiologist, Pediatrician)	P202,000.00
Titanium Steel (2 straight plus 10 screws) (Direct supplier cheaper)	150,000.00
Hospital/Blood/Medicines	47,000.00
Transportation (plane, jeep, gasoline etc.)	40,000.00+
Micellaneous (Lodging, food, supplies etc.)	70,000.00+

Some excess amount was reserved for Aziel's follow-up consultations and other related needs



Before Surgery 55 degrees
(Both Thoracic and Lumbar)



After surgery with titanium steel rods and screws
(Steel rods 13 3/4 inches long, Screws 2 - 2 1/2 ")

Regretably, I would like to apologize for not giving you this update sooner as it should. There were circumstances and tasks I had to attend to which prevented me from reporting to my brothers and sisters in the Lord of how God worked out things to provide for our daughter's surgery. I am so sorry for not being responsible enough to connect with you earlier and report God's amazing work and provisions.

Please continue to pray for total healing and that there will be no complications. Pray that she will be protected from incidents that will cause dislodgement of the embedded steels. Once again from the bottom of our hearts we would like to thank you for your prayers and financial support. The

Lord will bless you all the more. We will keep in touch of developments and ministry updates.

Serving the Lord in Mindanao,



ED and EDITH AMPER

Brothers Jotham and Edrei With surgeon Dr. Catbagan

Cagayan De Oro Field Staff