



## Twins boys thriving after over 70 nights in NICU

*A message from a mother who stayed in The Mooring unit:*

Falling pregnant naturally with identical twins was something that we never planned but were blessed with. Our first pregnancy journey ended with our little girl, Sierra, waiting for us in heaven as she was too premature to continue to live at 23 weeks. We were hoping that our next pregnancy journey would be an easier one but God knows best and blessed us with two bundles of joy!

The pregnancy journey was scary due to the past trauma. Everything seemed to be going alright until my water broke too early and ended up delivering the boys at 29 weeks.

We were happy yet very scared as to what the plan will be now. The closest hospital that could handle them is 2.5hrs away from home. We only have my husband's family which is still far in NSW to help us and my family are all the way back in homeland, Malaysia.



When we were at loss, as if God had planned it all nicely for us, the Social Worker came and told us that The Mooring had just become available for us. They provided us with more than we need, from accommodation, food and transport. We are so grateful for the kindness that had been shared to us to make this journey bearable. Julie, one of the volunteer had made sure we feel at home by keeping us updated and always checking in on us, physically and emotionally. She is such a kind soul helping us through the journey.

We are now back home. Both boys are big and healthy, reaching 6kgs soon and will be 5 months this March! This journey couldn't have been made easier without the help from The Mooring, Julie, the GCUH staff and the communities that never failed to provide us with comfort that we could not get as we were far from home.

## 2024 to date

67

Individuals helped

219

Nights accommodation provided

105+

Volunteer hours donated

## March 2024

2024 has had a busy start for The Mooring. At the end of November we rented another unit to accommodate families, bringing us to four units! The unit has already been well utilised, providing 88 nights of emergency accommodation for families of patients in ICU and NICU.

In early February, Judy Lee stepped down as The Mooring Team Leader. We are so thankful for the three years that Judy dedicated to the Team Leader role, we have seen The Mooring grow and flourish in this time. Judy is still part of The Mooring team and available to help with The Mooring families and operations. Georgia Taynton has been appointed as The Mooring Team Leader and is grateful for the opportunity to lead the team in this next season.

We have also welcomed three new carers to the team - Graham, Carol and Lisa! They are a wonderful addition to our team.

This March we celebrate 9 years of operation! Thank you for your ongoing support. With the end of financial year coming up, we'd like to remind our incredible sponsors that donations over \$2 are tax deductible and greatly appreciated. You can donate online at [themooring.com.au/donations](http://themooring.com.au/donations)