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THREE TIMES A MOTHER

Nineteen year-old Lungile Makhathini got the surprise of her life when she gave birth at Ntunjambili hospital recently. Lungile was expecting twins but when a third baby emerged she was speechless.

What makes the birth even more surprising is that she did not need a cesarian section, it was her first baby, the hospital had never delivered triplets before and the triplets are the first set in the entire Ntunjambili community.

Just knowing I was expecting twins made me apprehensive, but after giving birth to the third one I still felt like pushing, and sure enough after 15 minutes number 3 emerged," said the tired but beaming mother of two boys and a girl. All babies are healthy and so is the mother.

The whole team involved in the birth -- Dr N. Miya, Sister PZ Ntuli, Sister MB Ngema and Sister JE Maduna -- were very excited and relieved that everything went smoothly and that there were no complications. The birth was a great experience since uNtunjambili is a level 1 hospital.



Lungile is unemployed and so is the father of the triplets. She would appreciate any support that might assist her with caring for her babies.

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19 year old Lungile Makhathini and 23 year old Mayenziwe Khathi who are now parents to two boys Samkelo and Simamukele and a little girl Sisanda. The triplets were born at Untunjambili hospital in Kranskop on the 18th of September 2005.
Photo: Themba Mngomezulu



Caption: It was a joyous occasion for maternity ward staff at Untunjambili Hospital in Kranskop when this hospital delivered triplets for the first time in its history. Matron Nonhlanhla Ngubo (left) with Dr Nomsa Miya flanked 19 year old Lungile Makhathini and her boyfriend Mayenziwe Khathi (23) who have been blessed with two boys Samkelo and Simamukele and a baby girl Sisanda. The triplets were born on the 18th of September.
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