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Aghada twins to feature on TV3

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TEMPLE Street Children's Hospital will feature the journey of a brave family from Aghada, and one of their twins, on TV3 this Thursday evening, July 4th, at 8.30pm. Sitting down with mother of the twins Linda Good explained how the family's plight began when they discovered that the identical twins, shared one placenta. On the 3rd day following the premature birth of the twins little baby Jo weighing only 1.10lb suffered a bleed, which led to a bilateral brain haemorrhage. This required two surgical procedures. At three months baby Jo was strong enough to undergo the second procedure. This surgery will feature on the programmme this week.

Linda told *East Cork* Journal that, "when they performed the operation, it was extremely tough. I was informed that it would take about an hour and three quarters and I waited and waited. When I finally did get to see her, she had been brought to the ICU and I hardly recognised her. I thought it was the wrong child. But sometime after that, she seemed to come around. There is great hope for the future as she is doing well. We do expect some issues but we are hopeful."

"When the hospital approached me several months ago to do the programmme I was already at Temple Street for the surgery and was not prepared

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• Agadha twins Jo and Ivy Good who will feature on TV3's documentary on Temple Street Children's Hospital this Thursday evening at 8.30pm.

for it. So I am just a little bit nervous of seeing it again," she added.

Tomorrow morning Linda and her husband Richard Good will discuss the last few months of their lives with Sybil Mulcahy and Martin King on the Morning Show. They are the parents of four children, run a business locally and are active in their community.

The family wishes to thank Quintas Business

Partners in Blackpool for their ongoing support to the family. "My husband is there as a trainee accountant, and they have been unbelievably good to us. They don't ask-they just give him the time off that he needs. We also want to thank our parents Mary & James Cahill and Don & Lillian Good who have shown great support. Also we wish to thank

Cork University Hospital Neo-nannies, as I lovingly call them, for their care of our little ones when we could not be there. "After the twins Ivy and Jo were born, I was not able to see them until the following day and they took great care of our little ones, then and during their stay in the CUH neo-natal unit." The family is planning to do a fundraiser for Jack & Jill Foundation by climbing Carrantuohill later this year.