IMAGES FROM THE heart.

For every 140 newborn babies cradled in their parents' arms, one doesn't make it. They are born still and silent. Their parents spend a meagre few hours trying to cram a lifetime of love and memories.

Words by Heidi Maker  Image thanks to Heartfelt

Mena is on her way to see her baby, her little girl with red hair. She will see her baby for the first time today. This is the moment her heart has been looking forward to for so long. She has been preparing for this moment since she was a little girl. She has been dreaming of this moment for as long as she can remember. She is ready to hold her baby, to love her, to protect her. She is ready to be a mother.

The day is filled with activity. There are many people in the hospital, all working hard to make sure that Mena and her baby are healthy and safe. The nurses are busy, the doctors are on call, and the hospital staff is working tirelessly to ensure that Mena and her baby have the best possible care.

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