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# Light of Life Ministries

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## My little foot

In our last news letter we wrote about the prosthetics lab. This article is written by one of our doctors and it is a must share. God is so good!

### **A Testimony of the Lord's provision and providence... The God of the "little foot"...**

One of my favorite realities about serving here is that the work really does represent the Body of Christ laboring together. The "hand is not great than the foot"( 1Cor. 12:15-26) kind of thing...etc. No one part of the work is greater than the other, and all are interdependent.

The following short testimony shares that.

In October of last year a 3 year old little boy named Jose came to hospital Loma De Luz with a very serious problem. He had a large tumor of the bone and soft tissue (sarcoma) on his foot and some swollen lymph nodes in his leg as well. Due to the aggressive nature of these types of tumors in children he had to undergo a below-the-knee amputation to hopefully save his life. Prior to the operation he was promised that he would receive a prosthetic foot, a new "little foot"... as soon as we were able to get one... So he went to the operating room with that hope on his heart.

But that was a big promise, almost too big...

You see prosthetic limbs are not easy to come by. You first need a fairly sophisticated lab to make them, you need the materials (definitely not east to come by) and most of all you really, really need someone with the expertise to make and fit each prosthetic to each patient's gait and limb. For as long as I have been at Loma De Luz (about 5 years) the "prosthetics lab" has been a work in progress. Things move slowly on the mission field and this project was no different. Progress was slow to non-existent at times as we waited for parts, supplies, equipment, buildout of the space etc. Additionally, it takes a whole host of missionaries and volunteers to coordinate the acquisition/ donation of all those things, all while carrying out their full time work. Over the past year significant progress had been made and when Jose was given the promise for a new prosthetic foot, by another doctor, it was not a hollow one, but definitely not a sure thing either.....

Anywho, Jose came to my clinic in November of last year and wanting to keep tabs on him through chemotherapy I scheduled him for an appointment with me 3 months from that date... and prayed for him, sent him on his way... and he slipped out of my mind. Each day has enough trouble of its own here. He would return on whatever random day the clerk chose and we could then see if the remaining tumor in his body was responding to chemotherapy... would he live or not.

One very busy Wednesday a few weeks ago I saw in the hallway outside my clinic office a little boy with no hair (Chemotherapy does that) and a very obviously missing left foot. Jose was back. I was excited to see he was alive and very concerned about how his cancer was responding to treatment. After the

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first round of patients I called his name and his mom carried him into my office... They smiled at me together and she whispered to him... "go ahead, ask him".... Jose smiled broadly and quickly said in a quiet little voice..... "donde esta mi piecito?" ...

"Where is my little foot?"...

He wanted the foot we had promised to make for him many months ago...

Now as a physician his prosthetic foot was not even remotely on my mind. I wanted to review his most recent scans, discuss his therapy thus far and find out what the oncologist had for the future. You know, whether or not he is going to live... little things like that.

I was less than a second from skipping/ignoring the question (just to make sure you don't have me on any kind of missionary pedestal) when the Holy Spirit checked me. You see to me, survival from the cancer is the most important thing. But to Jose, being 3 years old and very active, he had his heart set on something else of even greater importance to him. Being able to walk and run and play again. All of the things he had missed for the past 5 months.

Thankfully we serve a God who cares about the little things on the hearts of little ones.

It was this the Holy Spirit reminded me of... while simultaneously reminding me that by no coincidence we had a visiting prosthetist (expert in prosthetics) at the hospital that week and that the lab was up and running!! A project 5 years in the making had come to pass, and was fully functional and staffed on the "random" day that Jose returned to clinic and asked that question that had been upmost on his heart for the past 5 months.

So I quickly stepped aside and had James (the prosthetist) come in for a joyful time of fitting and planning and custom building of a prosthetic foot which will be made in the US and delivered and fitted at his next appointment in a few weeks. You see, an appointment with me one week sooner or later would have delayed this process for at least another 6 months to a year.

Now, I don't have the time to write about, nor do you have the energy to read that which I briefly mentioned earlier....about all of the time and effort and planning and hours and days and years of work that missionaries, both short and long term, had to do in order for all of this to come together to provide Jose his "little foot".

But over all of that effort and labor by the Body of Christ..... is the Head, who is Christ Jesus Himself who knows the desires of little hearts and sets into place everything that is needed to meet those desires in His good timing. All Glory be to Christ.

FYI, the cancer is responding and nodules that were in his lungs have disappeared. Please pray for complete and final healing.

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