

Help For The Sick

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The progress Genaro has made to be able to walk is astounding! Praise God!

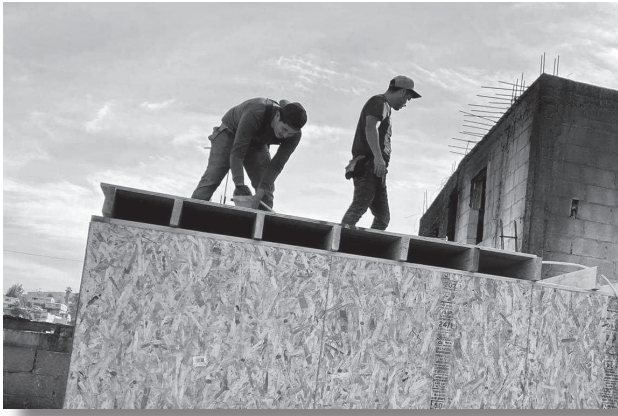
I really never expected to see him walking on his own. We've been helping six year old **Genaro** now for over a year. Each month, Spectrum dips into its medical budget to come alongside Genaro's family with the necessary meds and therapy treatments for his condition, Lennox Gastau. Whenever I've had the opportunity to see Genaro, he's had large braces on his legs that enable him to stand, but in reality do little else. But last month, Lily (Spectrum staff), who visits him each month and keeps tabs on his progress told me the good news that he's actually taking steps and getting around on his own. Even then, I still wasn't prepared for what I saw. When I went to visit him, there he was walking freely around the room with no braces! It truly is God's healing hand working through and even beyond the treatments to give Genaro this kind of mobility. The family is so thankful for the medical help and for all that God is doing to see Genaro improve!

Many families these days struggle in providing for both basic and ongoing medical treatment for their kids. One of the ripple effects of the pandemic is not only lack of work, but increased difficulty in paying even the small public insurance payments. Then when an emergency arises, they're faced with the full cost. For Genaro, the payments for his medication run about one hundred and eighty dollars a month. But that's over half a month's salary for many!

Helping kids and families with medical needs is just one way Spectrum is able to be there for our families in tough times. Just this month we helped little **Jean Paul** with surgery costs for a skin graft on his leg and arm after he was attacked by a pit bull. It was such a scary experience for both he and his mom! We brought him small crutches and a toy truck for when he starts to feel better. Sixteen year old **Salvador** had Covid in March and then contracted tuberculosis a month later. While tuberculosis isn't a problem in most of the developed world, it still affects many in third world countries and poverty stricken areas. To help, Spectrum is building him a clean room, separate from the one room house where the rest of his family lives. This will give him a place to recover during his treatments and keep his family safe from contracting the deadly sickness he carries. Annually about the same number



Jean Paul's leg and arm are healing nicely after his surgery. He hopes to be out playing again soon!



We're thankful for the opportunity to come alongside Salvador as he and his family cope with the effects of tuberculosis.

of people die worldwide from tuberculosis as did in 2020 from Covid, but because it strikes the poor we hear nothing about it!

We are well aware that sickness is part of the curse this world is under due to sin. Each of us have been touched by it. Helping people when they're facing serious illness or injury can bring hope and open avenues to share about Jesus, the Great Physician. One day, we will be with Him where there is no sickness, or crying or pain. O, how we long for that day! Until then, know that when you give to Spectrum some of those funds will be used to help like we did in the stories above. Thank you for your partnership in this work! Please join us in praying that God will provide

what's needed to help those He brings our way. And that through that help we can point them to the One who not only restores the body, but even more importantly heals the soul!

From all of us at Spectrum,

Matt Kooi
Spectrum Ministries Director



Through Spectrum's community work, Lily comes into contact with lots of kids, many of whom are healthy, but some who are in need of medical help.



Planning and praying for an August kids camp!

PS - Due to the pandemic, we were unable to host our annual **kids camp** at the beginning of May. However hope is not lost! Our plan is to move it to August 6-8th! Stay tuned for more details in the months to come!

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." - Psalm 147:3