

MISSION OF HOPE, BOLIVIA NEWSLETTER

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In July of this year, we celebrated our **3-year anniversary** of operating our free medical clinic in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. To date, **more than 70,000 patients have received free medical care**, including medicines, lab analysis, ultrasounds, and surgeries, and **more than 30,000 patients have made decisions for Christ** in our waiting room! Praise the Lord!!

In August, our **5th U.S. surgery team** arrived at the Mission of Hope hospital to perform a **week of free surgeries**. Pictured here are 4 of the 60 patients who received the blessing of a free surgery:



Guadalupe, 7 years old, after laparoscopic surgery to remove a painful stone



Jose Alex, 10 years old, just hours after his hernia operation



Eusebio, 60 years old, developed a hernia 5 years ago. He continued working cutting trees and grass for 2 years, but has not been able to work for the last 3 years. He lives in a village with no public transportation. To get to the mission, he had to walk 10 kms (2 hours) to the next town and ride the bus for 10 hours.



Lidia, 37 years old, suffered for more than 20 years with pain from gallstones. She did not have money to see a doctor. She and her husband have 5 children. They all live together in one room. She earns money by selling vegetables, and she and her husband have a combined income of about \$7.50 per day.

Anna's Story



Anna with her bag and her crutches

Anna Rua is a 45-year-old lady with 5 children. Her husband abandoned her after their last child was born. One day when Anna was working, she tripped and fell on a piece of wood. Her leg became swollen and infected and had to be **amputated below the knee**. As a result, she was unable to work.

Walking on crutches was painful and exhausting. Walking 4 blocks on crutches from her house to the nearest bus stop was difficult, but getting up and down the steps of a crowded bus on crutches was even more of a challenge!

When Anna arrived at the Mission of Hope clinic for the first time, she was **very discouraged**. As she sat in the waiting room, she heard the Gospel message, and she prayed to receive Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Anna says that **after she received Jesus, her life began to change**.

Anna gained the confidence of a shop owner, who allowed her to take ladies' cosmetics and underwear on credit and sell them door-to-door. She carried them in a small bag, along with her crutches.



Anna began attending church, faithfully attending the mid-week prayer services. She began to realize that nothing is impossible with God. She **prayed in faith** that God would give her an artificial leg.

Meanwhile, as the surgery team was leaving Santa Cruz to return to the US, one member of the team gave a sum of cash to the mission to "use for something good." With this gift, **Anna's prayers have been answered, and Anna will soon have her new leg! Glory to God!**

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\$100,000 Matching Gift Challenge

Mission of Hope, Bolivia has received a **\$100,000 matching gift challenge**. An anonymous donor will **double every dollar** that we receive between now and December 31, 2005. This money will be used to operate our free medical clinic in Santa Cruz during the year 2006.

An independent financial audit for Mission of Hope, Bolivia reported that **more than 99% of all donations** received during the year 2004 **went into our program in Bolivia**. Less than 1% was spent on administrative costs. Thank you for your support of Mission of Hope, Bolivia!