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HOSPITAL UPDATE

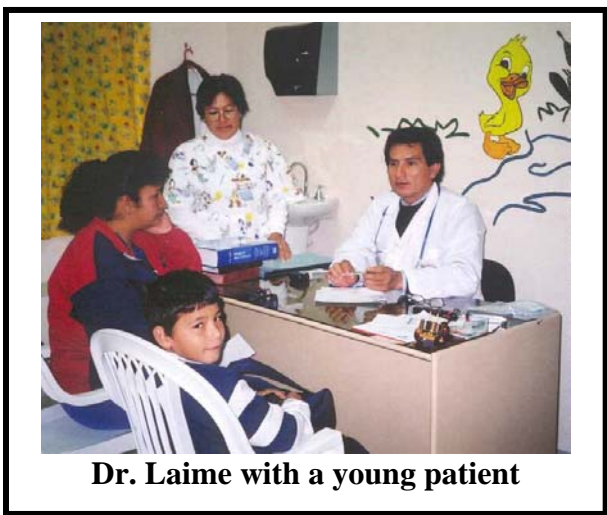
Mission of Hope, Bolivia has exciting news!! Our medical clinic in Santa Cruz is now open!! At the time of this writing in late July, we have just finished our second full week of seeing patients. **We examined more than 800 patients and more than 100 prayed to receive Christ as their Savior!** We are now seeing about 100 patients each day, and the majority of these are children.

The mission is providing jobs for many who were without work, and we now have **25 people on payroll**. We are blessed to also have people who are using their gifts and talents to work in the mission as **volunteers**, including doctors, dentists, pharmacists, and receptionists.

We are happy to report that **the container of medical equipment and supplies** arrived in Santa Cruz in record time, and many of **those items are now being used in the clinic**. We praise the Lord that not one item was lost or stolen, and no bribes were paid! Plans are now underway to send a second container in the fall.



Welcome to Misión de Esperanza!



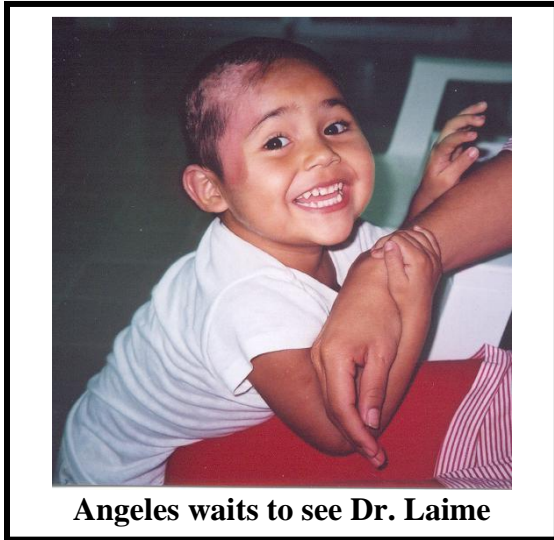
Dr. Laime with a young patient



Patients watching the Jesus film in Spanish



Playing with toys in the waiting room



Angeles waits to see Dr. Laime

The Story of Angeles

Late one afternoon in June, a young mother came to our clinic with her three-year-old daughter, Angeles. **Angeles had been burned** on her head, face, shoulder and arm **with scalding hot water**. Our Executive Director, Cindy Thacker, personally accompanied Angeles and her mother to the Children's Hospital because our clinic was not yet open.

Angeles was taken to a treatment room that opened onto a courtyard. It was a very cold, windy day. The window and door of the treatment room were open, and dust and dirt were blowing into the room. Angeles lay shivering on the table for more than 30 minutes while she waited for the doctor to come. When

the doctor finally came, the mother was given a list of medicines that she needed to buy in order to receive treatment. **Angeles's mother had no money. Mission of Hope, Bolivia paid for all of the medicines that were needed, including antibiotics** to prevent infection. Angeles was then put into a very cold tile bathtub and her burns were treated with icy cold water. The entire experience was very painful and terrifying for Angeles. This procedure was repeated every day for the next several weeks.

Angeles was one our first patients when we opened the clinic. She had been so traumatized by the treatments at the Children's Hospital that she screamed if anyone even tried to touch her. In order to help Angeles, Dr. Laime, one of our pediatricians, decided to put her to sleep for the remaining treatments. **Angeles now enjoys her visits to the clinic**. She plays happily with all the toys in the waiting room and gives out kisses to the staff. Her **burns are healing** nicely, and she is completely **free of infection**.

Many children in Bolivia die as a result of having been burned. Burn treatments are expensive. Many children do not receive proper care simply because the family does not have money to pay. Many children die as a result of infection that develops in the burned area because the parents do not have money for antibiotics. **Mission of Hope, Bolivia wants to change this situation**. Just as we have made a difference in the life of Angeles, we want to make a difference for other children as well. **We need your prayers and financial support** to complete the work on the second floor of our hospital so that we can begin admitting these children who need special care.



**Thank you for all of your prayers and support.
Together we are making a difference!**

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