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On March 27, 2004, a **second US surgery team** from FL, GA, and VA arrived at the Mission of Hope hospital in Santa Cruz to perform a **week of free surgeries**. The 32 patients, including 10 children, who received these surgeries received **the blessing of a changed life**. These men and women are now able to work and care for their families, free from pain for the first time in years. **Praise the Lord!!**



Juana Velazquez is on her way to the operating room with Dr. Carl Lynch and Margarita Wood. Juana, 61 years old, a mother of 10 children and a widow for 20 years, supports herself by selling food. She has been in constant pain from a prolapsed uterus for 5 years.



Ronald Josue, 2 ½ years old, had surgery to repair an inguinal hernia. His mother did not have money to take him to a doctor. Then a friend told her about Mission of Hope, where everything is free.



Ademar Vargas, 6 years old, had a hernia. His mother took him to many different doctors. No one would help because she had no money. While Ademar was in surgery, his mother talked with members of the team about Jesus and prayed to receive Christ as her Savior.



Rosa Fernandez, 45 years old, has been abused most of her life. She never knew her father and her mother died when she was a child. She has lived with the pain of a prolapsed uterus for years, unable to even sit down in a chair.



Do you remember this picture of Gary Cueto from the December newsletter?



This is Gary Cueto today, a healthy, active 5-year-old!

Gary Cueto is a 5-year-old boy who was in **critical condition** as a result of food poisoning. As deadly toxins invaded his heart and lungs, doctors gave his mother **no hope that he could survive**. Desperate to get help for her son, his mother convinced doctors in a private clinic to admit Gary, but when the owners found out that Gary's mother did not have money to pay, they disconnected all the machines and ordered them to leave. **Mission of Hope then took over Gary's care**, taking him to another hospital and paying for all of Gary's expenses. As Mission of Hope staff prayed for Gary's healing, doctors watched in amazement at his **miraculous recovery! Praise the Lord!!**

Arturo is a 23-year-old young man who lives with his family in Santa Cruz. Arturo began having **kidney infections** when he was 8 years old. By age 22, he was in **renal failure** and was started on dialysis. Arturo's father worked as a welder, but in order to keep his son in dialysis treatments, he **sold everything he had**, including his tools. When they came to our Mission of Hope clinic, they had exhausted all of their resources. The father, who has only one leg, said he would be **willing to donate a kidney to save his son's life**. Mission of Hope then made arrangements for Arturo to have a kidney transplant. In the process of doing the pre-op lab work, it was discovered that Arturo had contracted hepatitis. The kidney transplant has been postponed for several months while he undergoes treatment for hepatitis. **Please pray for Arturo's complete recovery and healing.**



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