

November 26, 2008

Thanksgiving Surprise

This little boy was discovered in Viscaino, Southern Baja. He lives with his mother, father and four other siblings in far below poverty circumstances. He is eight years old and has spina bifida; a birth defect where the spinal nerves are tangled in a mass on the lower spine. This defect renders the little boy paraplegic and without control of his bowels and urine.



If that weren't enough for this precious child, he sustained a broken leg and is in a half-body cast. It is very crudely made and has caused ulcers to form on his foot and leg from the pressure of the plaster against his skin. He also has an infection in the nerve mass on his spine which will cause death in a very short time if not treated.

I do not yet know his name so I have been referring to him as Chico which means, "Little one" in Spanish. I know that we must help him or he will not survive.

Our friend Angel Baeza discovered the little boy when he traveled to Viscaino, (pronounced Viz cay ayn no) last week to do an orthopedic session in his mobile unit. He realized the need for the boy to have immediate medical care and called me to see if we could take him.

Angel's first ministry to this little guy was to pray for him. When the prayer ended the little boy said, "Please do that again." I know the Lord touched his heart.

His family is Oaxaca Indian. They work in the fields and are extremely poor. They do not have the resources to buy the medicine, gauze and tape to treat the open and infected ulcers that the little boy has on his back and legs. When Angel arrived they had used the last bit of gauze and were holding it on with black electrical tape; the only thing they had.

He has already been started on a powerful antibiotic to stop the infection because I made an urgent call to our Christian brother, Dr. Cesar Tamez, and he advised that this could not wait for the two days of travel back to Gabriel House. Angel purchased the medicine and is giving it to the little one as they travel back to Gabriel House.

Our next challenge is to find financial sponsors and a way for Chico to get the surgery he needs to close his spine. If the Lord is touching your heart to be a part of saving this child's life and giving him a future, please respond.

For those who want to financially support our little Thanksgiving Day arrival: Make checks out to:

*Mexican Medical Ministry

7850 Lester Ave

Lemon Grove Ca 91945

Specify "Gabriel House for Chico" on the memo line.*

We expect Chico to arrive at Gabriel House on Thanksgiving Day. We thank God for this totally unique and wonderful way to spend Thanksgiving!

And the King will answer them and say, "in as much as you have done it unto the least of these, my brother, you have done it unto me."

Matthew 25:40

Love in the mighty name of Jesus

Ted, Renie, the staff and kids of Gabriel House

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