

## An Angel comes to Gabriel House

This week a 34 year old father named Angel and his nine year old, severely handicapped son, Bryan, came into our lives. Bryan breathes thru a tracheotomy tube in his throat; he is fed through a gastrostomy tube inserted through his abdomen into his stomach; he must be suctioned every hour to keep his airway open and he is on a ventilator several times per day and alternately on an oxygen machine.

Several years ago Angel smuggled his wife and handicapped son across the border into the US in a desperate attempt to keep his son alive. His wife has since abandoned the family and Angel struggled on alone caring for his son and working part-time as a welder.

Fortunately, Angel found help for his son at Loma Linda Hospital in San Bernardino, California. He took the extensive training they offered to help him learn the therapies and treatments Bryan needs to stay alive.

Two months ago US immigration discovered Angel living in the US illegally. The US offered to keep Bryan and care for him in an institution but Angel could not bare to leave his son behind. He pack up his son and returned to Mexico. To support himself and to pay for Bryan's diapers, medicine and Pediture he found welding jobs. He would carry Bryan to the worksite, ask to hook up to electricity in order to operate Bryan's machines and check on him in the van, periodically suctioning him and giving him his tube feedings and medicines as needed.

When Angel heard about Gabriel House he came. He asked if he could work at Gabriel house so his son would have a safe, clean place to live.

When Angel cares for his son he dons gloves and performs various complex procedures with confidence. He is willing to teach our ladies the things he has learned about caring for the most severely handicapped of our children and work along side them to bring Gabriel House to a higher level.

Being the father of a handicapped child gives him a deep compassion for our other children and he reaches out to them. By example and humble suggestions he is making things better for the other babies in our critical baby room.

See photo below:

We see Angel and Bryan as yet another miracle God has sent to Gabriel House.



“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning.”