

# SNAP-SHOTS

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Working in ministry, we've often found that God touches the hearts of the right people, at the right time in response to our prayers. Raúl 10, who was born with Hydrocephalus, had been in need of a specialized wheelchair for quite some time, but they are expensive and way beyond what Raúl's mom Sara, could ever afford. Last week, however, our prayers were answered and after waiting patiently for a few months, Sara finally wheeled Raúl home in a brand new all-terrain wheelchair, sized and fitted specially for him, and very generously donated by the manufacturer!

A **big thank you** to *Leggero*, and also to Mary Massello, our V&O Donations Co-Ordinator, for her step of faith in reaching out to *Leggero* and working through all the details and logistics. Involved within the company were other Christians as well who all played a part, going "above and beyond" to deliver the wheelchair free of charge. We're thankful to each one and give glory to God who "touched the hearts of the right people at the right time," in answer to this prayer! It's a great blessing that's already making a big difference in the lives of Raúl and his family!



*The wheelchair arrives at our bodega!*

*Noé & Edgar, (V&O helpers), watch as Mary figures out the settings.*



*Above: Eric makes adjustments before Mary places Raúl in the chair. Right: Cheers and applause from mom Sara and our team as Raúl finally gets comfy in his new chair!*



*Left: Raúl before in a stroller.*



*Right: Raúl now in his wheelchair.*



**PRAYERS FOR ALICIA...** A brave and determined mom/grandmom, Alicia survived a head-on car collision early this year in which her husband was killed instantly, along with 3 other people. Alicia was the only survivor but she received broken bones and lacerations to her face, as well as losing sight in her right eye. The nerves in her eyelid on the left side were also damaged, so in order to see now, she uses tape to keep her left eyelid open. Since the accident, Alicia has been living with her daughter and family. Despite her loss and injuries, Alicia is determined to become independent again and had been helping others at a local market where she used to have her own small business. This month V&O was able to help her with an appointment with an eye specialist and assist her financially with setting up her own small business again. Alicia is well known in her community and so far her business has been going well.

Although the chances of her regaining her sight are slim, there is still hope. Alicia has a second appointment for further investigation and possible surgery coming up next month. Please keep this in your prayers.

**THANK YOU!**



*At the eye appointment.*



*Eric and Paty help Alicia to get her "shop" set up outside her home.*



**GRACIAS!**  
*Alicia with her 2 granddaughters.*

**OMAR & LORENA (from last month)**

As well as helping Alicia re-establish her small business this month, we were also able to help Omar and Lorena to do the same with theirs. After weeks of lost income since Omar's hospitalization, and with 2 teenagers at home, "making ends meet" had become very tough for them. With some help getting set up and less than \$100 to buy the needed supplies, they're back in business again selling fruit beverages. Omar will need to take a back seat from now on though, as he will be on hemodialysis for the rest of his life. Nevertheless, he's thankful to be alive and thankful for all the help he has received through V&O.



Lorena & Omar with the supplies they bought.

MUCHAS GRACIAS!



Edgar (center) & Eric helping to set up shop for Omar and Lorena, in background.



Selling goods outside homes and in street stalls/markets is a common way to make a living for many in our communities.

**UPDATE ON AXEL**

Back in June we shared about Axel 11, who was diagnosed with Guillain Barré Syndrome, (a neurological disorder). He had lost so much muscle strength that he wasn't able to stand or even sit up on his own anymore. Since then, through the prayers and generosity of many of you, Axel has been receiving regular therapy and has been working very hard to regain his strength and mobility. After 3 months he is now able to walk again with the aid of a walker. Please continue to pray for his recovery. (More therapy needed for a few months yet!)

**THANK YOU!!**



From a much happier boy!



Working hard in the pool!



Re-building leg muscles...



...and arm muscles.



At home...

So happy to be walking!

**ORPHANGE VISITS...** Amid the variety of ministry work, regular visits to our orphanages remain a priority. The kids really look forward to them, as do we! May we **THANK YOU** again for helping to make a difference in the lives of these neat kids!



CASA DE GRACIA

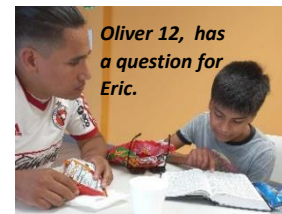
A Saturday night treat, KFC, and ice-cream!



Paty teaching the younger kids.



Working on Bible lessons.



Oliver 12, has a question for Eric.

God bless you ALL!  
Joyce, Philip,  
Hortencia & the Team!

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6