

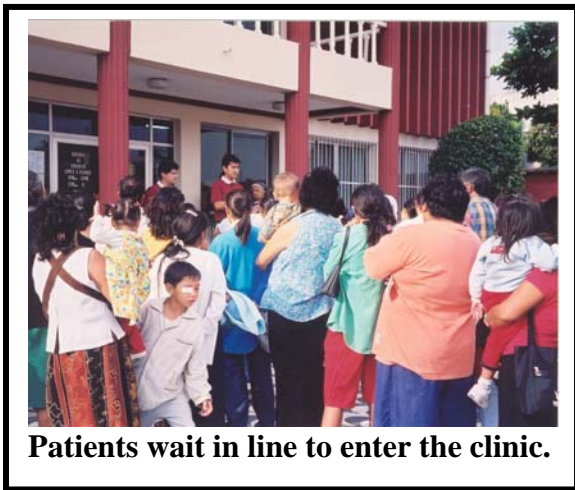
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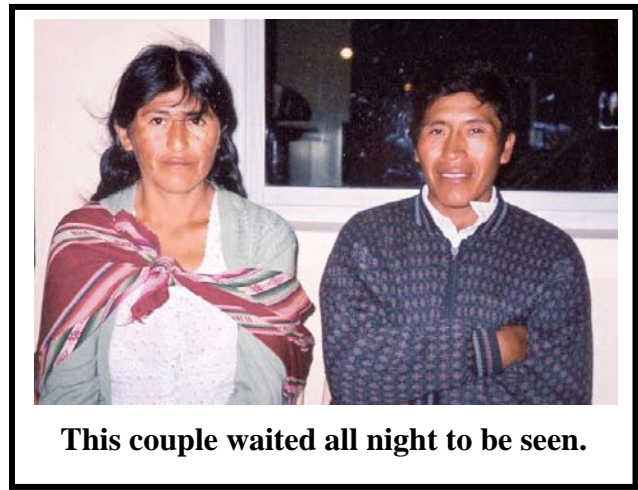
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Exciting things are happening at Mission of Hope, Bolivia! **The clinic is now open**, and we took care of **more than 5000 patients in our first 12 weeks!** We now have a well-stocked pharmacy and our own laboratory. Patients are receiving **excellent medical care at no charge**, including free lab work and medicines. Patients start lining up at 4 a.m. to be seen when the clinic opens at 8 a.m.

We have a full-time pastor working with us, and all of the patients have an opportunity in the waiting room to hear the Word of God and meet the Great Physician before seeing one of our Mission of Hope doctors. To date, **more than 3000 patients have prayed to receive Christ** as Lord and Savior!



Patients wait in line to enter the clinic.



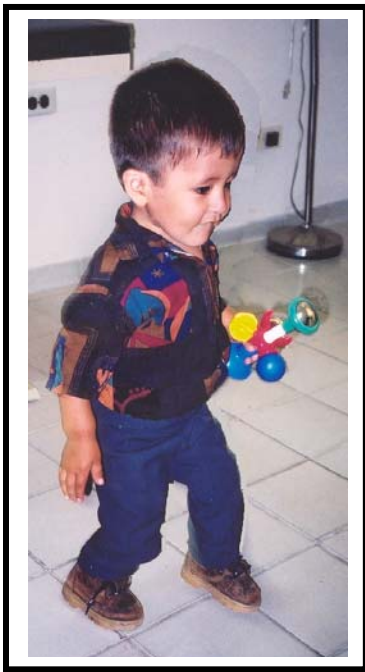
This couple waited all night to be seen.

\$100,000 MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

We have just received a **\$100,000 matching gift challenge!** In order to receive this \$100,000 matching gift, we must receive \$100,000 in donations. **Every dollar you give will be doubled**, and **every dollar counts!** Your \$25 donation becomes \$50, your \$50 becomes \$100, and so on. Please prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you do in response to this challenge. You can keep up to date on the challenge by visiting our web site.

Ronald Serrano is a Bolivian Christian who works as the administrator for the mission in Bolivia. One day while working in the clinic, Ronald was suddenly overcome with **intense pain**. He was **sweating profusely** and felt as though he was going to faint. An ultrasound revealed **2 large gallstones**. During the next several weeks, various treatments were tried, but the pain continued. Finally, Ronald agreed to have surgery. The day before surgery, a Christian friend read **James 5:13-15** to Ronald, **anointed him with oil, and prayed for his healing**. From that moment on, Ronald felt no more pain. Following the prayer, he went to see his surgeon. A final ultrasound revealed that the stones were gone. **Ronald was completely healed!! The surgery was cancelled! Praise the Lord!!**





José Luis is four years old but has the stature and height of a one year old. He was **born with a degenerative disease** that interfered with his growth and development. His parents say that by the time he was two years old, his **legs were badly deformed** and he was in a lot of pain. They had never taken him to a doctor because they have no money. When José Luis came to our clinic, **he had never walked**. He was seen by one of our pediatricians, who started him on a daily treatment. About 4 weeks later, José Luis came back to the clinic and **is now walking for the first time in his life!**

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FUTURE PLANS

We are working towards the goal of having our **first US medical team** come in the summer of 2003 to do a **week of free surgery**. A team of surgeons, anesthesiologists, and nurses is already forming. We have 2 operating rooms and 18 patient rooms on the second floor. On August 11, our **first mission team** arrived from Waynesboro Foursquare Gospel Church in Virginia and painted the 18 patient rooms.

On September 27, we loaded and shipped a **second container of medical equipment and supplies** to Bolivia, which included 2 anesthesia machines and furnishings for the patient rooms.

\$3000 Matching Gift Challenge for Kitchen Renovation

In order to have in-patients, we need a functioning kitchen. We just received a **\$3000 matching gift challenge to renovate and furnish the kitchen** on the third floor. Plans have already been drawn by two architects from Charlottesville, VA who visited the clinic in September.

Please pray for Sarahi and Susana....



Sarahi, 5 years old, needs a very complicated neurosurgery that cannot be done in Bolivia.



Susana, 7 years old, has tumors throughout her body. The doctors in Bolivia say there is nothing they can do for her.