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# LIGHT OF LIFE

*Mike & Peggy Yost*

Here at the Hospital there is so much going on it is hard to share it all with you. **This month we have an article written by doctors Andrew and Alisa Geers who serve with us.** We don't get involved much with the medical side of things and they can tell you better than we can. [Here is a link to their blog](#) so you can read more about their ministry too.

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*Hola y Bendiciones de Honduras!*

*Imagine living life without the use of one arm. It would be hard, right? Now, imagine living life without both arms. That sounds next to impossible. How does one eat, drink, or use the bathroom? Get dressed or make something to eat? This is a story of a man who tragically lost both of his arms.*

*Emelio (name changed) arrived to our hospital with just two bloody stumps after being attacked with a machete. The history varies a bit depending on who tells it, but the gist is that he was caught doing something he should not have been doing and in retribution someone cut off his arms (at about mid forearm). Our surgeon immediately went to work cleaning, suturing, and bandaging the wounds in the operating room. Eventually the wounds healed but obviously there remained the issues of not only living without hands but also the mental and emotional toll of being attacked. Picture: A few months out from surgery with both wounds almost completely healed.*

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As soon as the patient came in last June, I (Andrew) was immediately contacted by our surgeon wanting to put the patient on the prosthetics list in hopes that he could have some kind of restored function. At that time we did not have any supplies or equipment to make a hand prosthesis for Emelio, but were praying for some options. In the meantime, Emelio was living with help from his family for most all activities of daily living.



### **Using a cup again!**

Lo and behold a few weeks ago I was contacted by a partnering clinic asking if we could use some ready made prosthetic hands. We immediately called up Emelio and had him return to the hospital to see if they could work for him. Last week we were able to apply one of the prosthetic hands and have him practice using it at the hospital. He was a very quick learner and within a matter of minutes he was drinking from a cup and picking up objects with a fork. Praise God for the provision of restored function but that is not even the best part of the story!

Through conversations with our staff, including our on site pastors, and the experience of the care he received, this patient committed his life to Christ. We found out about his decision on the first follow up visit to check his wounds when he seemed to be filled with joy and gratitude instead of the natural reaction of sorrow and anger at what he had physically lost.

After receiving the prosthetic hand the patient said that he was thankful that God had put our hospital in his path and provided not only renewed function but a renewed life. He has been continuing to read the bible our pastoral staff gave him and has started to attend a local church in his area. Praise God with me for this changed life and continue to pray that his faith and relationship with God would continue to grow and strengthen as he uses his new life and new hand for good.

Many Blessings,  
Andrew, Alisa, and Alena Geers

### **Pray for:**

- the hospital while so many of our missionaries will be away this month.
- more teachers to come and serve at the school.
- our trip to the U.S. , short and busy.

### **Praise for:**

- the school year that we just completed.
- the vaccine that has helped so many.
- Mike's health that allows him to continue to serve as he loves to.

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With love, *Mike and Peggy*

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