

....Would you like to save a life

A 7-year-old patient, Santos, broke his arm in January. He had a compound fracture with bone exposed. It was a Friday and the national hospital in Chimaltenango did not have an orthopedic surgeon on staff over the weekend. They were told to go home, wait until Monday and go to the national hospital in Antigua. On Sunday he was unconscious and taken to the Antigua hospital. Santos spent 3 months in intensive care. Doctors had to amputate his arm. We bought medicine for Santos and paid for his parents' transportation back and forth to the hospital.

Doctors' care is free at national hospitals but patients have to pay for medicine, x-rays, and lab tests. A family's small savings can be wiped out in 24 hours.

These stories, and many more similar ones, are evidence that patients attending our clinics are destitute and deserve your help. The number of patients at our clinics are increasing every week and at each clinic there are critically ill patients who need urgent care.

Please make a donation to our "critical care" fund. Your donation will save a life.



Santos