

# CAROLINA HONDURAS HEALTH FOUNDATION

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Dear Friends of CHHF,

March was an especially eventful month at the remote Limón clinic. You may recall that for weeks the roads were impassable due to heavier than normal rains, but in early March the roads were opened and so did the clinic.

People had been waiting a long time to see a doctor. The first week the clinic was open, people lined up at the door before the medical team awakened! I have heard story after story of **people who were helped – many with potentially life-threatening conditions -- and it could not have been done without your support. Thank you!**

In this newsletter, we share with you some stories of how you have helped and the hope you are giving the people of Honduras. I hope you enjoy reading about what you have been able to accomplish because you gave a gift to CHHF!



## ◀ **JESSER'S LIFE WAS IN DANGER – AND YOU HELPED SAVE IT!**

Five-year-old Jesser was brought to the clinic by his mother on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March. He was having uncontrollable seizures. Jesser's mom had run out of his seizure medication and was unable to afford more. Jesser had gone without his medication for nearly a month.

Jesser's life was at risk and he had to be transferred to two different hospitals. But, Jesser's mom could not afford the testing Jesser needed, so they had to return home.

Desperate to help her son, Jesser's mom called the CHHF Community Development Coordinator to ask for help. Because you gave a gift to CHHF, resources were available to pay for Jesser and his mom to take a 3-hour bus ride to a clinic in La Ceiba and for the tests Jesser so desperately needed.

But Jesser and his mom had to wait in La Ceiba for four days for the test results, and Jesser's mom only had \$10 to get by for those four days. Knowing she had the support of you and CHHF, Jesser's mom called and was able to get some money so they could stay in the city and wait to get the results. Jesser is on medication again and will follow up with a specialist. **You helped Jesser get the medical travel, testing, and medication that saved his life!**

Here is what Jesser's mom wants you to know:

***“I will never tire of saying thank you. I am grateful to God and to CHHF for all you have done and are doing for my son. I lost my oldest son to epilepsy. I have been scared for the life of Jesser and I have felt desperate. Now I trust that Jesser will get the help he needs.”***



### ◀ Dehydrated Kids Received IV Fluids! ▶

The first few days the clinic was open following the flooded out roads, doctors and staff saw many dehydrated and asthmatic babies and young children. Your gift helped provide IV fluids for the dehydrated kids. Doctors and clinic staff spent time with parents to provide counseling on how to prevent dehydration, and what symptoms to watch for.

### Your Gift Provided Urgent Asthma Treatment! ▶

The mold and mildew caused by the long rainy season led to many cases of respiratory problems. Some were very serious cases of asthma. Because you give to CHHF an urgent nebulizer treatment was available for this baby’s asthma. She left the clinic breathing easier because of you!



### ◀ Joshuar Came Back to Say, “Thank You”! ▶

Two years ago, Joshuar’s family brought him to the clinic with a blocked kidney. They did not know where else to go and they did not have the money to pay for Joshuar’s care. Because of you, Joshuar was able to get connected with other doctors, transportation to his appointments, and the surgery he desperately needed!

Joshuar’s blocked kidney was removed just a month after Joshuar was seen at the clinic. Last month, Joshuar and his family came to the clinic for a check-up and to say, “thank you”! He is a happy and healthy 28-month-old boy because of you!

Your gift also went to work helping an elderly man get a cane; providing sutures for a man with a severe machete wound; caring for a 17-year-old girl with an open sore caused by parasites; getting emergency formula for a one-year-old baby who only weighed 11 pounds – and much more!

When you give financially to CHHF, you also support the CHHF Community Development Program. This program is dedicated to providing medical education and other resources in the remote area around Limón so that some of the most common, but serious, medical issues can be prevented.

You are making a direct impact on the lives of the people in Honduras that visit our clinics and through them you are changing villages and communities for good.

You are truly amazing. Thank you for being so generous. Because of you, lives are literally being saved! Thank you!

God Bless,

N. K. Hook, Jr.  
President

