



STAYING CONNECTED:

Dr. Jane's Blog

One great way to stay connected to what is going on with LAMB—specifically the clinic in San Lorenzo—is to go online and check out Dr. Jane's blog.

Although she keeps pretty busy with daily activities, patients and trips to Quito, Dr. Jane shares stories about patients and activities in San Lorenzo.

We want to share a couple of those stories with you here. We encourage you to go to the website often to read Dr. Jane's blog at:

www.LAMBonline.org/drjaneblog



A Bit of a Scare...

Monday morning I had a woman come to the Clinic to see me about prolonged bleeding from her uterus. She told me that over the past six months she has been bleeding very heavily. During one six week period she bled every day, and in September she bled down to a hemoglobin of 5 (a woman's hemoglobin is normally around 12 to 14), and required a transfusion of two units of blood. She showed me an ultrasound that had been done in September, which showed a large, seven centimeter fibroid tumor within her uterine cavity. Most fibroids are within the wall of the uterus, and therefore not really mobile. This fibroid appeared to be on a stalk within the uterus, and was the logical source of my patient's bleeding.

I had quite a surprise when I examined her. Sometime over the past three months the intrauterine fibroid tumor had managed to squeeze through my

patient's cervix, much like a baby's head coming through the birth canal. When I did her pelvic exam, I found that the large mass was now prolapsed outside of the uterus (but not outside of the body) and easily palpable.

Examining her made the tumor bleed. And she bled, and bled.....and bled. I had a river coming out all over the bed, the floor, my sandals....even a little bit on the wall. It soaked two blue towels and kept coming. I called María Luisa in from across the hall to help me. I tried to stem the flow, and María Luisa started talking to my patient about Jesus. I had very few options. I couldn't take her to the operating room – I had no anesthesiologist. I couldn't give her blood – because we have no blood bank here in San Lorenzo. The only thing I could do was pray.

María Luisa realized that we were in a bit of trouble, and asked me if she should pray. I said yes. When she said, "Amen," – I took the blue towel away that I had been using to try to control the bleeding. The bleeding had stopped. All that was left was a little trickle of watery fluid.

God is so amazing. And He is so good. Once again He has shown His hand in a mighty way.

Maikal

Maikal is a five-year-old boy who was born without hands or feet. His mother brought him to the Clinic soon after he was born, but after his first visit – we never saw him again. He came in today with his mother and two siblings. He is now in school and doing very well. He gets around very well by walking on his knees. His mother is trying to find some kind of protection or padding for his knees, which by now are well calloused. He quickly wears holes in the pants of his school uniforms.

Maikal doesn't seem to realize that he is at a physical disadvantage. He was racing his brother and sister on the patio the entire time he was at the Clinic.

Because many of the streets in San Lorenzo are still paved with rocks or rough surfaces, he doesn't get to run around and play on tile very often.

We are hoping to help Maikal in two ways. The first is simple. We would like to get some form of knee pad that he can wear to cushion his knees when he walks. His mother says he often complains that his knees hurt.

Our second goal is to get Maikal to a foundation in Quito that helps provide prostheses to patients who have lost arms or legs. We will contact the foundation to see what needs to be done to get Maikal into the system. We are hoping they might be able to provide some type of prosthesis for both his upper and lower extremities.

We will keep you updated on Maikal's progress!

Visit Dr. Jane's blog to watch the videos she has posted of Maikal running at the Clinic!

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LITTLE THINGS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

There are so many instances of how people at the Clinic make a difference, and we love having the opportunity to share those stories with you. Sometimes, just a small gesture can touch a heart.



The surgery team and staff pray for every patient, individually, before they go into surgery. Often times, as patients are being prepped for their procedure, the staff can be found sharing the Gospel with the surgery patients.

A couple weeks ago, a small boy and his older cousin came to the clinic from out of town for hernia repairs. They came with their grandmother. The younger boy went first.

Madison Paris (a Registered Nurse who is helping at the Clinic), had been working in the post-op (recovery) room. There had been no problem with the surgery and he was doing well; but, Madison thought it would be important for someone to be in the room when he woke up.



As the young boy woke up from the anesthesia, he started to cry. Madison picked him up and held him until his grandma could get there. In Madison's words, "he was such a sweet and brave little boy."

6th ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER: Saturday, April 13, 2013

The Chili Supper is the perfect opportunity to hear first hand what is going on in Dr. Jane's ministry! We invite you to join us for this special evening.

This year, we're using "electronic" tickets instead of the traditional, paper ones. To purchase your tickets and get all the details about the Chili Supper, visit the home page of LAMB's website at:

www.LAMBonline.org

If you don't have access to the Internet, you may order tickets by calling Karen Crawford at 260-312-3177.

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