



# CAMO IN FOCUS

MAY–JUNE 2018

## TOUR CAMO

Would you like to take a tour of CAMO? Call the office at (330) 683-5956 and see how God is moving by bringing hope to the forgotten.

## EXPLORE & LEARN

Visit CAMO's brand new website! See more of what we do and read testimonials of miraculous healing. [www.camo.org](http://www.camo.org)

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

It costs CAMO an average of \$100 to save one child's life. As a donor, service group or church congregation prayerfully consider helping meet the needs of the poor.

## BECOME A CAMO VOLUNTEER

We welcome adult volunteers of all ages and skill levels. Please call CAMO and use your gifts and talents to make a difference in the lives of so many.



## RESPIRATORY PROGRAM

**THAT AFTERNOON THERE WERE THREE PEOPLE ENTERING THE PROSTHETIC LAB**, one man assisted by two people, one on each side, helping the man in the middle take steps. When the struggling walker was finally able to sit in the wheelchair, he graciously looked up and said, "Good afternoon. I've been waiting for this day to thank CAMO for saving my life." He smiled and began telling how one morning had changed his life forever.

**ON FEBRUARY 22, 2017, ESSAU WOKE UP.** Getting out of bed his legs gave out and he fell. His wife immediately reached out to him asking what was going on but he didn't know; all Essau felt was fear and distress. In less than 12 hours he had lost mobility in his legs, arms and it was difficult for him to breathe. He was taken to the nearest clinic but the doctors had no idea about why his legs and arms were not functioning properly, so he was transferred to the Hospital de Occidente. Medical exams were performed and he was diagnosed with Guilliam-Barré Syndrome. The doctor on duty instructed the staff to connect him to a mechanical ventilator that night. Esau's body was paralyzed. He was only able to move his eyes, however, there were five people already connected to a mechanical ventilator provided by CAMO in that hospital so there weren't any left. The CAMO Biomed team was informed of this and immediately provided the last one that fortunately had recently been repaired by CAMO's biomedical engineer. Esau contemplated what could have happened without the ventilator; his fate was clear. For the next five and a half months, he was connected to a mechanical ventilator. His wife never left his side, day in and day out. Seeing the hospital staff is very limited, she tried earnestly to provide her beloved husband with basic care. He needed to survive. There were two daughters at home waiting for their father to heal and mother to return home. Essau's wife claimed she never doubted that her husband would recover, she was heavy hearted as she counted the people who died during her husband's stay in the hospital. Her faith remained strong. Finally the day arrived that Essau was to be released. He would need continued intense therapy. He weighed only 80 pounds, but he was slowly recovering. His mobility was improving daily.

Essau watched as our staff worked to provide him with a properly fitted leg brace. He commented about a family bet. He was determined to learn to walk sooner than his niece Brillit, who was a little bit older than 12 months! We at CAMO are honored and feel the joy of service to help people like Essau. Every long journey begins with a single step!

# CAMO AT A GLANCE MAR—MAY 2018



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## THE PAST TWO MONTHS IN NUMBERS

# 26,152

PATIENTS SERVED

# 1,748

BOXES OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES DONATED

# 895

STUDENTS WITH LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

# 311

VOLUNTEERS SUPPORTING IN USA & HONDURAS

# 27

ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING DONATED MEDICAL SUPPLIES

# 328

PIECES OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT REPAIRED

# 924

TOTAL BIOMEDICAL SERVICES HOURS



The Biomedical team led by German Barcenás repairing a C-arm, vital to orthopedic surgery, in the operating room in the Hospital de Occidente.



Carlos Caballero's mother is so happy for her son who used to have up to six convulsions everyday but thanks to our neurology and neurosurgery program, he has received the medical treatment and surgery needed.



Vilma Zenaida Solis, a cervical cancer survivor, has remained cancer free since her treatment four years ago. Although she's had a difficult life as a single mother of six making less than two dollars a day, she is grateful to be healthy and has the strength needed to support her children.

## 10TH ANNUAL SALSA SIZZLE



We put the **FUN** back into Fundraising!! Please join us. The 10th Annual Salsa Sizzle will be held at the Wooster Inn on August 18th, 2018—make sure to Save the Date!

CAMO's Salsa Sizzle is an annual fundraising event held in August at the Wooster Inn. The night is filled with live Latin Jazz music, dancing, delicious Latin-inspired food, a celebrity bartending competition, and both a live and silent auction. All proceeds from this event benefit the programs and services which are in the most need of funding.

Tickets ON SALE now calling the CAMO office at (330) 683-5956.

## INTERESTED IN DONATING?

visit: [www.camo.org](http://www.camo.org)

or mail to: CAMO, 322 Westwood Ave, Orrville, OH 44667