



HOUSE OF HEALING

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Spotlight on Eli's Story God's Handiwork in the Life of One Young Man

Eli's Story



When Eli was born in 2004, the seventh child in his family, all seemed normal. Then, in 2018 Eli began to lose a lot of weight and strength. He began to drink a lot of water and urinate a lot. (As he tells his story he notes that this is the same year that volcano Fuego had the pyroclastic blow. His sense of history is interesting as he reflects.)

So, he was sent to a hospital in the capital and he started on insulin. He felt good for the week he was there. Then he returned home. Unfortunately, no one talked to him or his family about diet. So, when he returned home, he ate a lot of what he now calls "junk food" and bread and tortillas. He had to

stop taking the insulin because it was too expensive.

Again, his sense of history surfaces as he tells his story. Covid hit! He dropped out of school and started working with his brother who is a welder. Soon both of them realized he could not work because he was too weak to carry metal work. No one seemed to pay attention to the fact that he was not growing. He was not checking blood sugar and he continued to lose weight. In 2022, he was walking in the market and met a city hall worker who told him about House of Healing. He told Eli that people there would help him. That same day, we met Eli (pronounced L Lee).

In God's timing, there was a pharmacist and a nurse staying at the HoH who had a lot of experience working with diabetics. They helped us get him started on insulin which he had not had for about 2 years.

Again, in God's plan, one of our government partners found a mission up the mountains around the lake, who took an interest in Eli, and provided insulin and needles. Eli's father was unable to afford insulin as he earns less than 7 dollars a day when he is able to find work. So, this was a huge blessing!

Eli stayed at HoH for 3 months, learning about diet and exercise, participating with groups, even going to one of the villages to be involved in a house dedication. He ate with mission groups and participated in some of their activities. Many prayers were answered, and that encouraged him to keep going. He said that the groups helped so many people and that made him feel better.

Eli has a compassionate heart! He started visiting home bound patients and blessed them with his testimony and prayers. He encouraged a young man named German, as he faced death from bone cancer. It was such a blessing when I saw the photo of Eli and German together. Two weeks later, German died in the arms of Jesus.

Eli now works at HoH, earning money he can spend on his diet, clothing, and whatever he wants. He is a part time General Assistant at House of Healing and he goes to school in the afternoons. Eli is in the equivalent of 9th grade. Next year he will choose the vocational course of medicine which will help him realize his goal of becoming a nutritionist. He wants to help others as he has been helped.

Eli says, "Thanks to all who helped me with encouragement. May God bless you."

-Teri (Missionary)



Eli, after one month of treatment.



Eli, after 10 months of treatment.



When I met Eli, he was a young man who looked very sad and defeated by the health situation that he was going through. Eli has Type 1 diabetes which requires him to check his sugar level many times during the day and use insulin which is painful for him. Throughout this difficulty, Eli has been very brave. He managed to overcome this difficulty because he understood the importance of being responsible to take care of his health and pay attention to the food he eats in order for him to recover. There were hard moments for him and his family, and yet we have been laughing and crying with him through it all. During this process of recovery, Eli's mom passed away. She was the one person who encouraged him the most through his recovery. God gave him the necessary strength to overcome this loss. Eli is a very cheerful and dynamic person with a desire to improve himself. Leaving behind his fears and obstacles, he has already started on his academic studies.

-Gladys (Nurse)



I thank God that Eli is recuperating and is now working at House of Healing

painting railings, watering gardens, joking and speaking as he works. I pray that God continues to work in Eli, as he continues to recover.

-Santiago (Field Administrator)

My mom (Norma) told me about Eli who had very low weight (46 pounds) and height of 134 cm when they first met. He was in a lot of pain and was without treatment. Thanks to the House of Healing team, everyone can see the changes in him. Today Eli weighs 66 pounds and has grown 2 cm.

-Frida (future HoH doctor)

There has been an amazing change in Eli. He has improved physically and emotionally. He has shown responsibility in complying with his diet and with the recommendations given by the fellow workers of House of Healing and doctors who keep giving him treatment. It was worth the effort, since he has surprised us with his change of life, becoming a very cute young man.

-Rosita (Housekeeper)



The first time Eli was in House of Healing, my heart

cried.....seeing a 17-year-old boy who looked like a 10 year old. He started a process with his medicine and diet. While he stayed at House of Healing for 3 months for his recovery, he was like a baby requiring milk and special diet. I started seeing changes little by little. Now my heart is happy to see his achievement and now he is our fellow worker. Thank you to each of you for your grain of sand; may God bless you.

-Norma (HoH Administrator)

I still remember the first day Eli came to consult with me. He came with his mom asking for help. I worried so much because his glucose level was 500 and he weighed 40 pounds and I thought, "My God this child is going to die!" He was very thin and malnourished! That's how we started working with Eli. With God's help and House of Healing, as a team we started treating him at the Clinic, and we started to gather other help for him. I

remember the times I accompanied him to perform laboratory tests and his eye surgery in Atitlan hospital. I thank God because today we see results: his muscle mass and weight are increasing, his glucose is controlled; and this is due to his hard work following instructions and avoiding things that are harmful for him. He has gone through very hard and sad situations after the death of his mother, but this also worked as an example for him to continue taking care of himself. Today we see him recovered and this makes us happy. Now he is a co-worker in HoH, and we can see his happiness.

- Mimi (Nurse)

Eli, when he first arrived at House of Healing and today after 14 months of treatment. What a remarkable transformation!



A 'Dream' for the future!

There is a song that says... "the children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way". Many thankful prayers have been offered for those who have chosen to sponsor some of the youngsters who were highlighted in last month's newsletter. Unfortunately, at this time, we still have "eager to learn youngsters" who are on the waitlist for sponsors. If you have it in your heart to support these little ones' desire for an education, please contact us at

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14



Gratitude

- There is so much gratitude for the donation of several bedside tables for the guest rooms at House of Healing. These make a big impact on the missionaries who spend time helping our community in Guatemala.
- Many, many thanks for the rolling cart that has been donated to the clinic at House of Healing.
- A donated autoclave was received "with much gratitude" by the nurses at House of Healing. It will be used to continue supporting the health and healing of many people.
- We are all so thankful to the wonderful donor whose initial gift of money allowed for the purchase of the property that was to become the House of Healing.

Supplication

- Please keep Jose in your prayers. He is in the hospital for the amputation of his large toe. Pray also for expanded services for diabetic patients such as cutting toenails and foot exams.

Congratulations

- Sending prayers of continued joy as Geo celebrates his birthday.
- Congratulations to Eli, for his wonderful grades at school, showing his effort and dedication to his studies.

Wish List

Please partner with us in praying for the Lord to provide the following pieces to the Kingdom ministry of the House of Healing:

- Canes
- 1 Infantometer for measuring babies and toddlers - \$550
- Walkers
- 40 chairs for clinic/gatherings - \$60 each
- Wheel Chairs

Donations (total or partial) dedicated specifically for these items can be made. For more information, please click [HERE](#).

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Lord is in
this place!***

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