



MISSIONARIES INCOGNITO

When the political situation became too dangerous for us to operate openly as missionaries with the Miskitos in Central America, God had prepared a way for us to continue the work from a safe distance. We moved operations to the city by opening a “center of influence” in the form of a chiropractic clinic. The clinic provides an “alibi” and allows us to reach the people in the city as well. This model has been so powerful! We want to share the story of just one patient, Sandra, to show you what we mean.

Sandra sells baked goodies, her powerful and melodic voice rising above the noise of the traffic, horns, and businesses blasting music, letting pedestrians know the products she has that day. As her spot on the sidewalk is right in front of our office, we eventually developed a friendly dialogue with her. Caleb noticed that she limped and had advanced degeneration and deformity in her knees, so he inquired and learned she was waiting to have surgery but couldn't afford

it. The Holy Spirit impressed us to offer her free therapy, and she was visibly moved with gratitude, but who would watch her spot? Glenda cheerfully volunteered, so Sandra accepted our offer.

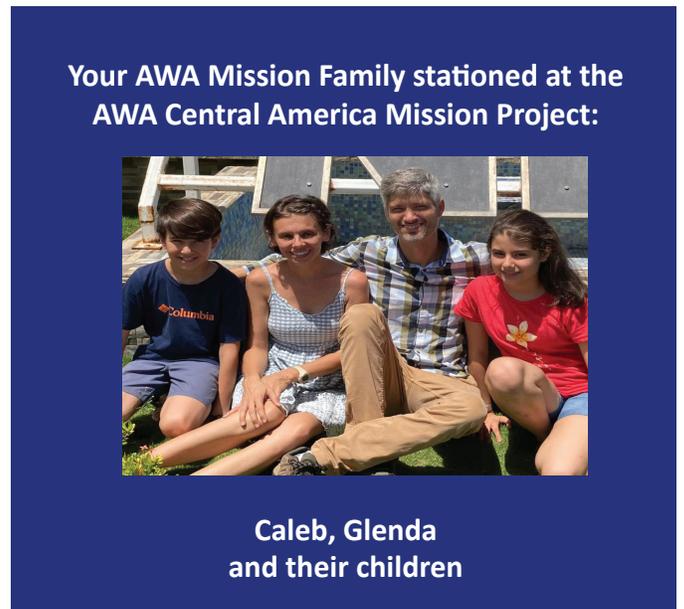
In the treatment room, Sandra gave her history, and Caleb began the examination and treatment. While painful initially, by God's mercy and to His glory, her symptoms were significantly relieved! Her initial reservations and fear melted into amazement and joy. As with every patient, Caleb pointed Sandra to the Creator, who designed her body and wanted her to live an abundant life that reflects God's image. After praying with and for her, Caleb scheduled a follow-up visit. When she returned to her spot to relieve Glenda, she was excited, sharing her experience with passersby, family, and friends.

Caleb treated Sandra again for her next visit, noting her improvement and praising God. Now that trust had been

established, we took the opportunity to share the book Total Health: Based on 8 Natural Principles by Dr. Tim Arnott. This concise and beautifully illustrated book teaches health from the perspective that the Bible is our source of reference and truth and that actual science supports this premise. No doctor had ever prayed with Sandra, much less given her a book as a gift. She returned to the post to relieve Glenda, who had been selling her goodies. With the book open, she repeated the words out loud, “This is very important!” whenever she read concepts that impressed her. We watched her through the window, Glenda giggling and beaming with joy at how God was entering into Sandra’s heart by way of the health message.

After a handful of visits, Sandra has improved immensely, claiming she has no more pain. Praise the Lord!! She has become a friend and an ambassador, enthusiastically sending us new patients. We have prayed with her for her family, and she told us she wants to visit the Seventh-day Adventist church near her home. This is just one example of the work we have accomplished in the city by God’s grace and your support. We hope this inspires you to make a “center of influence” in your sphere. If you pay attention, you will see where God is already at work, and He will speak to your heart about how to join Him to direct souls to the Kingdom.

“Take hold of the medical missionary work, which will give you access to the people. Their hearts will be touched as you minister to their necessities. As you relieve their sufferings, you will find opportunity to speak to them of the love of Jesus...” -Councils on Health 533.3, E.G.W.



Your AWA Mission Family stationed at the AWA Central America Mission Project:

Caleb, Glenda and their children