

ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN'S CLINIC — WORK OF GOD

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Luz Ramos was at a loss for what to do. Her 17-year-old son, Jesus Esbeban, had been plagued with problems in his right ear beginning in childhood. He had two procedures in Mexico to drain the ear, but that didn't help. Her neighbor in Magdalena, Sonora, told her about St. Andrew's Children's Clinic in Nogales, Arizona. The Clinic, held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, might provide the miracle her son needed.

Since Mexican doctors could not provide the care Jesus Esteban needed, Patient Coordinator Coca Romero admitted him to the Audiology

Department of The Clinic. Here, retired otolaryngologist, Dr. John Kelly, diagnosed the problem and referred the patient to Dr. A. J. Emmani who sees Clinic patients in his office in Nogales, Arizona. When he drained the ear, Dr. Emmani found a non-malignant tumor growing inside the ear which would eventually cause some hearing loss. He referred Jesus Esteban for surgery to Dr. David Parry, a Tucson pediatric ear, nose, and throat specialist.

Dr. Parry has worked with St. Andrew's patients since 2008 because "St. Andrew's Children's Clinic does the work of God." He performed Jesus's surgery for a greatly

discounted fee at the Carondolet Foothills Surgery Center in Tucson. The Center also charged only a nominal fee according to their administrator Leana Corradini, MHA. Thus, The Clinic could afford the surgery.

Jesus Esteban is an intelligent and polite young man, according to Dr.



Photo (L-R): Luz Marina Ramos, Jesus Esteban Ramos, Nora Ramos Jara (Jesus' aunt). Photographer: The Rev. Patrick Maitrejean

Parry. He's a junior in high school who loves to play soccer. He wants to study architecture following high school, and the successful removal of his tumor means that he will have no difficulty hearing his college instructors.

Jesus Esteban's story is just one of many miracles performed through St. Andrew's Children's Clinic at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Nogales, Arizona. To learn more, visit: www.standrewsclinic.org. If you'll be at Diocesan Convention, stop by our exhibit booth to talk with a Clinic volunteer and see photographs of more patients.