

## Saving Smiles

### Her smile reveals a need

**Meet Melissa.** She came to us with her brother Gabriel when she was three years old. Melissa has a beautiful smile, but this same smile reveals a sad part of her past. Her parents couldn't afford to pay for Melissa or Gabriel's dental care.

**What is Melissa's challenge?** Melissa's baby teeth have rotted out with extensive infection. Both she and Gabriel are in desperate need of dental help.



*Melissa, when she first came to us two years ago*

### Eli dreams of helping others

**Meet Elizabeth (Eli,** pronounced Ellie). She is related to director Josue and grew up in Guadalupe, not far from the orphanage. She has had a long-time dream of helping others with her abilities. Several years ago, she enrolled



*Eli helping one of our boys in our dental clinic*

in dental school in Tijuana. In order to support her parents financially, Eli worked while in school, enduring grueling hours. Eli approached her uncle Josue about using her dental skills at El Sauzal. "Since I was a kid, I asked God to help me bless people with my hands, and He gave me that." **What is Eli's challenge?** She has passion and know-how to help others, but she lacks the resources.

### Offering support and counsel

**Meet David and Monica Hannemann.**

David is a retired dentist in Carlsbad, California. He and his wife have been generous supporters of El Sauzal for seven years. David and Monica heard Eli's vision and began supporting the project, both with finances and counsel. **What is David and Monica's challenge?** David has an aggressive brain tumor. It was found years ago but went into remission. However, last year David's brain cancer recurred, and he is currently in a fight for his life. *(Continued next page.)*



*Monica and David at the orphanage  
September 2012*

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## Saving Smiles (cont.)

### Working through tough circumstances

Through the Hannemanns' backing, Eli has been working in the orphanage dental clinic for almost three years. She has finished dental school, and last year she volunteered in a social clinic in Tijuana as part of a repayment for her dental school loans. She is currently working at a clinic in Ensenada. It has given her a chance to see how other practices are run. Eli has learned a lot working with the homeless and indigent.

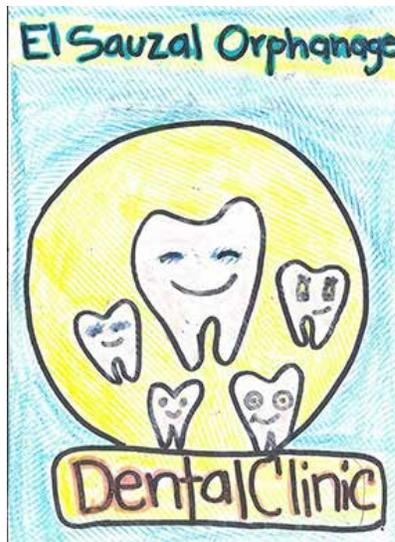
Eli has extremely limited finances; she is still supporting her parents. While at the orphanage, she sleeps on her uncle Josue or cousin Erika's couch, eats as much food as she can, and tries to see around eight patients per day, Saturday and Sunday after church. She is helping the children, staff, community, and other local orphanages.

### Striving to save Melissa's teeth

Every time Eli visits, she checks Melissa's mouth. Eli has taken care of the infection, but it is critical that Melissa not lose her primary (baby) teeth before her secondary (adult) teeth are ready to come in. This is to save space for the secondary teeth so they have the proper



*Eli and another of our girls in the clinic*



*A thank-you drawing from Jose, March 2014*



alignment. Eli works to keep Melissa's teeth as clean as possible.

### Will you be a part of this story?

Pray for healing and health for David Hannemann. Join with us as we pray for peace for David and Monica in this difficult time. We thank God for the generous hearts He has given the Hannemanns, and we pray

for His many blessings on their lives.

### Your support will help many smiles

Help children like Melissa by supporting the dental clinic. Eli's vision is to continue to offer dental services to El Sauzal Orphanage and other local orphanages. For \$1,000 per month, Eli can continue to run the clinic.

*Please consider any giving to this special project above and beyond what you normally give.*

If you would like to be a part of this, please fill out the form and return in the enclosed envelope. Or visit our webpage, [elsauzal.org](http://elsauzal.org), and click the link for more information. You can also email [roy.ketring@elsauzal.org](mailto:roy.ketring@elsauzal.org) with additional questions.

*-by Patty Meadows*

*We love Melissa's beautiful smile, getting healthier all the time.*

# We love Our Compadres

*Muchas gracias to our monthly donors*



*Our Compadres put food on our table.*

**Who are Our Compadres?** They are committed individuals, families, churches, and companies who give from \$5 to hundreds of dollars per month. Some give through the Child Sponsorship program (*see page 4*), and others through matching programs at their work. They are from the U.S. and Canada, and young to old. While many of them have visited us at our home, there are quite a few who haven't.

**Our Compadres' consistent giving sustains us.** Last year they supplied over **60% of the orphanage's income.** We are so grateful for their help!

**Would you like to join Our Compadres?** You can fill out the enclosed form, visit [www.elsauzal.org/Compadres](http://www.elsauzal.org/Compadres), or email [patty.meadows@elsauzal.org](mailto:patty.meadows@elsauzal.org).

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**Thank you!**

## Sponsor a Child: Alejandro

Alejandro is a sweet four-year-old boy who will turn five in September. He and his younger sister were brought to our home last fall. They were found wandering the streets with no adult supervision.

Alejandro enjoys playing with crocodile toys and Legos. Like other little boys, he also enjoys dinosaurs, horses, cowboys, sharks, and Hot Wheels.

If you would like to sponsor Alejandro or any of our other children, go to [elsauzal.org/sponsor](http://elsauzal.org/sponsor). Your monthly gift will make you one of Our Compadres. (See page 3.)

Muchas gracias!



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