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When a father's love challenges medical science.

With perseverance and determination he has kept his son alive after doctors gave him a week to live 17 years ago.

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With a smile on his face, he affirms time and again, that his son will heal sooner than later. That Tony, that child-friend with whom I used to go to church, will walk and talk.

But can a boy, declared a brain dead person, that is in a permanent vegetative state, hopeless, by medical science 17 years ago, heal? Will a boy heal after doctors gave him only one week to live?

According to this elderly man with a kind face and words, the answer is yes. He is convinced that his son will be blessed by a miracle and he does not say it vaguely, without conviction. "Once a voice told me to go out and ask for help and that he was going to walk one day, I heard that voice all day", he narrates. And he says it not in tears, but with his smile.

For him, the very fact that he has been able to keep Tony alive during 17 years with liquid food that he puts into his stomach through a gastric tube is an authentic miracle.

He feed him five tomes a day through this tube and he takes him for a walk at least once a day. He lives for him and he dedicates Tony 24 hours a day with the same sweetness as when he was born and when he became ill.

Furthermore, the miracle of health - a phenomenon that according to believers is only attained through a deep faith - is slowly appearing behind the sun; during the last two months and a half, the young man has started to react.

The version is confirmed by Diomedes Compres, a Hispanic Pentecostal Pastor; to whose congregation he has been attending since a woman he met in front of a grocery store in Virginia invited him.

The Story

Istvan (Steve) Sakac approached this journalist to tell him his story. We agreed on an interview for a specific time, with the firm conviction that there are no coincidences.

He arrived on time, with his son, a bundle of documents issued by the doctors, newspaper clippings, CD's with TV reports and two members of the Apostolic Pentecostal Church, who attested to his version.

In 17 years bustling about in search of the miracle that "Only Jesus can do it, doctors cannot" his story has been displayed in countless programs, both television and written media.

Tony is currently 33 years old. His face now shows that he is an adult, different from those years of light, when he would go out with his dad for an ice cream at a park in San Francisco, California.

If you are one of those people who do not believe anything, you have to read this interview, and if you believe, even more so. It is right there:

What happened to your son, why is he in this condition?

"When he was 16 years old, we were living in San Francisco, California; he was a boy scout, a very active kid. During one of his exploration in the countryside, he was bitten by a tick. When he returned from camp, he told me he was feeling bad, that he had a sore throat, his bones ached, and he had all kinds of pains and would not eat, so I decided to take him to the hospital. It was October 11, 1990. On those days, he was just about to finish High School and on his free time, he took trips to lecture in several cities in the United States".

What was the doctors' diagnostic?

"Doctors told me that it was a little flu and they sent me home, but three days later, he got worse, so I went back to the hospital. Again, they told me it was the flu and they sent me home, but he continued to be worse and worse. Later, I learned that it was Lyme disease".

And when did he become worse?

"I complained to the doctor and he said: You are not a doctor. He called four policemen to take me out of the hospital. Then he had epilepsy for four days, unceasing. We took him to the same place where he had been attended".

What was his reaction?

"They told me: We have bad news. We have to tell you that he is not well and that he only has a week to live, you have a week to say goodbye, and they asked me to sign some papers to donate his organs".

What was your reaction?

I stood and said: I do not believe in doctors, I believe in Jesus. No more doctors. I also told them: As you teach that we descend from apes, go and look for ape parts (organs), you will not get anything from my son”.

What happened then?

“They tried to put my son in an institution, where they said he would die in one week. The doctor even gave me \$ 300 (Three hundred dollars) so that I would go away, but somebody told me not to do it. After I informed them of my decision, the doctor asked me not to tell anyone, or he would lose his job. If I had taken him to that institution, they would have treated according to these documents, and I would have seen him die in one week”.

What did you do then?

“I took him home and then, an African doctor told me: I am going to teach you how to feed your son (through a tube) so that you do it. That is what I have been doing since 1990 and each tube costs \$ 145”.

When he showed the first symptoms, do you think doctors could have prevented him from getting worse?

“Yes. If they had done a good diagnosis, but they did not do it, on the contrary, they told me to let him die. I took him to a Catholic church, because I am Catholic, and they also told me to let him die, that he was in a vegetative state. An evangelical congregation visited him every nine months for five minutes. Many people told me the same: to let him die and to donate his organs”.

What happened then?

“A voice told me, go and ask for help in my Father’s name. And I went walking. I have a great objective: With the money I gathered, I took him to acupuncture treatments, therapists, massage”.

Sorry, but what about Tony’s mother?

“When Tony was 2 - weeks Old Baby She ran away with Diver end Man, and left all 3 - boys and I’m raised Up my 3 - Son’s buy my self.

How is he now, 17 years later?

“I tell him to tell people that he loves Jesus and he raises his head. It is a sign that he is

thinking, he is aware; he is not as people think. He is reacting. I tell him show people, raise your head! And he raises it. He did not use to do that. The same doctor has told me that he is slowly recovering. He is showing a recovery every seven days”.

Is he experiencing changes weekly?

I see weekly changes. I take him to Hispanic groups and I keep him standing for three hours around the temple (Apostolic Pentecostal Church), next day, he tries to speak, he is more alert”.

How did you get to that Church?

“A lady member of the church saw me in front of a grocery store and she invited me. When I arrived at the church, people were touched and they helped me”.

I apologize for my insistency, but do you think he is going to be healed?

“Tony will walk and speak, he has already showed the first symptoms”.

What is your message to the community?

“Please visit me at my home, and help me find resources to take Tony to a therapy session in Philadelphia, which, according to doctors will help him walk sooner. The therapies open the cells so that oxygen can penetrate them and the medicine that he needs, will eliminate the bacteria that was passed to my son by the tick”.

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