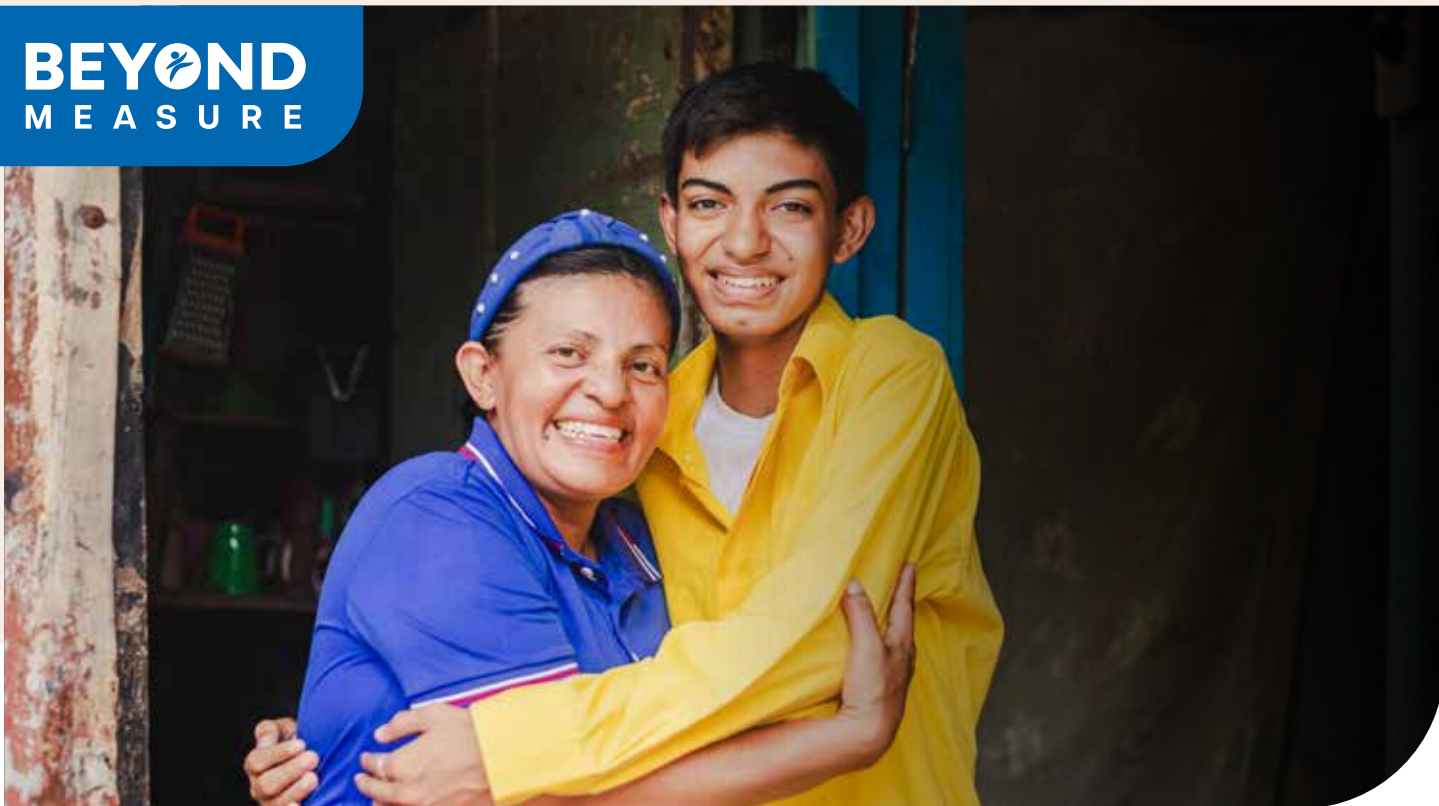




A Future Made Possible

How Compassion's Holistic Care Impacted Isaías' Life

Growing up in Nicaragua, Isaías was just 3 years old when his mother, Diana, noticed he had begun to limp. Doctors first suggested an orthotic insole, but as the years passed, his pain only grew worse. Night after night, Isaías cried from the unbearable pain in his joints. Eventually, he was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis and osteoporosis – chronic conditions that affected his bones, mobility and daily life.

Diana was raising Isaías and his siblings on her own, struggling to pay for food, medicine and transportation to medical appointments. She loved her son deeply, but the weight of his illness and the family's poverty was more than she could carry alone.

It was at this point that Compassion entered Isaías' story through the local church. When he enrolled at the child development center, Isaías found a place where he could learn about God's Word, join class activities and feel included despite his illness. "I feel comfortable there," Isaías says. "But more importantly, I like learning about the Word of God."

But Compassion's care went beyond enrollment. When Isaías began missing classes because of painful flare-ups, center staff stepped in to connect Isaías to much-needed medical support.





“The church was able to help me and my mom start a small business to make ends meet,” says Isaías.

Through medical support, Isaías was able to receive additional tests, ongoing treatment, medicine, special nutrition and transportation to appointments in the city. His tutors checked on him, prayed with his family and adapted activities so he could participate safely.

“As a mother, I’ve felt supported and embraced by them,” Diana says. “I know I’m not alone anymore.”

When Isaías’ condition worsened, the center once again stepped in and was able to provide food and spiritual support during a very difficult season. And when Diana dreamed of starting a small business that Isaías could help manage from home, the center helped make that dream possible. The family received support to open *Librería Isaías*, a small bookstore that now helps them generate income.

Today, Isaías helps arrange pens, pencils and paper in the store’s display case. He welcomes customers and shares the story of how God provided through the faithful care of the local church and Compassion. What once felt impossible has become a source of dignity, purpose and practical help for his family.

Isaías’ story is a powerful picture of holistic care. Compassion did not meet just one need. Through sponsorship, medical care, spiritual encouragement, family support and help toward sustainable income, Isaías and his mother discovered they were not alone – and that hope can grow even in the hardest places.



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