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During a remote village medical clinic in January 2023, Dee met John Wesley—a little boy living with cerebral palsy, unable to speak or walk, but radiating joy through his big, bright eyes and contagious smile.

Moved by his spirit, Dee brought him to the clinic—not for treatment, but simply so others could meet the child who had touched her heart. And his smile and giggles softened every face he met.

John Wesley's family lives in extreme poverty. His father struggles with alcoholism. His mother works long hours as a day laborer to support four young sons. Their home is small and sparse, and they sleep on cots or the floor. **Life is about survival, with few signs of hope for a child like John.**

Still, Dee couldn't forget him.

She often returned with IREF nursing students, bringing clothes and checking in. **But she wanted to do more—something that would bring comfort and dignity to both John and his mother.**



On a warm evening visit, the village was bathed in golden light. But nothing beat the way John's face lit up when he saw Dee. **His giggles filled the air again as Dee presented gifts—a stroller to help his mother transport him with ease, and a bed to offer him and his family restful nights.**



These gifts may seem small to some, but to this family, they were monumental. More than physical comfort, they represented the love of Christ—a reminder that even in the hardest places, God's kindness and hope are present.

A little act of kindness can impact a life for all of eternity. **John Wesley may never become an IREF student, but he is now deeply connected to the IREF family.** And more importantly, his story is a testament to the hope and healing that come through the love of Christ.



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