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Derlin Jandel

When two-year-old Derlin Jandel's mother Miledi heads for her son with a Presidente beer bottle in her hand, it brings a smile to the face of his rehabilitation worker, Debelba. "Don't worry," she tells her surprised supervisor, "there's no alcohol—it's just honey!" Miledi dabs the honey on the lips of Derlin, who has cerebral palsy and is learning to strengthen his mouth and tongue muscles by licking the honey from his lips.

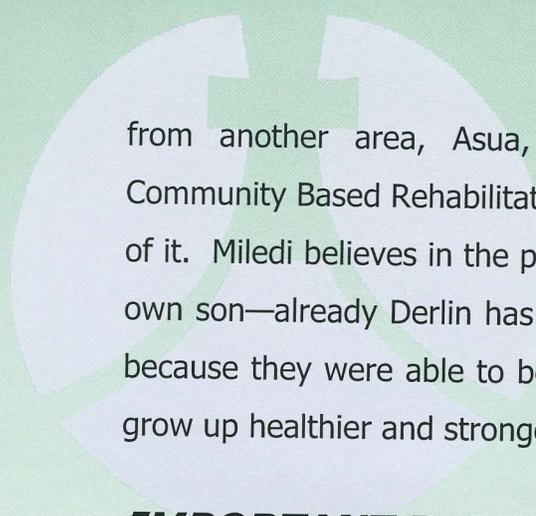
In the Batey Uno neighborhood of Santiago, Dominican Republic, where the Jandel family lives, traditional rehabilitation equipment like exercise balls, tubes, and special toys are hard to come by, but Derlin has made significant progress in his motor skills with the help of everyday items like a mat, a stick, and the caring hands of his mom and Debelba. Lately, Debelba and Miledi have been working with Derlin on his crawling and walking skills, modeling proper

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movements for him and holding his body in the right posture so he becomes more comfortable in that position. He is also on his way to mastering the art of eating with a spoon, which he is happy to practice with beans and rice whenever his mom will let him.

Derlin's father, Nicolas, is away at work in the Santiago Public Works Department most of the day, but his older sister Maria helps to care for him as well. His mother Miledi actually convinced the family to move to Batey Uno

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from another area, Asua, because she heard about International Child Care's Community Based Rehabilitation program from her sister and wanted Derlin to be a part of it. Miledi believes in the program because she has seen the impact it has had on her own son—already Derlin has made tremendous progress, and she has high hopes that because they were able to begin working with him at an early age, he will continue to grow up healthier and stronger.

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