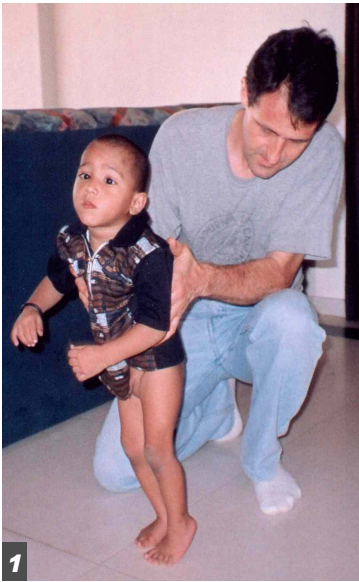


Story of little Khush

The boy with Cerebral Palsy



From an earlier report: *“Some time back little two year old Khush was brought to our doorsteps by a neighbour of his (Phiroz), who had received successful ‘Free Correctional Treatment’ some years ago and has since become a helper to us of his own. Unfortunately Khush didn’t have a very happy beginning to his life. Being born premature at 7 months gestation, he was kept in an incubator with little chance for survival. He did survive however, but was crying continuously, day and night, until he was more than one year old, due to hyperactivity. His brain is fine, he is alert and responds well, but his physical condition was very sad when he was first brought to us. He could neither stand nor sit, and he had slightly deformed feet as well.*

We brought him to Dr. Desai, who checked him and gave a report that with several correctional surgeries, he could be greatly helped to lead a better life, with much more mobility. First Khush received two surgeries in his feet and lower limbs (tendon-releases). A special pair of shoes were made to help him start exercising. His feet had become straight, but the upper legs remained tight and stiff. To correct this a difficult tendon-release operation in his loins was successfully carried out, enabling him to sit down and spread his legs for the first time. His legs were put in a cast with a stick fixed between the feet for two months to keep them in a triangular position. Since then Khush has made steady progress, he can now sit cross-legged, something which he could never do before. He is now able to stand upright and is doing walking exercises by pushing an object in front of him. Amazingly, at the same time, little introverted and hyperactive Khush started to talk, something which he had not done before! He seemed to be set free not just physically, but in other ways too. His parents are extremely thankful for the help received, their prayers are being answered.



About the Pictures

1) Meeting 2-year old Khush at our unit for the first time. Project-Manager Josef is checking his condition and registering him for treatment. His body is very tense, the mobility reduced and his heels cannot touch the ground.

2) Khush with his mother Bitola at Dr. Desai's Hospital after his hip-surgeries in late 2004. We often visited little Khush bringing him toys and educational materials.

3) “Hurray, I can sit! That's terrific, I am very excited, now I too can enjoy life”

4) Khush with his daddy Deepak and Polio Child Relief volunteer Jyothi are happy about the progress achieved. At last Khush can stand upright, move around and is now able to place both feet flat down to the ground.