

Ortiz Middle School Students Are Changing Lives Around the World

You are all LIMBS' Heroes!

Bolivia



We are so grateful for your continued support! LIMBS salutes you for partnering with us to provide the gift of mobility and hope to amputees who thought their lives were over. We are now pleased to introduce to you to a life you have helped transform.



Estela (Bolivia)

Estela was an event planner with five children living in La Paz, Bolivia. Estela had diabetes but was able to lead a normal life. One day at a party, she stepped on some glass and got a shard stuck in her foot. She was unaware that a shard was still inside her foot until she showered the next day. She removed the embedded glass and applied ground coffee to the wound which is a common home remedy in Bolivia. The quick remedy seemed to heal the wound until she reopened it a few days later while walking to work. Instead of following the coffee remedy again, she soaked her foot in salt water and went to a doctor where she was

given an injection. However, the infection worsened and became gangrenous. The infection spread quickly and soon it became necessary to amputate her leg above her knee.

Following the amputation, she was not able to work and could not maintain a social life due to embarrassment she felt when she used crutches. She became very depressed and wanted to give up on life. However, the love she has for her children was her reason for living and not giving up hope. Estela heard about the LIMBS' partner clinic in her city and their leg donation program. She was soon fitted with a new leg free of charge! Since receiving her new prosthesis she is looking forward to returning to the work and providing for her family.