

Lakewood Catholic Academy Students Are Changing Lives Around the World

You sent legs to amputees in:

Ethiopia



1 Leg

Cambodia



1 Leg

Mexico



3 Legs

Neguse (Ethiopia)



Neguse is a carpenter living in Ethiopia. Due to years of civil war, there are a number of scattered and hidden landmines throughout the country. One day, as he was walking to work, he stepped on a landmine and lost consciousness. He awoke to find himself in the hospital with his right leg shattered. The doctors were unable to give him the care he needed and he needed an amputation to stop the infection and save his life. After he recovered from surgery Neguse was given a prosthetic leg. However, it was very heavy and uncomfortable for him. Some days, his prosthesis was so uncomfortable, he would have to stay home. Unfortunately, this caused Neguse to lose his job. He and his family struggled as he could not provide for them like he used to.

When he heard about the clinic that was partnering with LIMBS, he had hope. He made his way to the clinic and was fitted with a new leg free of charge and given physical therapy. Now, he has a new, lighter, and better fitted leg. He is looking forward to returning to work and is excited to be able to provide for his family once again.

Lor worked as a tuk-tuk driver in Cambodia. He enjoyed his work even though there was quite a lot of travel on foot. Landmines dotted the area from the civil war. One day as Lor was walking to town, he stepped on one of these landmines. He was rushed to the hospital but the blast had torn apart the tissue in his legs. They were not healing like they needed to and the tissue began to and an amputation soon followed.

After the amputation, Lor needed to find a way to get around. He went to various clinics, but they rushed him through the process of getting a limb. While the limbs he received worked, he never felt comfortable wearing them. Lor needed a new prosthetic every 2 years. After a few years of trying to manager with these limbs, Lor found himself unemployed. He went to the clinic that partnered with LIMBS and he was fitted and received physical rehab. Lor says he feels like he has more trust in his new leg and is able to walk further than ever before.

Lor (Cambodia)



Noemi (Mexico)



Noemi and her family worked as farmers to provide for themselves. On her way to the town center one day, Noemi was in a motor bike accident. Unable to be treated right away at a local hospital, her once easily treated injuries to her leg became serious. By the time she was seen by a doctor, her leg wound was infected, and she found out she would lose her leg entirely. Devastated, Noemi recovered in the hospital and was sent home. She was deeply saddened that her amputation meant she wouldn't be able to be a contributing member of the family.

Then, a local prosthetic clinic noticed Noemi, and informed her that she would be able to receive a free full leg system from LIMBS. Noemi and her family were thrilled, and she is one of the best and fastest learners at the clinic. It is obvious that Noemi is excited and determined to learn to walk again so she can get back to helping on the family farm.