

Medical Plan Pays Again and Again

By Wes Eby

Stumbling over a suitcase, Leah Wesley tumbled to the floor and injured her left arm. The pain was so intense that the 10-year-old girl had difficulty getting back up. She lay there in agony for several minutes.

Leah and her parents, David and Glynda Wesley, missionaries to the South America Region, were on home assignment in California when the incident happened. They were unpacking, Leah says, when she had her unexpected and unfortunate mishap.

When the persistent pain refused to go away, a trip to the doctor revealed that the arm was broken. Furthermore, medical tests showed that a cyst on the bone has caused the break, even though the fall had seemingly been a harmless accident. The invasive growth had been eating away at the bone so that it was paper-thin and easily fractured. Surgery was required to remove the cyst and repair the break. After being “casted” for two months, everything was fine.

Four years later, Leah noticed a bump on her left arm—in exactly the same place where the arm had broken before. Thinking it was a spider bite or something innocuous like that, Leah ignored it at first. But the bump did not go away. Another trip to the doctor indicated that Leah had another cyst. A second surgery was necessary—only this time there was no broken bone, thankfully. Leah reports, “My arm and I are now doing great!”

Leah and her parents are indeed grateful for the medical plan provided by the Church of the Nazarene for its missionaries and their families. Their out-of-pocket expenses were minimal, thanks to the generosity of Nazarenes. And not just once, but twice! Truly, the medical plan pays—and pays again.