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But his life didn’t start out that way. When Ouro was born, he had significant health issues. A tumor growing on the left side of his face and neck interfered with his ability to eat and swallow. Ouro was constantly sick, underweight and malnourished.

Rev. Dosseh Takpale, FMC national leader in Togo, worked with Ouro’s parents and their local pastor to take Ouro for tests, scans and evaluations to several medical facilities to see what, if anything, could be done to help. Initially, the diagnosis wasn’t good. There didn’t seem to be a hospital in Togo that could facilitate such a surgery. It was too risky. Some doctors suggested taking Ouro to Ghana for treatment.

Rev. Dosseh learned a hospital in northern Togo might be able to handle Ouro’s case. Rev. Dosseh traveled with Ouro and his mom, Kezere, in hopes of finding a solution. After more scans and tests a team of four doctors met with Kezere and Rev. Dosseh. None of the doctors was willing to do the surgery themselves because it was a delicate situation. One little mistake, and Ouro could lose the ability to speak.

One day all that changed. A specialist came to the hospital – a surgeon with just the right skills and experience needed to help Ouro.

In July 2015 Ouro’s much-needed and long-awaited surgery finally took place and, thankfully, with no complications or any damage done to his vocal chords. In the months since his surgery, Ouro’s health has improved significantly ... and he’s talking and experiencing life just like any other little boy in his village.

We’re thankful for the part that International Child Care Ministries, through Ann’s Angel Fund, played in helping provide funding for Ouro’s medical care. We know this little “chief” has a mighty testimony for the Lord and trust he will use his voice to give glory and honor to God.



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