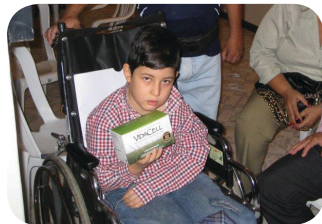




Saving Alex – a story of hope

Alex Aragundi's parents knew something was terribly wrong when their eight year old son began having seizures, as many as 400 a day. His cognitive development was slowing and Alex was having trouble talking clearly. Doctors in Ecuador discovered that he had a rare debilitating condition known as Rasmussen's syndrome, which causes destruction of one side of the brain. The only known cure was surgery where up to one-half of Alex's brain would be removed. Faced with a lifetime of seizures without the surgery, the family began preparations for the operation and years of rehabilitation.



During this time, Alex's father was introduced to VIDACELL from a friend who had just returned from Mexico. Wanting to exhaust every avenue possible and hearing about the multiple benefits that VIDACELL offered, he decided to give it a try. He immediately began giving Alex multiple servings a day. Within 4 weeks, Alex was only experiencing half the number of seizures from before... and in 3 months the seizures had dropped to around 25 a day.

Insisting that the surgery was still the only permanent solution, the doctors began what was supposed to be a 14 hour operation early one Wednesday morning at Hospital Vozandes-Quito. Two hours later Alex was rolled into the recovery room after the team of delighted surgeons found only minimal surgery was needed.

Today, Alex is a normal 12-year old boy who now marches in his school band and loves playing soccer with his friends. When GreatLife's office opened in Ecuador in 2008, Alex and his family traveled to Quito to personally thank Dr. Somchai Boonchuen, the creator of VIDACELL, and GreatLife International for their efforts to share VIDACELL with the world.

