

CHILDREN
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FOUNDATION

It takes a whole village to raise a child

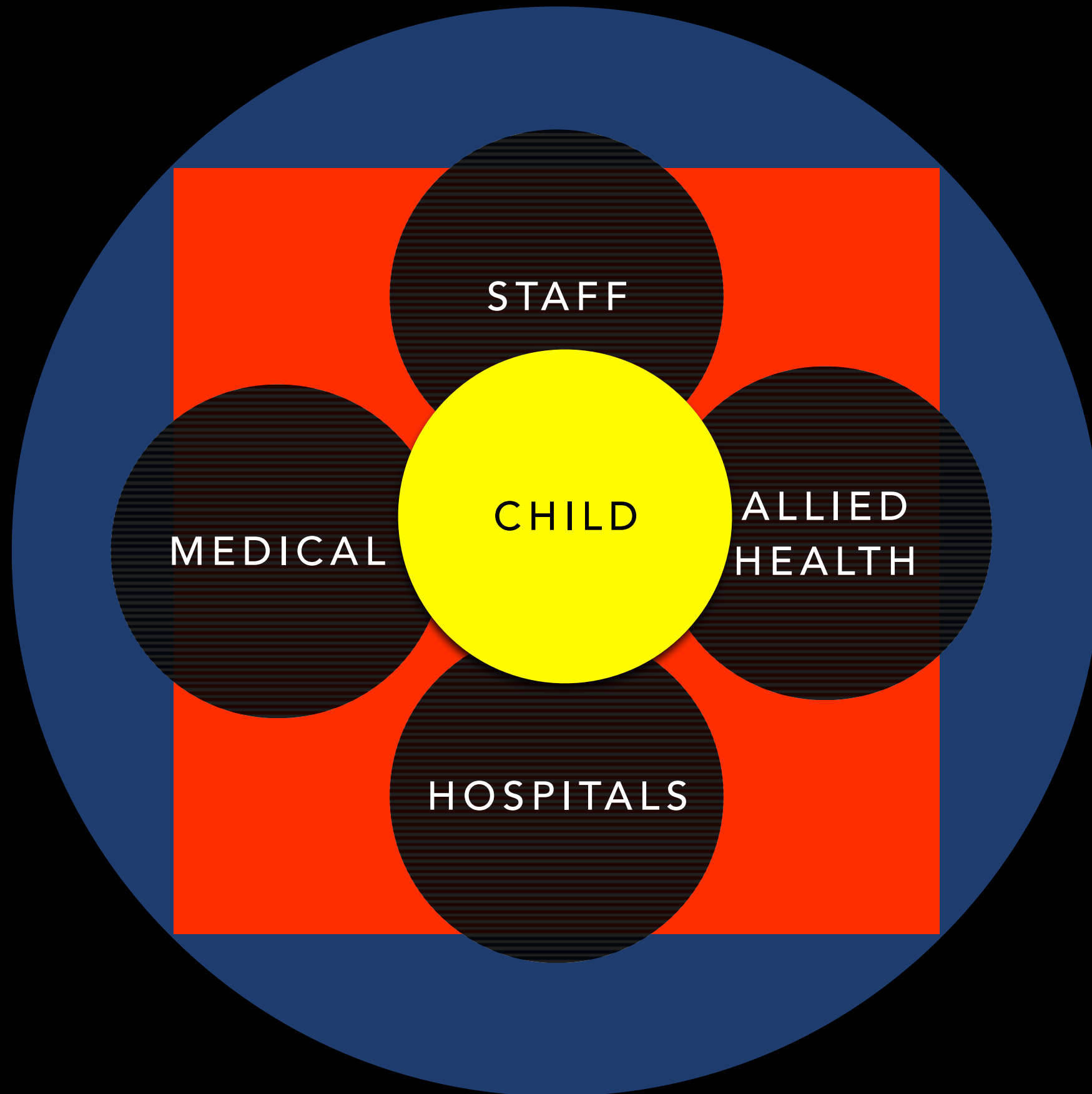
Igbo and Yoruba (Nigeria) Proverb



- Children First Foundation
 - is that village
- it brings together a group of people who care for a child
 - achieve a better life than they would have otherwise experienced

OUR VILLAGE IS BIG





OUR VILLAGE HAS TWO CHIEFS

- Two very special people that I work with

- Pat Weldon

NO IDEA WHAT HE'S
SAYING

- Michelle Lyons

HIS INTERPRETER

SUPPORTERS

- You - the donors
- Medical device companies
- Pathology services
- Radiology



STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

- At the Retreat
- Culturally diverse
 - Careers
 - Teachers
 - Physiotherapists

HOSPITALS

- St Vincents Private
- Cabrini Medical Centre
- Monash Hospital



- St Vincents Private
 - Ward
 - Theatre
 - Rehabilitation
 - On costs



THE DOCTORS

- Anaesthetists
 - Tom Tan
 - Laurie Poon
 - Kym Saunders
- Assistants
- Colleagues
 - Chris Harris
 - David McCoombe



WHY AM I INVOLVED ?

- Make a profound impact on a child's life
- Give back to the broader community
- Remain grounded in life realities



CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION

- Manages the child's move to Melbourne
- Provides holistic care - board, education, nutrition, psychological support
- Coordinates care and rehabilitation
- Ensures smooth and safe transition home
- Helps manage integration



The image shows a wooden table with several brown paper bags and a white envelope. The envelope is open, revealing a document with a butterfly logo and text. The document appears to be a letter or a form, possibly related to a medical or health-related organization. The text on the document is partially legible, mentioning "Papua New Guinea" and "Papua New Guinea".



To: Dr. Leo T. Donnan
Chief of Surgery/Director Orthopaedics
St Vincents Private Hospital
Grey Street Melbourne
Victoria Australia

Dear Dr. Leo,

Ref: Referral of Mr. Daniel Manduru, male/13 years old with deficient right femoral neck.

Thank you very much for seeing this patient.

Mr. Daniel presented to me today with a deficient right femoral neck (acquired). He had right femoral neck Tuberculosis four years ago which destroyed his right femoral head and neck despite completing 8 months of TB drugs.

He has grown as a normal child into his teen age.

He does not have any medical issues now apart from the complication of TB on the right hip joint.

Examination: Healthy 13 year old child, limping.

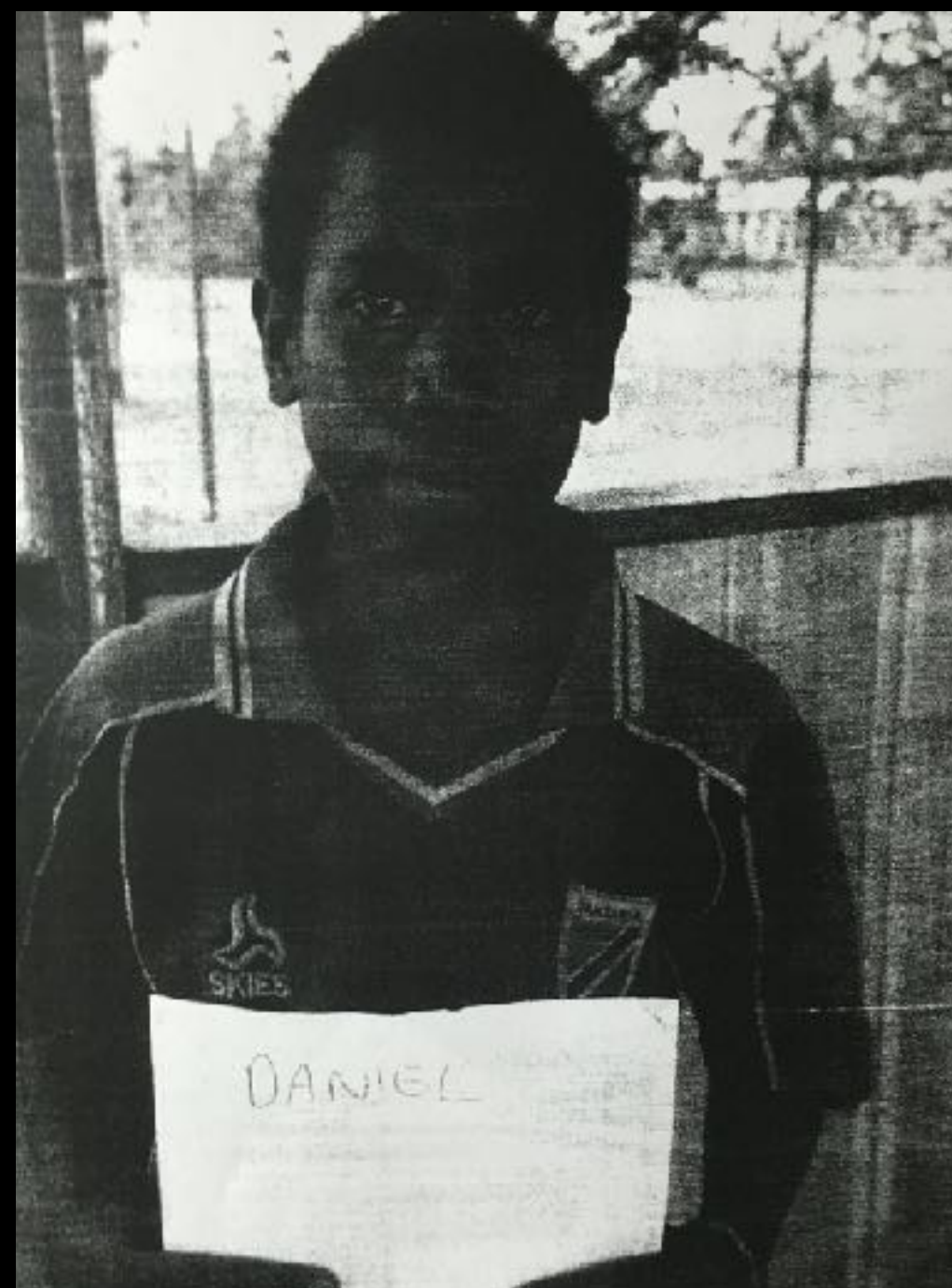
Right hip: swollen, cannot extend/flex and rotate his right hip joint. The right leg is shortening by 10cms. The right knee joint is normal.

The left hip joint is normal.

Other systemic examination is unremarkable.

X-ray of the hip shows a sclerosed right acetabulum, with deficient femoral head and neck.

Please kindly see and help.



ASK A FEW QUESTIONS

- Can this problem be managed locally?
- Can we make a significant difference to this child's life?
- How long would the treatment take?
- Do we have the resources to take on this case?

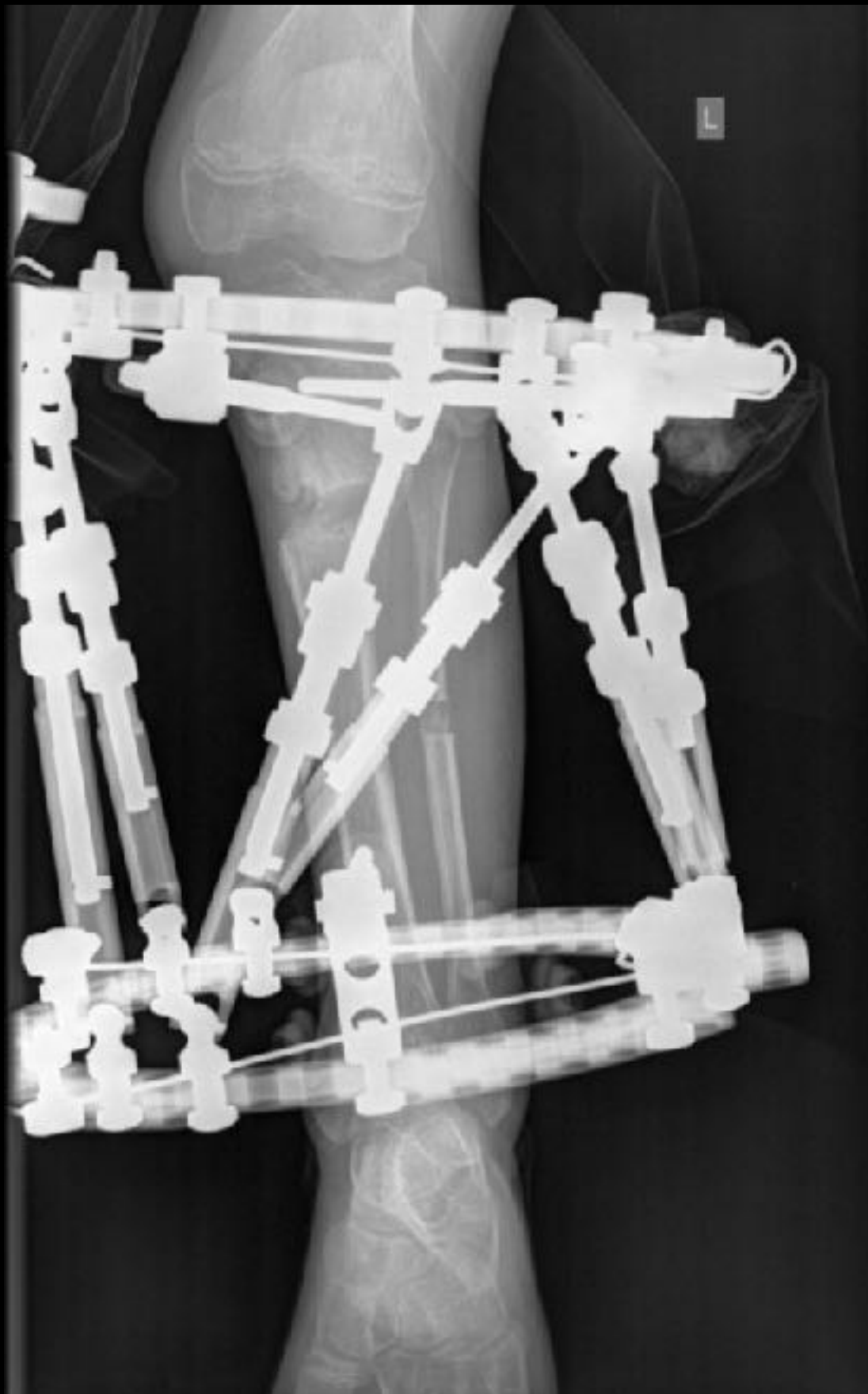


TINA

- Rare genetic condition
- Normal life span
- Significant deformities
- Timorese







News

Herald Sun

January 15, 2016 2:00pm

EVONNE MADDEN Herald Sun



Celestina is described as a dynamic, bright, bubbly little kid. Picture: Ian Gurne

TEARS roll down Celestina's face as the nurse gently unravels the dressing from her legs.

Just three days before, 1.5kg metallic frames had been fitted to the diminutive 11-year-old's shins.

For a girl of barely 20kg, they are heavy and cumbersome and — because they are fixed by steel pins piercing flesh and bone — very painful.

Yet this schoolgirl says merely: "Thank you."

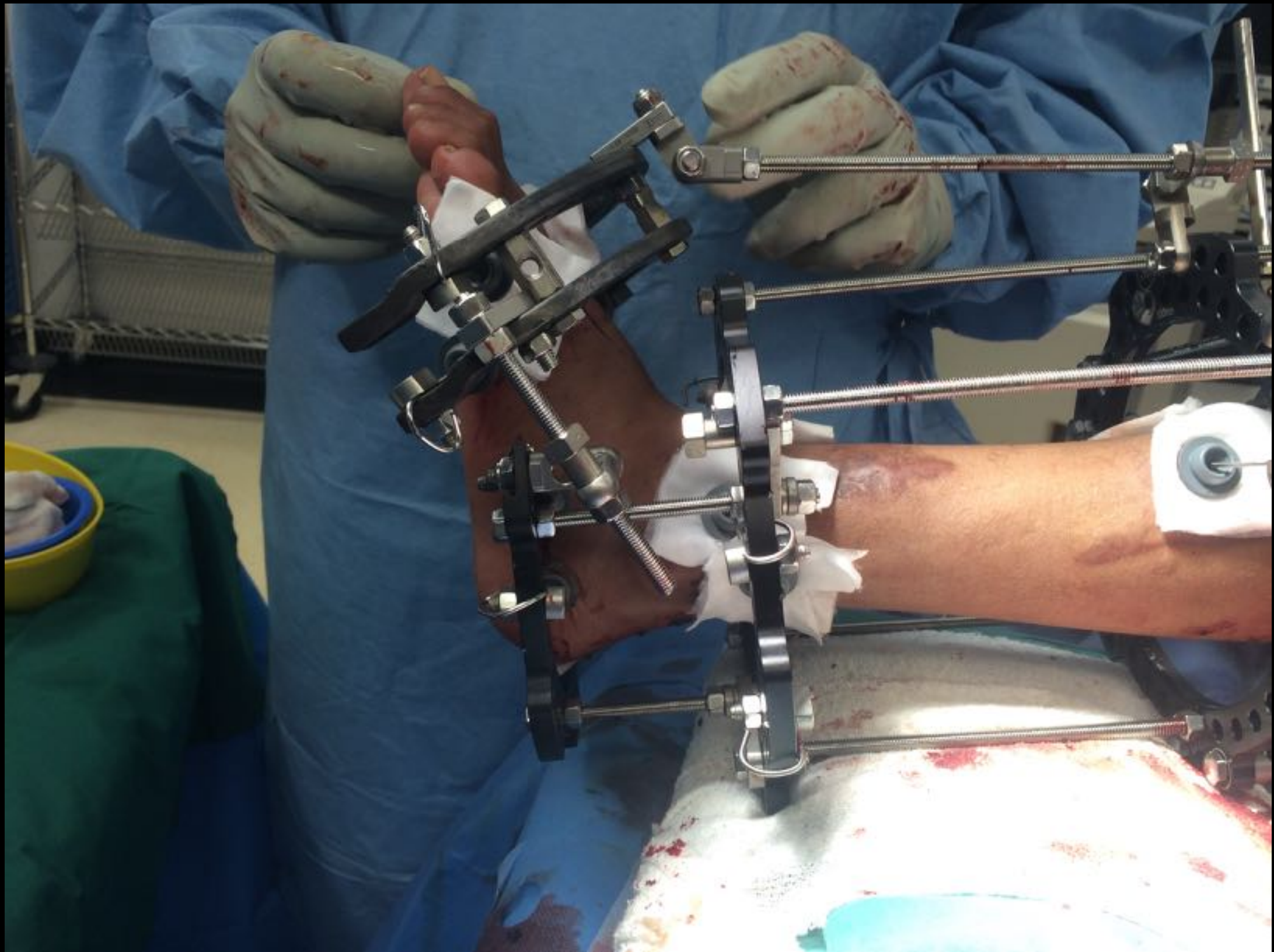


KASHMALA

- Peshawar
- Bomb Blast
- Severe leg injuries













Children First Foundation

Children First Foundation is a Melbourne-based not-for-profit charity set up by Moira Kelly in 1999. The Foundation aims to provide access to medical care to children in countries where the complexity and expertise is not available to provide life-changing surgery.

Patient Profile >

Kashmala (left) came to our East Melbourne hospital very frightened. She was the survivor of a suicide bomb in Peshawar Pakistan in 2013 where 127 people were killed.

She received terrible leg injuries, one leg was amputated and her other leg sustained injuries that left her wheel-chair bound.

Kashmala was brought to Australia by Children First Foundation in February 2014 to begin major reconstructive orthopaedic surgery to both legs and the long path of rehabilitation.

Kashmala's dream, which is now a plan, is to walk again and go home to her family in Pakistan upright and ready to resume life as the bright teenage girl she was before the bombing.

Kashmala is currently recuperating from her injuries and surgery.

Photo courtesy of Teagan Glenane



ALI

- Brother of Motez
- Hypophosphataemic Rickets
- Gaza








KOKO

- Non union of shin fracture
- Two previous surgeries
- Papua New Guinea



A young boy with dark skin is lying on his back on a white medical table. He is wearing a green and black striped shirt and white pants. His right leg is bent at the knee, and his foot is resting on a black platform. A robotic arm with orange and white components is positioned above his leg. The background is a plain white wall with a vertical metal rail on the left.

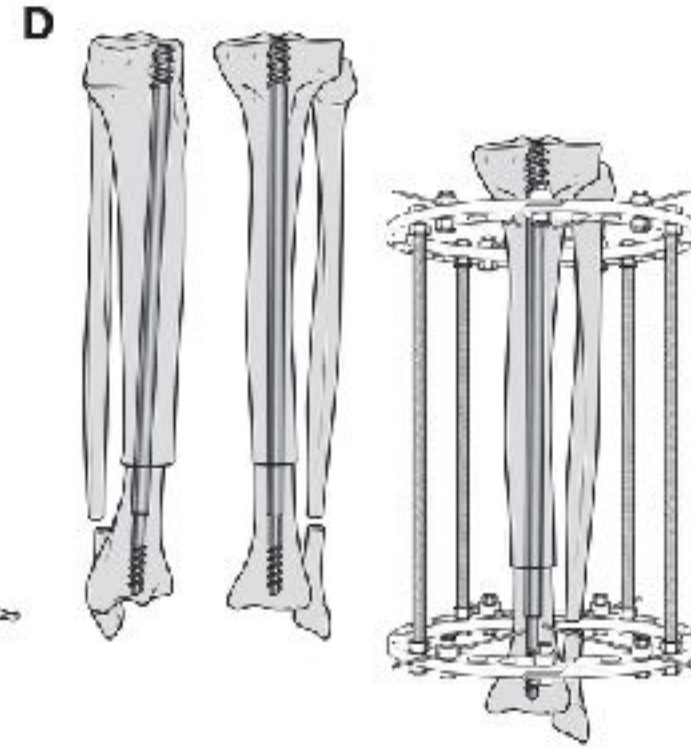
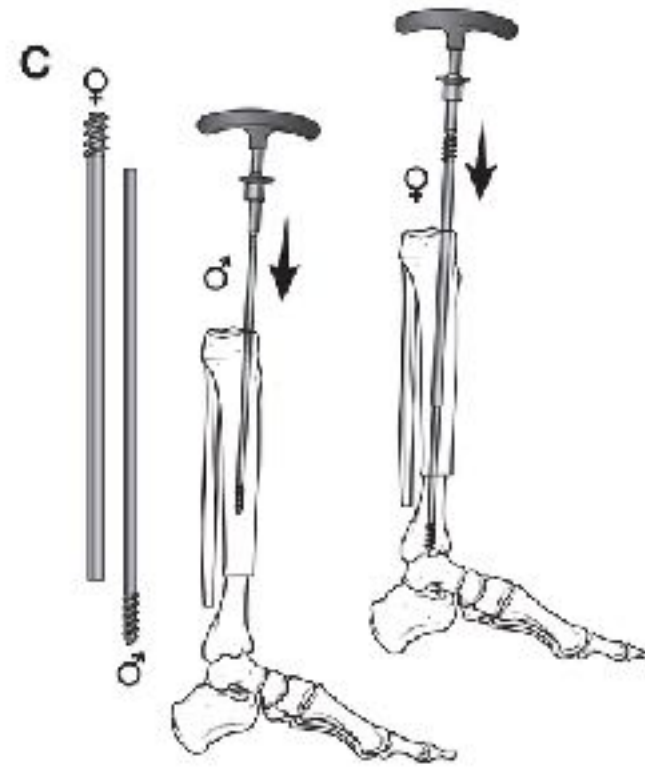
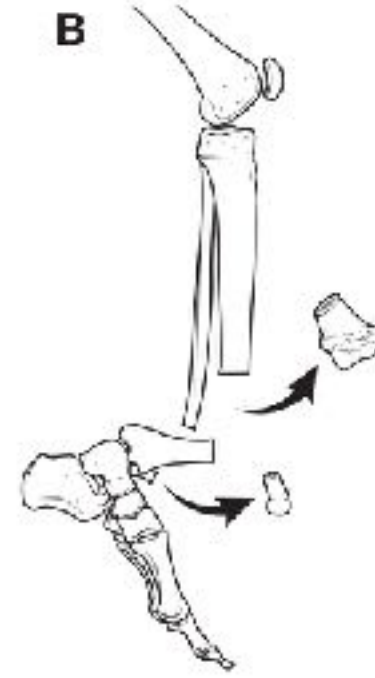
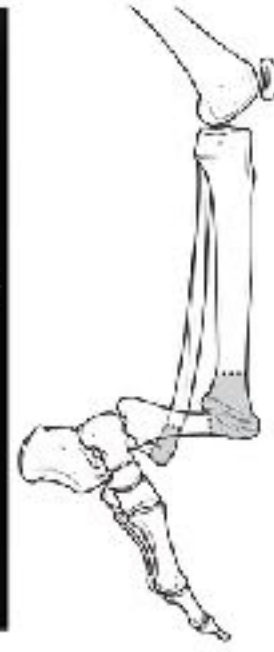
Standing tall

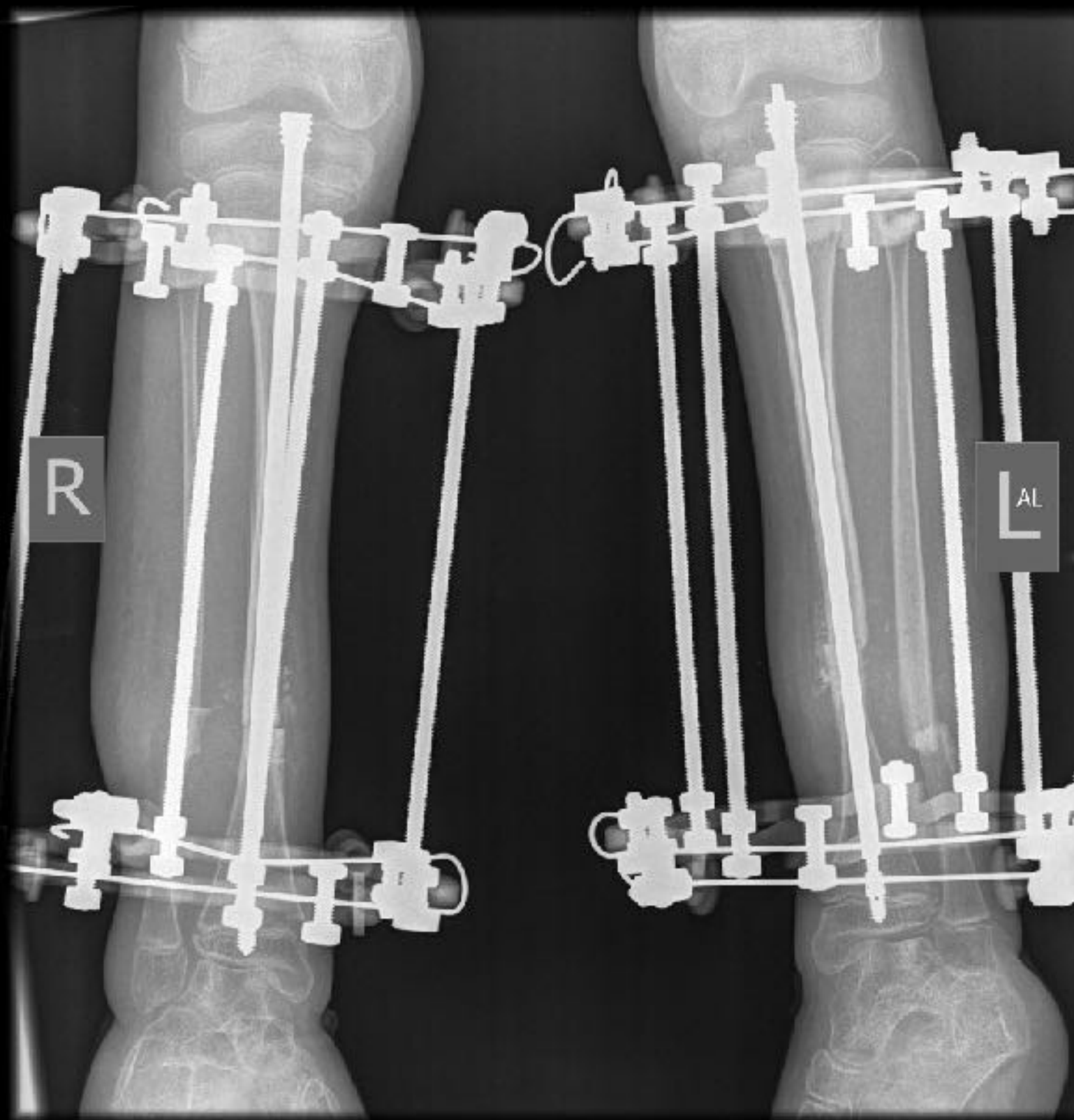
His leg has been jagged since a bad break six years ago.
Now Koko from Papua New Guinea has journeyed to
Australia for life-changing treatment.



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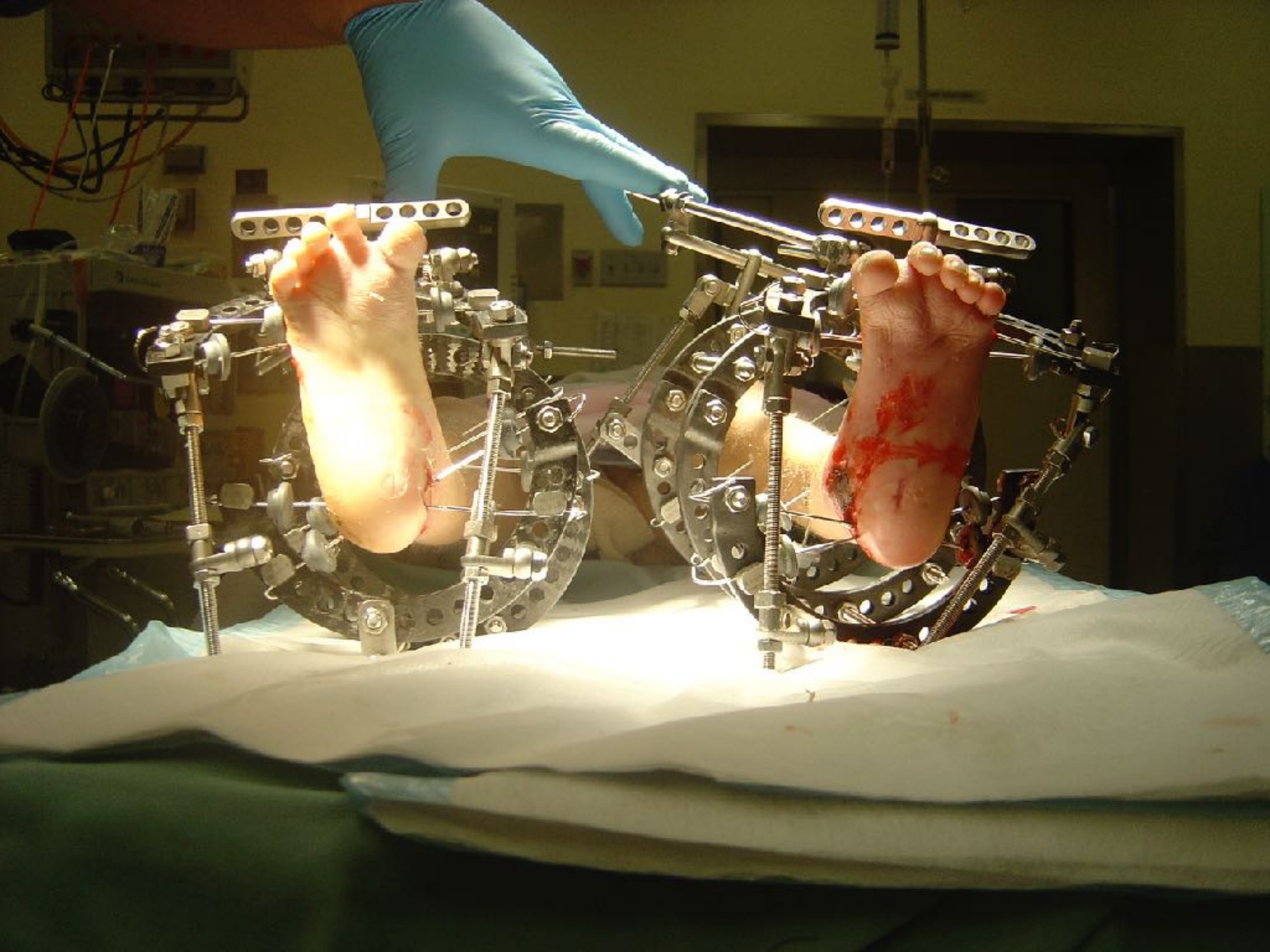


MIMOZA

- Four years old
- Never walked, no muscles
- Arthrogryposis
- Albania









12 years later



completed her education



WHY BE A PART OF IT ?

- Because you can
- Because you, like me, are lucky
- Because children these children need our help
- Because we can make a life long difference

- but I think there is more that could be done

- Get your businesses behind this work
- Bully your spouses to get involved
- Talk to your own children





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- Extraordinary
- Unique
- Ours

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