

Biomedical Leg Brace for Impoverished Polio Patients





Pathway Engineering

Orthosis for Partial Paralysis



1st Biomedical ISD Project

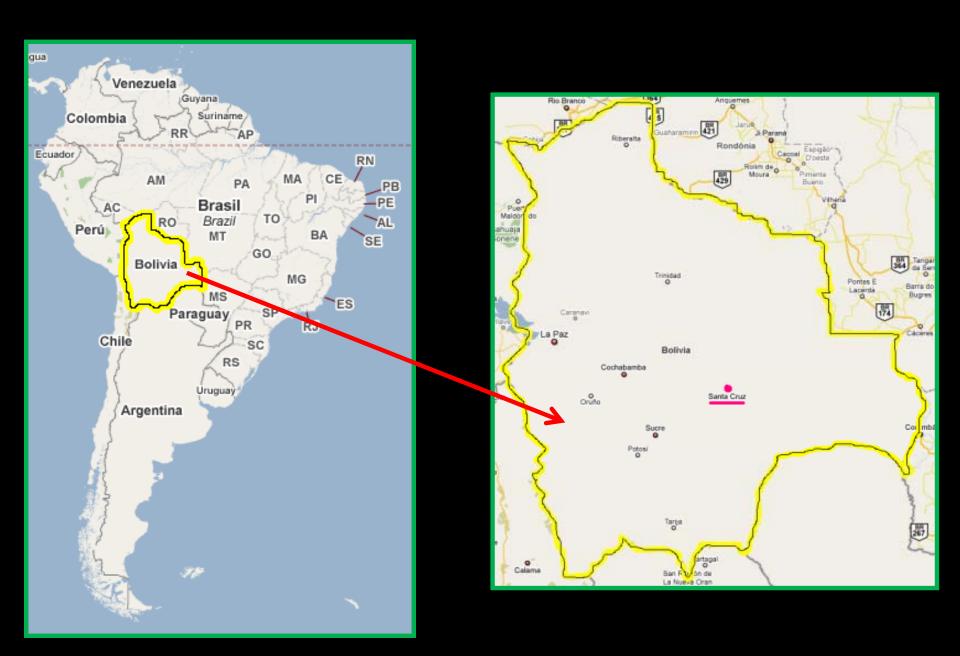
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Outline

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South America, Bolivia, Santa Cruz







La Casa del Impedido (ACI)



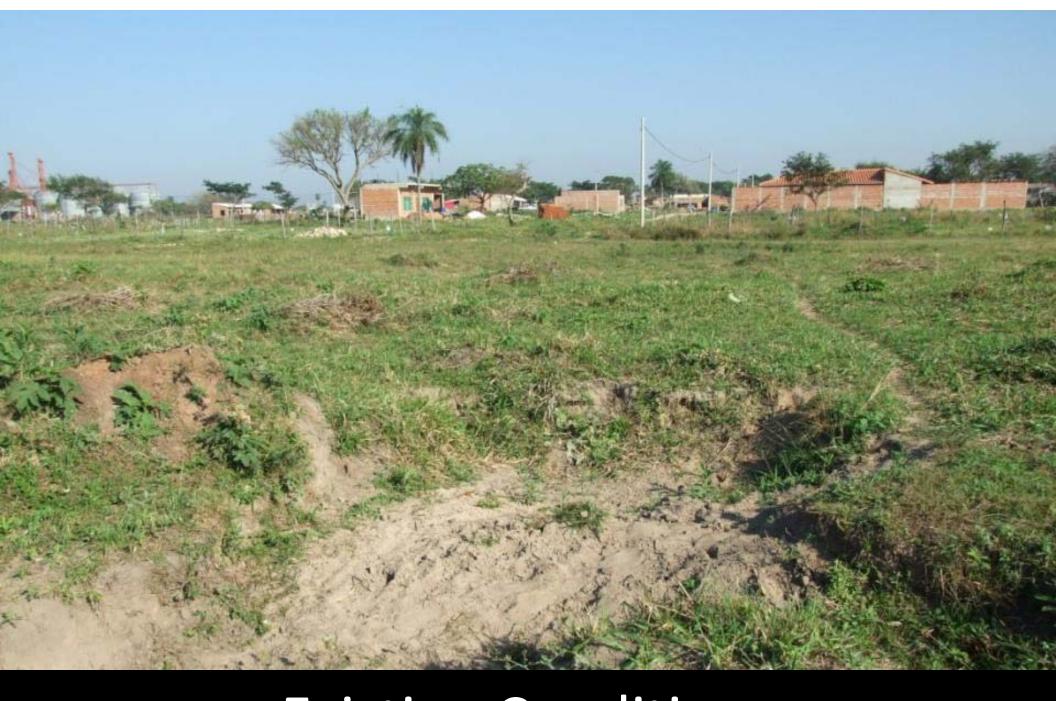


Residents of ACI









Existing Conditions





*This is not even during the rainy season





Our Project

Project Selection







Decision Matrix

Project	Number Affected (10%)	Feasibility of Production (20%)	Practicality (25%)	Cost of Production (15%)	Innovation (10%)	Sustainability (20%)	TOTAL Ranking
Prosthesis							
Orthosis							
Crutches							
Walker							
Tripod							

Interviews





Roberto Carlos





Outline and Dimensions



Casting Legs



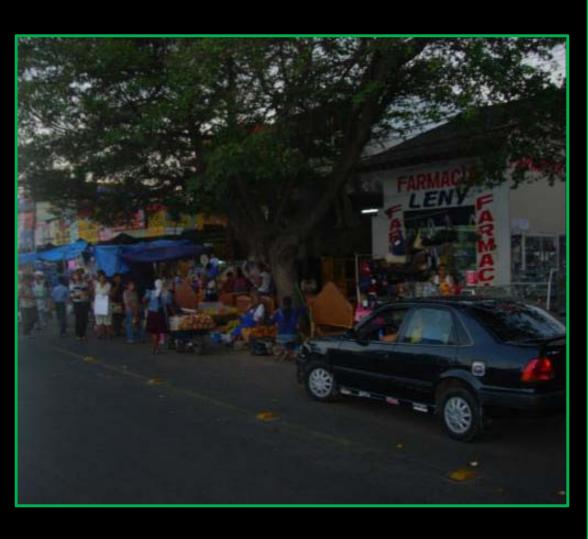
Reinforcing Casts



Design Considerations

- Orthosis
 - Time needed to put on / take of
 - -Weight of Orthosis
 - Multiple Knee-Joint locking positions
- Methods and Materials
 - -Available in Bolivia
 - -Understand resources

Resources in Bolivia



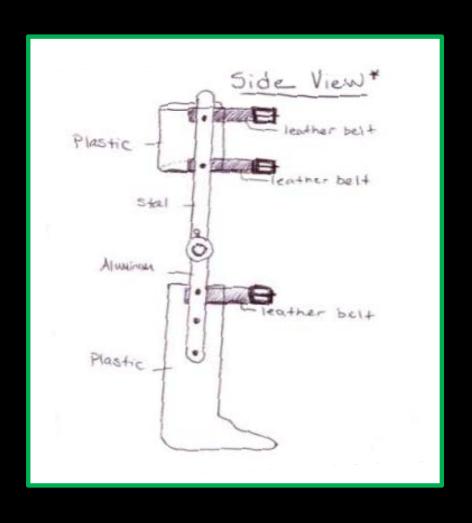




Resources at ACI

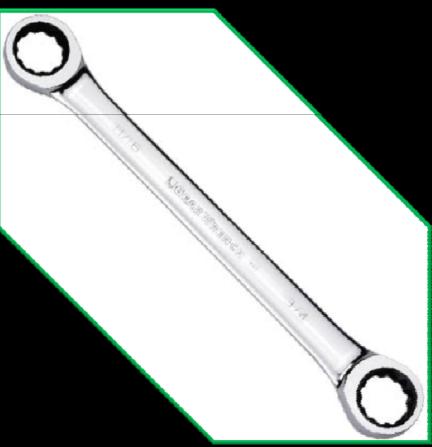
Design Options

- Material Selection
 - Titanium
 - Steel
 - Aluminum
 - Leather vs. Velcro
- Knee Joint
 - Area of Innovation

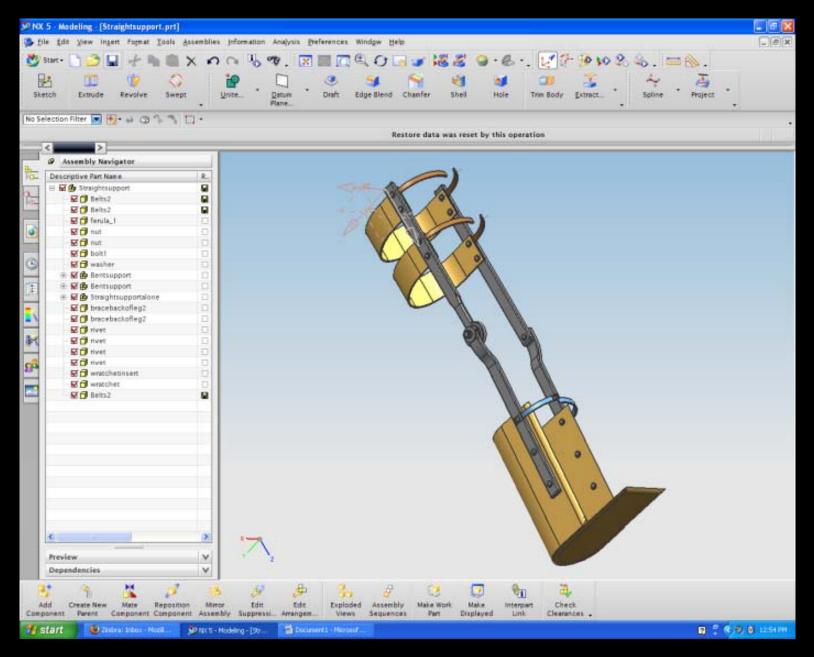


Knee Joint





Structural Analysis



Cost Estimate

Producer	US (\$)
US	1900
Bolivia	300
Pathway	60

Pathway	US (\$)
Box Ratchet	15
Steel	2
Aluminum	9
Leather Belts	8
Rivets	6
Copolymer	10
Plaster	10
Total	60

Prototype Construction





Perseverance





Success

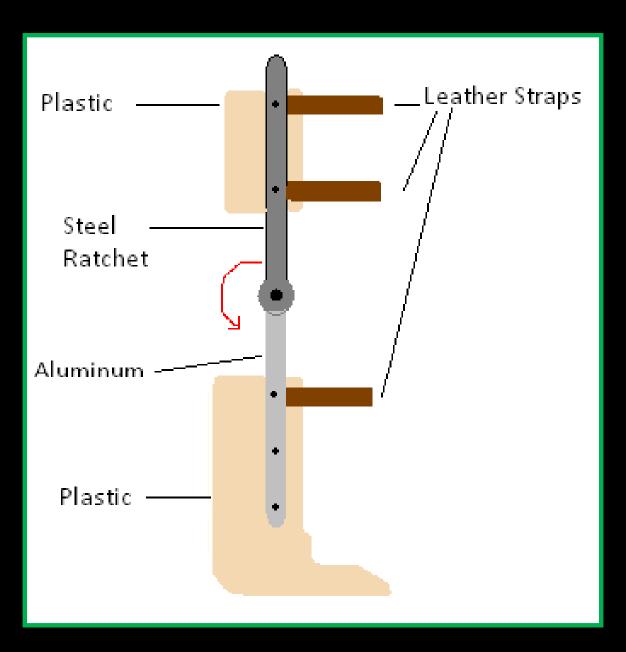


Clinical Testing

Institutional Review Board (IRB)

1	2	3	4		of Us		8	9	10
Easy				C6					Difficult
Comfort Level									
1 Barely noticed brace	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Unbearable, had to remove
Energy Expenditure									
1 None required	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Extreme work, exhausting
			Knee	e Joint	Perfo	rmanc	е		
1 No problem	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Failure

Final Recommendation



FUTURE



Final prototype to Bolivia

Conclusion







































Questions?