## Dear St. Wenceslaus Family,

We celebrate this Easter season on a whole different level this year after receiving the miracle of our beloved Panta's return from captivity in Mexico.

The thought "it was all just a dream," pops in our heads once in a while. Weekly medical appointments, PT and spiritual battles to maintain a strong faith however bring us to reality.

We covet any prayers and will pass on what we do not need to those we pray for, the persecutors/kidnappers, the mother who was captured before Panta with her one year old child (this makes our heart ache) the other victim (Leo) taken off bus with Panta (now a brother for life who once was a stranger) as he deals with life after death feelings from the trauma too.

Panta went to ear nose and throat specialist. After hearing tests, it was discovered the blows to left side with wooden bat did leave him Permanently def in that ear. Tested so low hearing aid would not help. We go back in 6 months to see if the Lord has another miracle for Panta. It would not be normal or common at all to see it improve the doctor said. We will pray and trust at least the ringing in that ear lets up by God grace. He did say to not lose hope. We trust and his quality of life is a miracle thanks be to God!

Grateful to have Panta here in one piece regardless! He starts PT tomorrow for stretching and strength. A full physical recovery is expected with time say the doctors. I

will take whatever happens with both hands and love everyday with him!



He is doing incredible after this news and everything still a Joy to be with!!



God is so good and Panta's story is a faith story. Jesus never left him and the image he held through it all was the real picture of the face of Christ in the shroud. He was asked what he was holding and Panta said, "A picture of my dad" that is when the man threw it in the ground. When man left Panta picked it back up. The image is the same one in the adoration chapel at Holy Rosary and that my mom is now to give the gold coin of it as well! He held it till last second when another persecutor took and ripped it up in his face and tossed to the ground just moments before being taken for release.

Never will we doubt nor could we the real presence of our Lord in each one of our lives.

Thank you for all the prayers! Again, keep them coming! So looking forward to our time to smile and rejoice with you at Mass, "HE IS ALIVE and makes us alive IN HIM!"

All our love ~ Panta, Mary, Sofia and Delfino Leon