

### **“I wanted to cry.” – Hot Oil Burn and My Baby Daughter** (translated from Tamil)

One evening while my wife was cooking, my two year-old daughter managed to reach up and tip over a skillet with scalding hot oil in it. It covered her left hand completely. Immediately my daughter was screaming with pain, and I rushed her to the doctor. By the time we arrived, the hand was twice its usual size and it brought me to tears just to look at it. The doctor gave her an injection for the pain, and said that she would need an injection daily for at least a week or two. He said the burn was very serious and would take three weeks to heal and most probably he would have to perform a minor operation to release the buildup of fluid.

I told the doctor, “I’ll be back in three days and the hand will be healed.”

I said this with a certainty that surprised me, but certain I was. You see, about a month before, I had used Cano’s clay on a deep, painful infection in my thumb. Overnight the clay had brought the infection to a head. The pain was gone, and it was easy just to push on the large, boil-like pimple and ease out the pus.

However, when I went to my friend with the clay, I had a doubt. I realized that it was impossible even to touch my daughter’s hand – she just screamed in pain if I tried. My friend, however, thought of the solution. He said that when my daughter went to sleep that night, I should cover the hand in clay powder – just pour it over the hand. I did exactly that and went to sleep relieved that she had not awoke and her hand was resting smothered in clay powder.

The next morning, my wife and I waited for my daughter to awake, and when she did, she lifted her hand out of the clay, and it was normal in size. Some of the clay was soaked with the fluid from the burn, but the improvement was dramatic, and too, my daughter was no longer in pain! Now she allowed me to touch the hand, and she seemed to understand that this “powder” had helped her. For two more days, several times a day, she would leave her hand in the clay powder.

True to my word, I brought my daughter back to the doctor in three days and the hand was healed – not completely but it was about 90% back to where it had been before the burn. The doctor was astounded. He told me it was “a miracle” – yes, those were his words. All I know is that I am forever grateful for Cano’s clay and being able to see my daughter smiling and healthy again.

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