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“My friends don’t want to play with me anymore.
I’m just too fast for them.”

—Henrique dos Santos, who has taught himself to play soccer on his hands



GORDON

11-year-old Henrique dos Santos suffers from brittle bone disease. His first fracture was in the womb, when an ultrasound revealed to his mother his thigh bone was broken. He is in Montreal, with parents Ines Christianne and Reginaldo Daniel, to undergo surgery at the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Shriners to help boy get up and run

Flies in from Brazil for surgeries

11-year-old with brittle bone disease
has fractured his legs 46 times

ALEX DOBROTA

like to be able to walk and run

is slated to close in the next few years as the hospital plans to build a new and bigger building.

High-ranking Shriners are gathered in Hawaii this weekend to decide whether the new Canadian Shriners Hospital will be

with him. Her doctor discovered from an ultrasound that Henrique’s thigh bone was broken.

But Brazilian doctors didn’t have the knowledge or the technology to treat the congenital disease, which affects one in

This is some series will attempt father said.

On April 27, cut one of Henrique’s bones, realigning them with a titanium rod to