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I attended a car seat safety workshop on June 2nd of 2007. I learned a variety of things. One of them was how to secure my baby in a car seat. By the end of the workshop I was really happy due to the fact that my baby's car seat no longer moved from one side to the other inside the car. It was secured and I was able to correct many mistakes which I had no idea I had made.

A month later, on July 1, 2007, we were driving home after visiting my family. While traveling on the 99 freeway one of the tires of my car blew up. My husband tried to keep control of the car but it was impossible. The car rolled over three times, until it stopped. My husband and I asked each other if we were all right, right after I asked for Jehú, our three month old baby. Juan got out of the car through the window and started looking for our baby...he could not find him. He looked up and saw all our belongings dispersed on the road. He was overwhelmed, imagining Jehú had been thrown out of the vehicle during the rollovers. He decided to go to the other side of the car and started picking up things that were still inside, and right there, underneath some pillows and sheets was Jehú moving his little foot. He was awake, alert but not crying. The paramedics arrived quickly, got us out of the car and transported us in an ambulance. Jehú was smiling like nothing had happened. My husband and I were severely injured, with cuts, scratches, and bleeding. Juan had two big cuts on one of his hands, but Jehú, our three month old baby did not have a single scratch, not even a mark from the harness. While in the hospital, every time a doctor or nurse approached me, I kept on telling them about being at the workshop. They expressed how fortunate I was and shared with me another tragic story they had known about.

I am thankful to God for allowing me to attend this class, for learning how to protect my baby and ourselves. This is a miracle. I am constantly telling other people the importance of using car seats and seat belts appropriately.

Thank you for having this workshop in Spanish, I am giving this testimony to all the parents I know so they can attend this class too. I can imagine the time and effort you had put to come to this point, but it has influenced our community. I am attaching some photos of my family after the crash.

Thank you.

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