

APRIL 2010

CHILD OF THE MONTH

Joel Alexander, 10, Trinidad



Joel

At just four months of age Joel was brought to one of our supported orphanages in Trinidad. Joel's mother could not properly care for him and Joel arrived severely neglected. As infants, Joel and his siblings were often left alone and laid out to sleep on discarded newspapers.

Now 10 years old, Joel's prayers to God continually include, "Bless me. Please keep me safe." Joel claims that his new home is much safer than 'outside'.

With only 11 children, Joel's new orphanage is comparatively small — affording him the personal attention he dearly needs. Joel is even fortunate enough to be joined by his brother and sister at the home.

Sister Gail, the nun in charge of Joel described him as being very quiet and obedient. "It is difficult to get children who are quiet," said Sister Gail. "Most of them are quite noisy. He [Joel] is very helpful, loving and nice."

In many cases, orphans who have endured so much neglect often become introverted and shy and trust no one. For an innocent child like Joel, it can sometimes take years of love and attention to wash away the severe pain of the past... love and attention that you can help provide.

Innocent children like Joel need the love and support of people like you to sustain their fragile lives. Please consider becoming a member of Food For The Poor's Child of the Month Club by reaching out to help a child in desperate need.

"... it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost." (Matthew 18:14)



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