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CHILD OF THE MONTH

Adonay, 14, El Salvador



Adonay

Adonay began living on the streets of El Salvador at an early age. He would beg for money for food, but he is adamant that he never robbed or stole. When he described his life on the street, his expression quickly shifts from child-like innocence to a look of wisdom and maturity beyond his years.

Life on the streets can be harsh, yet Adonay has retained some of his youthful innocence. The first time he walked by a downtown shopping mall he was mesmerized. "There were so many pretty shops and restaurants," he recalled. He wanted to go into this wonderland, but was afraid to step on the escalator because he was barefoot. "I was afraid the moving steps would chew up my feet," he said.

Adonay was eventually befriended by a female tourist who took an interest in this bright, charismatic boy. She took him shopping and bought him new clothes and shoes. She told him that she would meet him the next morning and buy him breakfast. He failed to show up at the agreed upon time and place. The following day he returned, and the woman was there. She was crying, telling him that she had been very worried about him.

"At that moment, something changed in my heart," Adonay recalled. Until that point, he never realized that someone could care so much about him. The woman eventually arranged for Adonay to come to the home where he currently lives.

Your act of compassion today can have a meaningful effect on a child like Adonay. Please consider **becoming a member** of Food For The Poor's Child of the Month Club by reaching out to help children who need to know that someone cares about them. May God bless you for your compassion.

"For I rescued the poor who cried out for help, the orphans and the unassisted..."

(Job 29:12)



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