

FEBRUARY 2010

CHILD

OF THE MONTH

Miriam Thelus, 9



Miriam

Miriam Thelus was found outside our orphanage doors when she was only four months old. At The Little Children of Jesus Home in Haiti, which cares for physically and mentally handicapped children, it's common to find children like Miriam whose parents are unable or not willing to keep them. It's thought Miriam was abandoned because she was blind.

The children at this specialized orphanage are the children no one wants. They are blind or crippled and mentally or physically handicapped. Each and every child is treated with loving kindness. Director Gladys Nonez and her staff mother them in place of their absent parents. Gladys and her workers believe in the Psalm, "Children too are a gift from the Lord." (Psalm 127:3a)

Because information such as birthdays is rarely available, everyone's birthday is celebrated on Valentine's Day. It's one of the special touches that make the orphanage a real home for the children. "You have to do this job with your heart," says Gladys.

Gladys wishes Miriam's parents, and the parents of the other abandoned children, were able to care for their little ones, despite the challenges. Every child is a precious gift and cherished in God's eyes. "I would like to teach them how to love them because they are their children," explains Gladys. "You get a child like this and you can't just throw her out."

Innocent children like Miriam 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.



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