

MAY 2010

CHILD OF THE MONTH

David, 2, Guatemala



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David was born into a destitute family in poverty-stricken Guatemala. Severely malnourished, the boy was in critical condition. A local priest learned of the boy's grave physical condition and brought him to a nutritional center supported by Food For The Poor.

At 2 years of age, David entered the center weighing only 12 pounds. He couldn't walk, and his frail body was riddled with parasites and anemia. The innocent child's life was in danger.

"The first thing we do is ask the miraculous Virgin Mary to care for them," reports the faithful nun who runs the nutrition center. "The doctor ran tests and found lots of parasites and anemia."

Guatemala has the highest rate of chronic child malnutrition in Latin America. Approximately half of all Guatemalan children under age 5 are malnourished — the fourth-highest rate in the world, according to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The country's worst drought in 30 years has combined with the declining global economy to ravage the crops of poor agricultural families. Struggling parents are simply unable to feed their hungry children. It is the perfect storm for child malnutrition — and the clinics we support are inundated with children like David who are on the brink of starvation.

Innocent children like David need the love and support of people like you to sustain their fragile lives. They have nowhere else to turn. 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. May God bless you for your compassion.

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



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