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WHEN ALL HOPE IS LOST

"I don't hope," Noncilia said. "I've stopped hoping. I go to sleep, I wake up and I do the same thing every day."



*"There's nothing I can do to give my children a better life."
— Noncilia,
Louvnika's mom*

HUNGER PAINS AND TEARS

Louvnika is a little girl with a hard life. She lives with the constant pain of hunger and has gone for up to three days without eating because her mother, Noncilia, had no food to feed her. Noncilia stays home to take care of her children, and her husband goes out to see if he can find wood to sell. The trouble is, everyone in their neighborhood is having the same problems and looking for jobs too.

There is a table in their one-room hut that stands ready for a meal. "When we have food, I put the food on that table," Noncilia said. But most of the time, the table sits empty because there isn't anything to eat. Louvnika cries and wails when she's hungry, and it's hard for her mother to hear.

"It hurts me when she goes to sleep hungry," Noncilia said. "You know, hunger kills sometimes. That's why I get afraid and I even cry."

BARELY SURVIVING

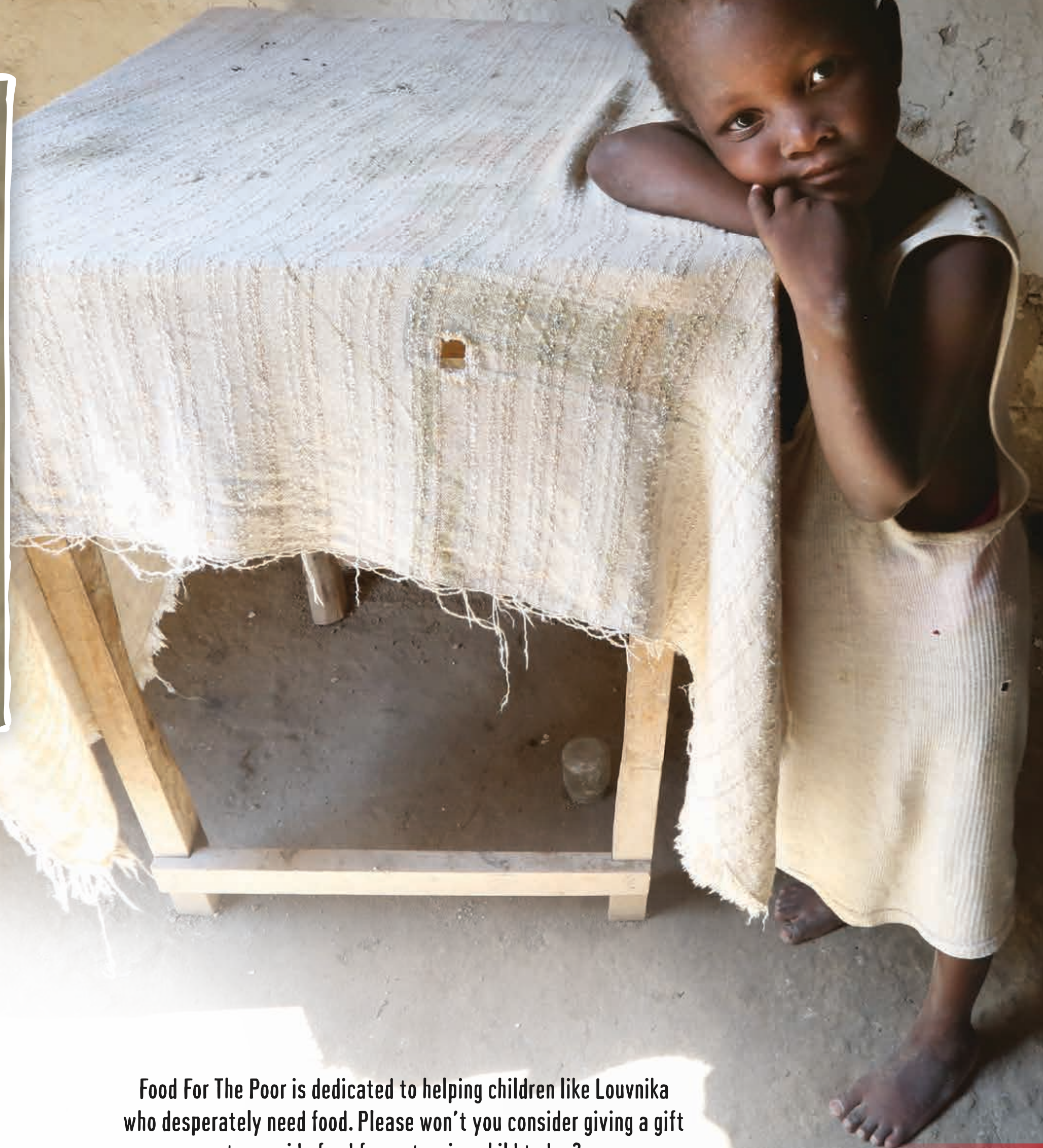
Noncilia is especially afraid for little Louvnika because she had only recently recovered from a serious bout of cholera. "She almost died. I cried a lot," Noncilia said.

Noncilia is glad she has her faith in God. She always brings her children to church with her. "I don't even have shoes for my feet, and we have clothes with holes in them, but I like to take my children to church," Noncilia said. She said her strength comes from God. **"God created me, and He gave me these children," she said. "Sometimes I'm able to stand, sometimes I can't."**

Noncilia wants to have a bright outlook for Louvnika's future, but it's difficult for her to see beyond where she is at right now. "I don't hope," Noncilia said. "I've stopped hoping. I go to sleep, I wake up and I do the same thing every day."

"Jesus said to them, 'Children, have you caught anything to eat?' They answered Him, 'No.'" (John 21:5)

Louvnika, 4, rests her head on the tattered tablecloth her mom keeps on their empty table. Louvnika has gone for as long as three days without food because her family doesn't have work.



Food For The Poor is dedicated to helping children like Louvnika who desperately need food. Please won't you consider giving a gift to provide food for a starving child today?

“THE LORD IS MARVELOUS, BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH I SUFFER, I KNOW HE LOVES ME.” — MARIA

Maria and her family live with rain, mud, bugs and no electricity, but their faith sustains them.



“My Lord, my Father, please help me,” are the words that 89-year-old grandmother, Maria, speaks aloud every day, many times a day. Maria lives high in the Honduran mountains with her family in the home built by her late husband’s hands. After 57 years of sheltering his wife and children, the home is crumbling around the family he left behind, returning to dust.

Maria’s heart aches to be able to provide shelter for her family just as her husband had for her. Three generations of “Maria’s” are fighting to survive.



Oscar, 3, is frequently sick because of lack of food and an unhealthy living environment.

STILL, WE PRAY

Maria’s daughter, Maria Antonia, 38, was worried about her 3-year-old son, Oscar. He had a fever, and they had no money to buy him medicine, so they were relying on prayer and a home remedy made from leaves. “We trust the Lord that tomorrow is going to be better,” Maria Antonia said.

Maria watched her grandson, Oscar, take ragged breaths. She wrung her hands together and looked at the roof that was falling in. “I ask God to give them as long of a life as I have had,” she said. She shook her head. “We are in great danger here if this falls down,” she continued, pointing at the roof.

Food insecurity is also a problem. “Sometimes we ask our neighbors for food, but they get upset because we ask on a regular basis,” said Maria Matias, 14. Her grandmother wishes she could go back to work “I know the time that I can work has passed away,” she said. But, to see her daughter and grandchildren go without food is unbearable. “When they don’t have food, I start to cry and ask God for strength,” she said.



Maria, 89, stands in her kitchen that health officials deemed hazardous.

SUFFERING WITHOUT COMPLAINT

Maria Matias, the oldest granddaughter, knows that living with muddy, rain-soaked dirt floors, and the fear of roaches crawling into her ears as she sleeps is part of her life. “It’s hard to sleep at night because of the flies and mosquitoes,” Maria Matias said. Her grandmother softly chided her. “We shouldn’t complain because the Lord knows why we are in the situation we are,” she said.

“MY LORD, MY FATHER, PLEASE HELP ME.”

Maria prays fervently for her daughter and four grandchildren. “I want to die in a good house so I can leave my daughter a good home, because she has no place to go. Maria heard her grandson, Oscar, cough and she tucked his tiny hand in hers and smiled. “Children are a gift of God,” she said.

“I ask God to give them as long of a life as I have had.”

— Maria



Food For The Poor can continue to help answer the desperate prayers of families just like Maria’s with your help. Please won’t you send a gift to help today?

Participating in God's Plan



BEFORE

Little Fredy was on the brink of death, but because of the support of people like you, his life was saved.



Irma, Fredy's mother, worried about his health.

"When Fredy was sick, I felt so sad. I felt Fredy might die." — Irma, Fredy's mom

PRAYING FOR A MIRACLE

Severely malnourished and frightened, little 8-year-old Fredy hid in his mother Irma's warm embrace, afraid to let go of her. His family couldn't afford to feed him every day because of job scarcity in Guatemala where they live. Sadly, **Fredy weighed less than half of what a little boy his age should weigh**, and his malnutrition was so severe that he had begun to lose his appetite. Irma's love and prayers sustained him, even though his tiny, fragile body was wasting away. **Irma knew Fredy needed a miracle**, and she hoped God would hear her prayer. "I would feel very happy to know that he is healthy," she said.

AN ANSWERED PRAYER

God heard Irma's prayer for precious Fredy. God's plan to heal Fredy included Sister Edna, a partner of Food For The Poor in Guatemala who nurses severely malnourished children back to health at her nutritional center. **God also put it on your heart to share your love and generosity with the suffering poor, and together a miracle happened. Fredy is now healthy!** No longer too weak to stand on his own, Fredy runs in his yard and darts in and out of his new home, which was provided by Food For The Poor donors. Although initially, Fredy was terrified to leave his parents, Sister Edna refused to give up on this sweet little boy. Determined, she visited Fredy and his family up to three times a week bringing food until he recovered completely. **Fredy shared how he is feeling these days: "I feel happy," he said. "I like to eat apples, and I like to play ball."**



Sister Edna joyfully spends time with a now healthy Fredy.

"Fredy has changed in a big way thanks to God. ...He is very well and he has recovered well... — Sister Edna

This miracle happened because of your generosity, and now this faith-filled family has reason to rejoice.

"For human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26b)



AFTER

- Since Food For The Poor's inception in 1982, we have:*
- BUILT 121,000 HOUSING UNITS** FOR THE HOMELESS
- PROVIDED 365 MILLION MEALS** TO THE HUNGRY
- COMPLETED 2,600 WATER PROJECTS** FOR THE THIRSTY

*Based on reported numbers as of print date.

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