



I have never met a child, one and a half years old, who has no name. I was in shock and pain as my wife related to me that we have a new child in Guachochi. He is one and a half years old, abandoned before birth by his father, and, until recently, living with his mother who is an alcoholic. His stomach is distended through lack of food and malnutrition, like a baby from the worst famine in Africa. I replied, "Thank God that we can now take care of him and he was recovered before he died." My next question was, "What is his name?" My wife replied, "He doesn't have a name."

Many families survive on a diet of only corn for months. This can be deceiving, because they can gain weight and appear healthy while lacking many essential vitamins and minerals, resulting in a state of "hidden hunger"



Various thoughts raised in my mind. What do you mean he doesn't have a name? Every Child has a name! It's par for the course in the United States: the child is born in the hospital, everyone smiles at the visit (in the hospital or in the mother's home). The first comments are always, "What a cute baby" and "What is his name?" To which the mother responds with the name. Everybody has a name, for heaven's sake! We are talking about a human being – not a television set, not a set of pots and pans, not a frog that you see in a stream by your house. This boy isn't a "thing," and he certainly isn't an "animal." Even pets have names, for goodness' sake. What do you mean a child one and a half years old doesn't have a name?

All sorts of compassion welled up inside of my heart. This child doesn't have an identity. He must feel like he's not important to anybody. To have a name is to be important, is to be somebody. To not have a name is to be like a nobody. Then, the Bible verse surfaced in my heart, Isaiah 43:1, "I have called you by your name. You are mine." We decided to name him Gabriel. We are going

to do our very best to show him that God loves him, that we love him, that he is special, and that he is very important to God, to us, and to this world. He has a purpose. God has a plan for his life. Maybe his alcoholic mother was too caught up in her addiction to bother giving him a name, but as Isaiah 43 says, Gabriel belongs to God.

Gabriel and other children like him were the reason that we started the home in Guachochi. We have heard reports from adults, and we have visited ourselves, of villages that are so far distant that it is virtually impossible to send adequate food and relief to the children who live there. We want to help these children in the mountains of Chihuahua. We ask you to please help us to help them. We are on the same team. Perhaps you can't go to the mountains of Chihuahua, but we can and we will. You can provide food and clothing for the children that we find.



We had been writing to you over a year ago, saying that we were needing to turn children away, because the house in Guachochi was already filled to capacity. Now, thanks to your help, we have moved into beautiful facilities which we own and we have plenty of room. Now we have the room, but the struggle is to not ever have to turn away children because of finances. I don't want to sound like a cry baby. God has always been faithful, and we are very thankful for your help. But it is the truth: more children means we need more help. Pray about it. We trust God. We want your giving to be a joy, not an obligation. There are more Gabriels out there in the mountains. Thank you for your help. Thank you. We love you.

Ed and Rosa Salo

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