

El Salvador ... is a country in which 59% of the population (about 3 million people) lives below the poverty level. Approximately 50% of the children under the age of five suffer from malnutrition.

Hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanoes and a 12-year civil war have left the country devastated. The most helpless victims are approximately 6,000 orphaned and abandoned children.

It is difficult to comprehend people living in a garbage dump or in one-room shacks made of tin and cardboard with no sanitation, electricity or water. In a country where the cost of living is comparable to the U.S., the unemployment rate is 50%, and jobs pay as little as \$0.60 a day, mere survival is difficult.

Thirty percent of the children never attend primary school, and only 15% complete the 12th grade. There might not be a way to help all of the El Salvadoran children, but through God, our efforts can impact the lives of some.

Love and Hope Ministries ... is the vision God has given Rachel and Mauricio Ortega to provide a loving home to children that have been abandoned or orphaned. They provide the closest experience to a family environment as possible.

Our mission is to glorify God by working to transform children into people who realize that they are valuable to others and God, and who possess a true and sincere relationship with Jesus Christ.



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Difference by



Sponsoring a child at
Love and Hope
Ministries



Erika Yolanda Joya Palacios

Birthdate: December 2003

Country: El Salvador

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Erika is one of three siblings living at Love and Hope. Along with her brothers Ezekiel and Herberth, Erika came from a broken home and extremely abusive parents. The children lived with both parents until they separated when Herberth was about 1 year old. They continued to live with their mother who was abusive and neglective. She became pregnant and the children went to live with their father but the abuse continued. Their father also had a new girlfriend who was pregnant with twins, so he took them to live at his Aunt's. She works washing and ironing people's clothes and earns about \$4 for each work day. She had to take the youngest child Herberth to work with her, while Ezekiel and Erika stayed home alone. In the mean time, the father would still visit once in a while and behave abusively towards the children, so his Aunt decided that it would be safer and better for the children to be placed in a children's home. Like her brother Ezekiel, Erika is extremely violent at times and whines much of the time. She is currently in counseling with a psychologist, so please keep her in your prayers.

Sponsoring a Child ... means a commitment of \$25 a month. Your sponsorship will provide nutrition, education, clothing, housing, recreation and spiritual development. By helping with the financial support of Erika you will see her grow and develop through photos and letters. You will receive newsletters about the orphanage, and periodic correspondence and photos. You will be able to witness her grow up knowing that Jesus loves her and that you care enough to give her a future.

We ask that you also support Erika and Love & Hope Ministries through your prayers. Thank you for your willingness to be used by God in the life of a child!

"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life" | Timothy 6:18-19