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THE NATION'S FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

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In the impoverished village of Old Letant, Haiti, Nelson's mother was unable to feed all four of her children. With no other options, she would place him outside to sit among the pigs every day, where he was alone and exposed to the elements without food or water.

In November 2013, FMSC CEO Mark Crea and Sherry Burnette from Love A Child visited Nelson's village. When they found him, he was extremely malnourished and too weak to walk, eating dirt to quiet his hunger pains. Nelson's frail arms and legs protruded from a very swollen belly. They knew something needed to be done immediately.

"When I picked him up," said Sherry, "I could feel every bone in his body."

Nelson's mother gave permission for Sherry to bring the boy to the Love A Child orphanage, where he began the slow, long process of being weaned onto FMSC MannaPack Rice.

Due to his severe malnutrition, Nelson had developed a serious case of rickets, which distorted his bones and made standing and walking painful and very difficult. After one month on MannaPack Rice, Nelson was getting stronger and showing signs of improvement—he was trying to stand! He was given a tricycle so he could move around more easily and strengthen his muscles, and soon was racing around the orphanage. Now after more than eight months of love, attention and nutritious FMSC MannaPack meals, Nelson is healthy and thriving! He charms everyone with his beautiful smile and adorable personality. He loves to run around, laugh and play. Good news—he started school!

"Around the village, Nelson was referred to as 'Pa Bezwen'. In Creole, this means, 'I don't need you.' His own family even used this name for the child."



Nelson was discovered on a dirt road in Haiti. He had skinny legs, a bloated stomach, and seemed lifeless. He was definitely running a fever and in need of immediate attention.



Nelson's mother was unable to feed him. He was exposed to the elements without food or water and he resorted to eating dirt to quiet his hunger pains.



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Please don't take stories like this one lightly. They are the reason FMSC does this work. Nelson and so many other precious children have a future because of your generosity.