

## Distribution Report

Partner: LWM

Shipment ID: S25061

## Testimony #2167

### Testimony Type

Local community

### Distribution Items

#### Included Items:

1101-RICE-MEALS
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### Why Were The Items Distributed Here? What Are The Greatest Needs In This Community?

The Mata family lives in a rural area in " El Caoba, La Libertad" of El Salvador where poverty and food insecurity are daily realities. Many families live from agriculture around "El Caoba" there is a lot of sugar cane plantation and thats what most people work,

The greatest need in this community is food. Many households are forced to make difficult choices between purchasing food, medicine, or other necessities.

### Name

Santos Mata

### Age

80

## **Gender**

male

## **Occupation**

He worked as a farmer for many years.

## **Family Size**

10

## **What Are Their Living Conditions?**

Santos Mata, age 70, is no longer able to work due to health problems. The 2 older women are the sisters and single moms they both have intellectual disabilities so does Jeremias who is 18, they can talk and do all things but they are not as sharp. Jonas, age 18, suffers from a heart condition and depends on medication, and Carlos 13 has a hard time speaking. We believe this children grew up with so little they all have health issues due to malnutrition.

10 members of the Mata family live together under very difficult conditions. Their home is built with a mixture of tarps, scrap materials, and a cement house that LWM donated 5 years ago that's too small. Resources are extremely limited, and providing enough food for everyone is a constant challenge.

When we visited, the family had only two eggs and a small amount of cooking oil available for their next meal they have a freezer an old one they found as trash but only for storage because they

don't have electricity.

Despite their hardships, they welcomed us with warm smiles and generous hearts.

Due to the health problems the ladies their home is a little dirty, and they have built their kitchen with materials they can find and so its their sink/ and place to wash their clothes.

### **Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.**

Santos Mata, age 70, is no longer able to work due to health problems. The 2 older women are the sisters and single moms they both have mental health disabilities so does Jeremias who is 18, they can talk and do all things but they are not as sharp. Jonas, age 18, suffers from a heart condition and depends on medication, and Carlos 13 has a hard time speaking. We believe this children grew up with so little they all have health issues due to malnutrition, despite the health conditions and poverty they are a kind family, smiling and laughing, the little girls hugged us a lot because they were so happy to see us

This are the names and ages of the Family

Familia Mata

Santos Mata 80

Jeremías 18

Ana Abigail 44

Jonas 18

Sandra 12

Débora 42

Esperanza Miranda López 18

Carlos 13 años

Xiomara 9 años

Ana Luz 6 años

### **How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?**

Because there are so many people in the family, we left them an entire box of MannaPack Rice. We wanted them to feel what having enough feels like, even if only for a little season. One of the things they love most about MannaPack Rice is that it is easy to prepare. Even family members who face daily challenges can help cook it, and they genuinely enjoy the taste.

The joy on the faces of the children as they held their plates of rice was a powerful reminder of how a meal can bring hope, and happiness to an entire family.

This family lives on what Jeremias can find to sell, he collects plastic bottles and tin cans of soda to sell by the pound the money they get from that is very little, but he also goes to the market and looks for remaining vegetables the sellers had thrown in the trash and brings them back home to see what is good, the day we went to visit, he only came back with mangos that he had picked.

### **Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.**

"It's a miracle that you came today we were about to cook the last of our beans, We did not know how we were going to feed everyone for dinner May God bless everyone who made this possible."

Santos Mata

## Testimony #2169

### Testimony Type

**Local community**

### Distribution Items

#### Included Items:

1101-RICE-MEALS
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### Why Were The Items Distributed Here? What Are The Greatest Needs In This Community?

MannaPackRice was brought to this home because this family is going through a very hard time. Conchita was born on March 26, 2011, and became a mom at just 15 years old when her baby boy Jaime Isaac Delgado was born on March 11, 2026. She is raising him on her own as a single teen mother with no income. Conchita lives with her grandparents, Luis Orellana and María Consuelo, who take care of her and the baby. Conchitas Mom lives separate she is around but cant help her because she has a family of her own and she works on sugar cane fields but its not enough. Luis cannot work because of problems with his knees, sometimes we works at nights for a lady guarding her cows but not always, so the only money the family has comes from the tortillas her grandmother makes and sells which is very little. They are also caring for another grandchild, Eduardo Escobar. This family's biggest needs are having enough food to eat, making sure the baby gets proper nutrition, and having support for elderly caregivers who are not able to work.

### Name

Maria Consuelo Delgado ("Conchita")

**Age**

14

**Gender**

female

**Occupation**

Single mom not working nor studing

**Family Size**

2- 5

**What Are Their Living Conditions?**

"Conchita lives in very poor conditions. Her grandparents built her a small room made of plastic sheets and old metal walls this is the only space she has for herself and her newborn baby Jaime Isaac. The floor is bare dirt, and the roof is made of salvaged wood and metal sheets that let light through the gaps. There is no real furniture just a simple wire bed frame with old cloths and blankets piled on top to make it softer. To protect her baby from mosquitoes at night, Conchita hangs a mosquito net over the bed a small but important way she tries to keep her son safe in a home that

has very little. Clothes and belongings hang from the wooden beams above because there is no closet or storage space. The room is dark and crowded, with cardboard boxes used to store what little the family owns. It is a very humble home, and yet inside it, a 15-year-old girl is doing everything she can to be a good mother to her newborn son."

### **Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.**

The family cooks all their food over an open wood fire because their gas stove is old and completely broken. You can see in the photo that grandmother María Consuelo stands next to a rusted, worn-out stove that no longer works and right beside it sits a small gas tank, ready to be used, but with no working stove to connect it to. Every day she goes back to cooking over the open fire, breathing smoke that is slowly hurting her lungs and her health. Her dream is simple a working gas stove so she can cook safely, make her tortillas without the smoke, and protect what little health she has left. It is a small thing that would make a very big difference for this entire family, and a new bed for Conchita"

### **How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?**

Receiving MannaPackRice has made a real difference for Conchita and her family. MannaPackRice is packed with vitamins and supplements that Conchita needs, especially right now while she is breastfeeding. Every nutrient she gets passes directly to baby Jaime Isaac through her milk, helping him grow strong and healthy in his very first weeks of life. For a family that survives only on what they earn selling tortillas, not having to worry about where the next meal comes from is a huge relief. This is not just food it is the vitamins, minerals, and nourishment that a young mother and her newborn need most. The impact will last well beyond this donation, because a baby who is well-nourished from the very beginning has a healthier, stronger start at life.

**Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.**

"Ahorita que estoy dando pecho, lo que como yo también le llega a mi bebé. Con este arroz ya no me preocupo tanto de si vamos a tener algo para comer. Es una ayuda grande para nosotros."

("Right now that I'm breastfeeding, what I eat also reaches my baby. With this rice I don't worry as much about whether we'll have something to eat. It's a big help for us.") Maria Consuelo Delgado, 15, single mother of Jaime Isaac Delgado

## Testimony #2170

### Testimony Type

Local community

### Distribution Items

#### Included Items:

1101-RICE-MEALS
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### Why Were The Items Distributed Here? What Are The Greatest Needs In This Community?

The Hernández family was selected to receive MannaPack Rice because they are a hardworking family facing significant financial challenges. Like many families in rural El Salvador, they struggle to provide consistent, nutritious meals while working low-paying jobs and caring for multiple generations under one roof.

The greatest needs in this community are food, employment opportunities, clean water, adequate housing, and access to reliable utilities. Many families work long hours for very little pay, and even basic necessities can be difficult to afford.

### Name

Marcelina Orellana

### Age

**Gender**

female

**Occupation**

Cleaner and Agriculture

**Family Size**

6

**What Are Their Living Conditions?**

The Hernández Orellana family lives in a humble home made primarily of corrugated metal sheets. dirt floors. Their water comes from a tunnel beneath the coastal highway (Carretera EL Litoral La Libertad) , and they do not have their own electricity. Instead, a relative allows them to charge their phones from her home.

Marcelina, 49, works in the corn fields and also travels to private beach homes in Playa Dorada where she is paid to clean a couple days a week . Her husband struggles with alcoholism and currently lives separately from the family, leaving much of the responsibility for providing and caring for the household on Marcelina's shoulders.

Despite these challenges, the family remains happy and continues to trust God through difficult

circumstances

### **Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.**

The Hernández Orellana family has ongoing needs for nutritious food, stable income, clothing, household essentials, and improved living conditions. They also need emotional and spiritual encouragement.

A years ago, Marcelina lost her son, José Heriberto at age of 13, to a stomach illness. The loss deeply affected her, and she still becomes emotional when speaking about him. Because of this experience, she is especially concerned about the health and nutrition of her children and grandchildren.

Her daughter Jessica Johana, 24, works as a maid and earns approximately \$65 every two weeks. Another daughter, Xiomara Marisol, 21, stays home caring for her young daughter, Alondra. The family's resources are stretched thin as they work together to meet daily needs.

### **How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?**

Watching them eat together was a beautiful reminder that food is more than nourishment it brings families together and provides hope. For Marcelina, this donation meant peace of mind. Knowing she could serve a nutritious meal to her family brought comfort and relief. The MannaPack Rice helped meet an immediate physical need while also reminding the family that God has not forgotten them.

### **Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.**

"Thank you for helping us feed our family. After losing my son, I care deeply about giving my children the best I can. This rice is a blessing from God, I like to prepare it in different ways like little "Tortitas" ("cakes") and I make pupusas with them its really good, and today we can eat together with grateful hearts, May The Lord Bless you." Marcelina

## Testimony #2172

### Testimony Type

Local community

### Distribution Items

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### Why Were The Items Distributed Here? What Are The Greatest Needs In This Community?

Brenda Marisol, 29, lives with her family in a rural community called "el Caoba, La Libertad" where employment opportunities are limited and many families struggle to provide daily meals. Food insecurity is one of the greatest needs in the area, especially for households with young children and limited income sources.

### Name

Brenda Marisol Orellana

### Age

29

### Gender

female

## **Occupation**

Stays at home and sells Goat Milk takes care of goat

## **Family Size**

4

## **What Are Their Living Conditions?**

Brenda and her family live in a very modest home that Loving with Meryc donated years ago with the program El salvador 500, but they added some parts built from corrugated metal sheets and recycled materials. Their cooking area consists of a simple wood-burning stove, and the family works hard to make the most of the resources they have. Despite these challenges, they take great pride in caring for one another and providing for their children.

## **Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.**

Brenda's family faces both nutritional and economic challenges. Much of her dental health has deteriorated at such young age 29 to lose most of her front teeth is really sad, making daily life more difficult. To help support the household, she raises three goats and sells milk to neighbors for income. Her husband, Roberto, 35, works hard in construction or anything he can find to support the family and takes their five-year-old son, Bryan, to school each day on a borrowed bicycle, traveling approximately 20 minutes each way. Bryan dreams of having a lunchbox to take to school, while his

older brother, Luis Manuel, 13, is also dedicated to his studies. and ROberto wishes he had a Bike of his own

### **How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?**

During our visit, Brenda immediately prepared the MannaPack Rice for her family using their wood-burning stove. The donation provided nutritious food that could be easily prepared and shared with her children. For families like Brenda's, food assistance helps stretch limited household resources, allowing parents to focus on other important needs such as education and daily expenses. Seeing Bryan excited about the meal was a reminder of how a simple food donation can bring both nourishment and hope.

### **Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.**

"Thank you for thinking of families like ours. This food helps us feed our children and is a blessing for our home."