

Who will take care of those who can no longer help themselves?

Once they reach the age of 65, elderly Treasures of the Guatemala City Dump are no longer allowed to scavenge for food or items to sell. Because their children have their hands full taking care of themselves and their own families, most of the elderly find themselves alone in their final years. There are no pensions or social security payments for former scavengers, so many senior citizens are hungry and malnourished.

María Isabel Suarez is a warm woman of 72 years of age; she lives with her 42 year old daughter who is a Scavenger, and with her 10 year old grandson - David René Suárez who is part of our Education Program.

Doña María worked in the dump for 37 years as a Scavenger! She stopped working there because her son - who died 7 years ago - asked her not to go into the dump any more because it was unsafe, especially for someone her age.

Now, they all depend on Maria's daughter's income. Unfortunately she only earns £3 to £4 a week. Can you imagine? How does a family of three live on £4 a week? Doña María is trying to contribute to the household by occasionally selling used dishes or clothes people give her.

We can see her enthusiasm when she sees God take care of her needs. She sees how the Lord is changing her situation because she receives a bag of staple foods every other week and because her grandson can study and have lunch at PHA. This is so inspiring!



Like Doña María, 25 elderly people come to Potter's House daily, praying they will receive a warm nutritious lunch and some purified water, (due to lack of funding these lunches can only be made available to the elderly if some of the children in the feeding program are absent that day.

Another 40 come every other week for a Bible study at the end of which they receive a bag of staple foods that will feed them once a day for two weeks.

Dignity and sustenance for Senior Citizens

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A gift, large or small, will provide medical attention, a weekly bag of food and weekly Bible studies. A monthly gift will encourage their tired souls and spirits throughout the year, proving to them that they are indeed God's Treasures.

Our friends at Casa del Alfarero (Potter's House) are there at the forefront of this great need, representing you and our God during the Treasures moments of greatest need. Can we count on your help?

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- make cheques payable to WorldShare and write your name & address details and 'Senior Citizens Appeal' on the reverse, and mail to: WorldShare, FREEPOST (DC829), Bawtry, Doncaster DN10 6BR

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Daily lunches ready for distribution to Senior Citizens of the Guatemala City Dump

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