When Duverson, the youngest of Simone’s eight children, got incredibly sick, she wasn’t quite sure what was wrong.

“He had just the bones under his skin,” the 40-year-old mother said. “His temperature was often very high, and he had acne all over his body.”

This is a common problem in Haiti, where the family lives. There, 100,000 children under age 5 suffer from acute malnutrition, while one in three children is stunted.

In a country where only 10 percent of farmers have irrigated crops, it makes most farms heavily reliant on rain in order to produce food. Recent warming from the El Niño weather pattern has produced even worse conditions for crops, leaving farmers with up to 70 percent crop losses and doubling the number of food insecure people in the country since September.

The crises created a perfect storm making Haiti the country with highest percentage of its people hungry, with 53.7 percent of the people not having enough food to meet the daily minimum nutrition requirement for more than a year.

“All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.”

—Psalm 104:27-28

World Vision was able to help Duverson get healthy and continues to monitor him to make sure he stays that way. Join us this month in praying for hungry people in Haiti and World Vision’s work to help them survive.
In addition to treating malnourished children like Duverson, World Vision provides agriculture training each week to help farmers better produce food. The organization has also helped install pumps to water communities’ land. “Without World Vision’s help, we could not withstand the dry period,” says Gustin Dorsica, a 49-year-old father of seven children.

Due to the efforts and partnerships between World Vision and communities, more than 30 families have been able to grow more and better vegetables. “I grow vegetables and beans, which are very nourishing for the body,” says Simone, relieved that Duverson is healthy again.

As a result of the improved agriculture efforts, World Vision has also conducted nutrition training courses. Each Tuesday, as many as 30 mothers meet to talk about their children’s health. “We discuss how to better prepare the meals to ensure the development of their body,” Simone says.

Almighty God, we know that all things are under Your control — the rains, the sun, the seeds, and the soil all listen to your command. The Haitians are looking to you to give them food, so we ask that You bless the land and the weather so they may have healthy crops for their families. Guide World Vision in how to help even more people better farm to reap the foods that You will provide them with.

Great Provider, thank You for blessing Simone and her family. We praise You for how You have given so many families food to gather up. Please continue to give them and others food.

Father, You have opened Your hand, and Simone and others in her community are satisfied. Thank You for providing training to help them better feed their families. Continue to use World Vision to show the Haitian people the good things You have in store for them.

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