

# SURVIVAL



## Jesucristo Reina en al Niñez annual report

You are changing the lives of moms and babies. Here's how.

## **DR0505**

# **Santiago, Dominican Republic Survival Program**

### **DR0505 at a glance:**

Your support is helping

- 15 moms, including 4 pregnant women
- 11 babies from 0-12 months old

### **In the last year\*:**

- 7 cases of moderate malnutrition were treated
- 1 case of anemia was treated
- 1 case of a non-communicable disease was treated
- 10 babies were born full-term
  - 8 babies were born at a normal birth weight
  - 3 babies were born at a low birth weight
- 10 babies were born with the help of a skilled birth attendant
- 6 women are breastfeeding

\* Number of cases treated reflect unique treatments each month. For example, one child might have been treated for malnutrition several times over the course of a year.

# In the last year...

Here are some of the activities the program has been busy with.



**Group activities:** Moms participated in monthly group meetings and activities where they learned together and shared their joys and challenges. Program staff taught lessons on nutrition, early stimulation and the importance of teaching their children about God. Staff also provided moms with delicious snacks, drinks and meals during gatherings.



**Health:** Pregnant moms received prenatal care, including physical exams, blood pressure checks and information about labour and delivery to promote healthy pregnancies. Postpartum moms and babies were also given vital care. Staff examined babies and checked their height and weight to track their growth. Moms and babies received medication and vitamins as needed and babies were vaccinated on schedule.

**Celebrations:** Moms and babies celebrated Christmas, Mother's Day and other special occasions together. Survival staff also held a birthday party to celebrate babies' first birthdays. Staff set up balloons and decorations and brought desserts and food. Families were excited to celebrate as a group.







**Spiritual nurture:** During both home visits and group lessons, Survival moms had the opportunity to pray together, learn more about God's Word and participate in devotionals with program staff. Pastors and church staff were also invited to speak to caregivers about God and how caregivers can provide spiritual nurture to their families. Some moms dedicated their babies to God in a special ceremony at the church.



**Early development:** Moms learned the importance of early childhood development and how to promote their children's physical, emotional, cognitive and spiritual development. During one teaching session, a local psychologist was invited to speak to caregivers about developing listening skills. At home visits, program staff answered questions about childhood development and taught moms how to interact with their children in age-appropriate ways.





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