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## Rotary Club of Anchorage East

**GERARDO DE LA CRUZ XIVIR SOTZ** from Corazon de Jesus, Municipality of San Antonio, Department of Suchitepequez, is a severely disabled 8-year old boy who has been that way since birth. The mother did not have a diagnosis other than *fiebre corporal*, but Gerardo seemed to have little understanding of what was being said and had little control over his limbs. He seemed very agitated when his mother was holding him and when he was being fitted with the PET, striking out occasionally. His mother wrapped him in her shawl and carried him on her back when they were leaving, and then Gerardo seemed calm.

There are 8 people from three generations living together in a house, the mother's parents, three of the mother's siblings, and her two children. The mother and her siblings completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade, but her parents never went to school.

Two men in the extended family work as cane cutters, but the women do not work outside the house.

