

# The Worm Project

*Combating World Hunger Through Parasite Removal*

Newsletter

Spring 2026

## Family Fun Fair

9 am - 1 pm (Lunch\* 11 - 1 pm)  
April 25, 2026

**Dock Mennonite Academy E-8 Campus**  
420 Godshall Road, Souderton

A perfect Saturday morning free outing for young children to grandparents

**Have a Blast:** interactive play games and learning stations, obstacle course, a friendly petting dog, worm diggin' and gummy worm eatin', and more...

ALL while learning how we can make a difference in this world!

Outdoors in the sunshine and indoors too...  
the fair goes on in any weather!

Come and leave anytime!

**Or come just for lunch!** - details below\*

Hope to see you there!

[wormproject.org](http://wormproject.org)

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**Special Addition this year!**

**\*Lunch 11:00 to 1:00 pm**

all receipts buy deworming pills

Age 13-Adult \$10, Age 3-12 \$5, Age 0-2 Free

Pulled pork sandwiches, homemade beans, coleslaw, apple cobbler, lemonade, iced tea.

Food provided by Salem Mennonite Church

**Save the date**

No reservations required.  
Come anytime and be ready for fun!



# Restoring Children's Health in Rural Mexico Through Deworming

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*Editor's Note: The Worm Project donates millions of Albendazole Tablets (deworming medicine) to Vitamin Angels each year. With our partnership spanning over 20 years, The Worm Project appreciates Vitamin Angels focus on those most vulnerable, children under age 5 in poor communities, that are underserved by existing systems.*

Intestinal worms are a hidden threat to children's health in many parts of the world, especially in areas where clean water and sanitation are limited. In Mexico, these parasites are alarmingly common, especially for children in rural and low-income communities. An infection can impact a child's ability to absorb nutrients and can lead to stunted growth.



High rates of parasitic infection and stunted growth are prevalent in rural areas of Mexico, with far higher rates than in urban settings. In the rural areas of the Chiapas Highlands, for example, 80% of children showed signs of stunting. A number that drops to just 7.5% in urban settings. This disparity underscores how poverty and access to basic services can drastically shape a child's health and future.

Albendazole, a widely used deworming treatment, is a simple but powerful intervention that improves children's health. By eliminating intestinal worms, deworming helps boost immune systems and ensures children can properly absorb vital nutrients.

In the rural municipality of Atlacomulco in Mexico, Nohemi lives with her two young children, Naomi and Louis. The family spends much of their time together preparing food, playing outside, and visiting relatives. Naomi, 6, is especially close to her younger brother and enjoys riding her tricycle and visiting her grandmother's home, where there are a lot of farm animals to play with.

Even though the children have lots of fun, they miss their father, who works construction in Morelia, a town nearly three hours away. Like many fathers from Atlacomulco, Naomi and Louis' dad only returns home on Sundays via a paid rideshare.

Nohemi started worrying when both of her children had stopped eating. She noticed that they had no appetite and that they were losing weight. After receiving deworming treatment from Vitamin Angels, through the generosity of The Worm Project, Nohemi quickly saw a change. Her children started eating again and gained healthy weight.



Vitamin Angels works with local partners to reach rural families like Nohemi's. In this region, many of the communities are indigenous and have historically been excluded from mainstream systems, infrastructure, and healthcare services. As a result, rates of malnutrition and parasitic infection are especially high among children. Our local partner in Nohemi's region noted that many mothers only fully understand the importance of deworming after seeing their children expel worms after treatment.

Thanks to this simple intervention provided by The Worm Project, Vitamin Angels is able to support Naomi, Louis, and millions of children around the world to help them restore their health, grow, and thrive.





## A Small Dose, A Big Difference for Akila

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Akila is just over one year old and like many children her age, she is eager to explore, sing, and play. She lives in Sumba, one of Indonesia's more than 17,000 islands. According to her mother Afliana, Akila had been feeling uncomfortable due to intestinal worms.

Intestinal worm infections remain common in parts of Indonesia, especially in areas where access to clean water and sanitation is limited. Sumba, which is located in East Nusa Tenggara Province, has historically shown high rates of soil-transmitted worm infections. In some regions of the country, studies have found infection prevalence as high as 30-50% among children before deworming programs are in place. These infections can affect young children's comfort, health, and ability to thrive, making routine deworming an essential part of child health programs. Therefore, deworming treatments like albendazole play a critical role in supporting a community's overall health and nutrition. For example, research in Sumba villages found that after deworming with albendazole, rates of good nutritional status increased and underweight conditions decreased significantly.

After taking her first dose of albendazole, Afliana noticed a clear change. Akila became much more active and returned to singing her favorite song, "Happy Birthday." For Afliana, it was a relief to see her daughter feeling like herself again. She dreams that one day Akila will become a midwife, and she and her husband are determined to support her education and give her every opportunity to succeed.

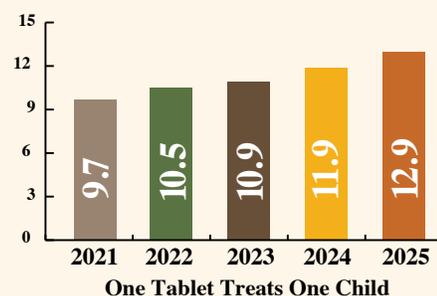
With support from The Worm Project and Vitamin Angels, millions of children like Akila are receiving the deworming treatment they need to feel better today and grow healthier in the future.



**The Worm Project Donated Medicine to Treat Almost 13 Million Children in 2025! Thank You!"**

### The Worm Project Medicine Donations

Albendazole 400mg (millions of tablets)



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## The Worm Project: What we do:

The Worm Project buys medicine to treat children infected with parasitic worms in the poorest countries of the world.

- Over 800 million children (roughly 1/4 of the world's children) are at risk of being infected with parasitic worms
  - Parasitic worms cause physical and cognitive impairment in children due to malnutrition
- The Worm Project purchased and donated deworming medicine to treat almost 13 million children in 2025.
- Each deworming tablet costs less than 3 cents and treats one child for parasitic worms
  - One tablet kills virtually all the worms living in children
  - Medicine is extremely effective and safe
- All-volunteer Christian organization is extremely cost effective
  - Expenses are extremely low
  - Donations are tax deductible

*"... Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."  
(Matthew 25:40 NIV)*



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