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stephsinclairpix Aracely was 11 when she married her husband, who was 34. Now 15, she is raising her son on her own. In Guatemala, the legal age of marriage is 14 with parental consent, but in Petén, in the north, the law seems to be more of a suggestion. When we met last year, Aracely told me, "I thought I'd have a better life. But at the end, it didn't turn out that way." Child marriage is pervasive in more than 50 countries, with girls in rural areas of developing nations especially vulnerable.

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