

ERIC: ¡Hola!

My name is Liset . I was born in Tunja, Colombia, South America. I am 13 years old. I am the youngest of three children. My older sister is 23 and my younger sister is 22. She has a 5 year old baby. I live with my mother, my two sisters, my nephew and three uncles in a rented apartment. My father abandoned us when I was 4 years old. He lives with another woman and has a little girl-my third sister. Since then, my mother does not receive any financial support from him. We, his daughters, do not receive any support towards our education. My mother has struggled and worked very hard to send us to school. My sisters already finished high school but because of financial difficulties were not able to attend college. My sisters do have to work to help my mother because she had an aneurysm and was not able to get a job again, even though she had the desired to continue working. My mother then started to make wood handmade articles. She sells those articles and with the money she gets we barely pay the expenses of the house. Sometimes she struggles to cover expenses but thanks to people like you, at least she does not have to worry about paying for my education. We are a very humble family.

I am on 7th grade at the Colegio Boyaca in Tunja city. I want to finish high school and go to the university to become a pediatrician because I like children a lot. I also like animals. Not so long ago my pet got killed so I adopted a new pet called Hachi that means "good luck" in Chinese. In my spare time I enjoy singing, dancing and playing basketball. My mother and I teach Sunday school class at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Tunja. We are pleased to teach God's word to children.

Thank you Eric for choosing me! I am very happy for that. Thank you for your generous help. There are also other students in my church that receive support to study. I hope to see you this year so I can personally thank you.

I send a kiss and a hug to you and your family.

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