



Jesus Zerpa Pena

ID# **NA365** Gender: **Boy** Community: **Quito, Ecuador** Birth Date: **06/17/2009**

Hometown: Quito, Ecuador

Church: None regularly attended

Father: Frank Zerpa

Father's Occupation: Vendor

Mother: Yasmin Peña

Mother's Occupation: Homemaker

How many brothers: 1

How many sisters: 1

Health Info: Healthy

Last update: 02/03/2019

About Me:

Hi! My name is Jesus. My birthday is June 17, 2009. My father is a vendor and my mother is a homemaker. I have one brother and one sister. The school subject I like most is Computers. Some of my favorite things are pasta, sports, music, movies, and the colors orange, red, blue, and yellow. When I grow up I want to be a police officer. I am thankful for food.

About My Community:

I live in La Comuna de Sanrta Clara de Milian' in Quito, Ecuador, which is a South American Country on the equator. Ecuador has a large biodiversity of plants, birds, and mammals, along with a large variety of crops. In the highlands where Quito is, our main foods are corn, potatoes, and rice. My neighborhood is in the northwest part of Quito. It is called La Comuna because the Incas gave this land to their servants so they could have a place to live with their families. Our houses are made of bricks, adobe, or wood, and the roofs are made of tiles or concrete. Some people have a little space where they can grow potatoes, corn, carrots, and onions in a garden. Adults mainly work as housekeepers, in construction, or as vendors in the streets and buses. The normal income for a family with both parents working could be up to \$400 a month. But due to the economic situation, a lot of people don't have jobs. Most of my neighbors don't have clean drinking water and for that reason we have a lot of stomach problems. My community needs more security because we have a lot of delinquency, drugs, and alcohol problems. Garbage is another issue, along with the lack of safe spaces for kids to play. My wish is to have a better educated community that takes better care of the space we live in.

Benefits of the Program:

Jesus is educated in one of Lifeline's Christian schools. Committed to transformation, not just education, the school focuses on five priorities every child in Ecuador needs to succeed: (1) Discipleship, (2) Critical Thinking, (3) 2nd Language (English), (4) Technology, and (5) Servant Leadership. These priorities have shaped the curriculum and every decision. Our goal is that every child finishes school realizing their full potentially educationally, while embracing God's Word personally!