



Hometown: Ocotillo, Honduras

Church: Genesis Church

Father: Manuel Villanueva

Father's Occupation: Vendor

Mother: Sindy Rivera

Mother's Occupation: Homemaker

How many sisters: 1

Jonathan Villanueva Rivera

ID# **OC30251** Gender: **Boy** Community: **Ocotillo, Honduras** Birth Date: **04/08/2009**

About Me:

Hi! My name is Jonathan. My birthday is August 4, 2009. My father is a vendor and my mother is a homemaker. I have one sister and no brothers. I like to study Math in school. I help my family at home by cleaning my room. I enjoy jumping rope. When I grow up I want to be a firefighter.

About My Community:

I live in Honduras, which is beautiful country in Central America. We speak Spanish. In my community of Ocotillo, we eat foods like rice, beans, flour or corn tortillas, and plantains, which are delicious! Our homes are typically made of cement blocks with metal roofs. In my community, there are no jobs for the adults. Families will scavenge in the dump for things to sell or they will build blocks to sell. Many times adults travel to San Pedro Sula to find jobs. The people are very poor and earn less than \$300 (US) each year, which is not enough to support a family.

We often have respiratory problems and digestion problems that give us stomachaches.

Malnutrition is also a big problem because we do not have enough food, or even healthy foods to eat.

I dream that someday my community would have clean water and a sanitation system so that we would not get sick. Maybe we could even have good foods so that we grow up strong and healthy! I also hope that there would be more jobs so that families would not have to struggle so much.

Benefits of the Program:

Jonathan is educated in one of Lifeline's Christian schools. At our schools, students are educated by the standards mandated by their government, while experiencing God's love through the staff and educators and hearing His Word incorporated throughout their daily lessons. Students of all backgrounds and faiths are welcome at our Christian schools.

The students also receive additional programs initiated by Lifeline, such as computer science and sports programs, lunch each school day, and health/dental care.

Our goal is that every child leaves our schools realizing their full potential educationally, while embracing God's Word personally!