

Teje: Ethiopia



Teje is 9 years old. She has three sisters and a brother, the youngest of whom is 4. Her family has suffered a lot recently because her father is ill and unable to work. Her house has one room divided into two by a curtain. The family sleep in one half and live in the other. Teje's health is poor: she has been sick with typhoid 4 times.



Teje tiene 9 años. Tiene tres hermanas y un hermano, el menor de 4 años. Su familia ha sufrido mucho últimamente porque su padre está enfermo y no puede trabajar. Su casa tiene una habitación dividida en dos por una cortina. La familia duerme en una mitad y vive en la otra. La salud de Teje es mala: ha estado enferma de fiebre tifoidea 4 veces.



Afework: Ethiopia



Afework is 16. His mother died when he was 7, and his father when he was 10. Since then he has been living with his older brother, Bekele, and his cousin Addisu, who is like a brother and father to them both. Afework has a scholarship to go to school because he is an orphan. He likes school and wanted to be a doctor or a football player when he grows up. His sister lives far away, but recently returned for a visit and brought him a PlayStation.



Afework tiene 16 años. Su madre murió cuando él tenía 7 y su padre cuando tenía 10. Desde entonces vive con su hermano mayor, Bekele, y su primo Addisu, quien es como un hermano y un padre para ambos. Afework tiene una beca para ir a la escuela porque es huérfano. Le gusta la escuela y quería ser médico o jugador de fútbol cuando sea grande. Su hermana vive lejos, pero recientemente regresó de visita y le trajo una PlayStation.





Ravi: India

Ravi is 13 years old. He comes from a Scheduled Caste family (also known as Dalits). He has dropped out of school to pay a family debt and is working on a farm. His parents never went to school.

Ravi hopes to be a mason when he grows up.






Ravi: India

Ravi tiene 13 años. Proviene de una familia de castas programadas (también conocidas como dalits). Abandonó la escuela para pagar una deuda familiar y está trabajando en una granja. Sus padres nunca fueron a la escuela.

Ravi espera ser albañil cuando crezca.





Harika: India

Harika missed school in 8th grade for a couple of months, and went back for the 9th and 10th grades to finish high school. A new school building had been constructed and six new government teachers were recruited, whom she felt were much better than the previous ones. She says it was not easy to persuade her parents to let her go back to school.

Luz: Peru



Luz is 14. She still lives with her family in a quiet neighborhood where her parents run a small tailoring business. They do not have hot water, and have to walk some distance in order to take hot showers. Since she was 9, Luz has helped her parents by washing clothes and sewing in her spare time, as well as going to school.



## Elmer: Peru



Elmer is 16 years old. His parents bought some land in a place many miles away. Elmer goes to school in the morning, but leaves each afternoon to take care of his sister's children so she can work. During the week he and his younger brother and sister live in a village some three hours' walk from the farm where his parents work.

Lien: Vietnam



Lien is 13 She lives with her parents and her brother and sisters in an economic development zone on the edge of Hanoi, the capital of the city. Even at the age of 13, Lien has to look after the house and family when her parents are at work, and take her siblings to school.

Lien's house has a small garden, to the right of the entrance. In her spare time, Lien loves to tend to her vegetables and flowers.



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