



Cared for and Thriving

The youngest of four children in her family, six-year-old Jenifer Pérez is the first of the children in her family to attend school. When Jenifer started school three years ago at Mano Amiga Tuxtla, she had just finished treatment through a local hospital for malnutrition. Slight in stature and underweight, Jenifer suffered from the ramifications of not getting enough food to eat.

Jennifer's father farms land near his home, and her mother sells home-made tamales. Their oldest son sells candy on the streets. As much as this couple would like to provide for their children, there is never enough to go around.

Mano Amiga is able to provide Jenifer a good breakfast each day. School administrators coach the family on how to help Jenifer complete school work and ensure their children are fed.

Jenifer has a gift for speaking in her native language, and says she wants to be a doctor someday, just like those who have helped her at the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Pérez have grown in their faith and express appreciation for helping hand of Mano Amiga.



Blessed are you who are hungry, for you will be satisfied.

Luke 6:21