

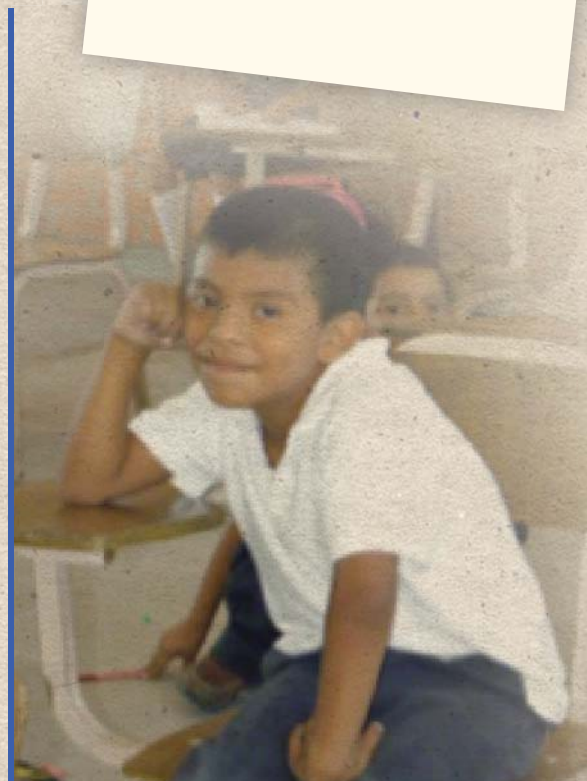
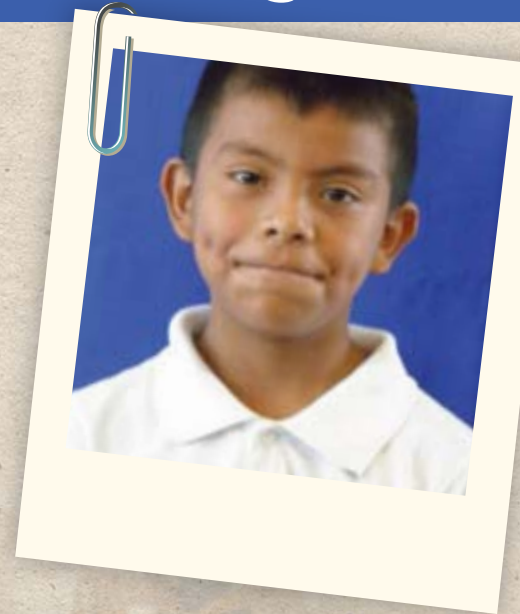


Conquering Obstacles

Seven-year-old Miguel lives with his father and mother in a small house along with his 3 other siblings. With no running water or heat in the home, life can be a daily struggle for Michael, especially in the winter. His father works in the cemetery for a modest income. The family lives on a daily diet of tortilla and beans. To make life more difficult for Michael and his family, there are temptations from local drug pushers tempting children to get into the drug-selling trade.

Our Mano Amiga school in Piedras Negras has offered Michael a fighting chance at a better life. Through the generosity of donors, Michael receives a scholarship for his education, medical check-ups, clothes and food. The school helps Michael's family through frequent dialogue about parenting and the importance of education for their children. Michael's mother now assists and volunteers at the school.

It was a struggle at first to get Michael acclimated to school life. He had to be taught basic things such as personal hygiene and discipline. Michael is now well acclimated with school – showing respect to teachers and working well with his classmates. Michael's favorite subject is Spanish. He wants to become a policeman someday.



For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. *John 6:33*