



**Jorge Luis Simun**

Jorge is 12 years old and currently enrolled in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. When he grows up, he would like to be a painter. Jorge enjoys computer classes at school and also love playing soccer. He is the oldest of his four siblings and says his family's biggest challenge is not having money for food and having to frequently borrow from family and friends. Jorge's sister, Nancy, also attends the art school.



**Wilmer Estuardo Martinez Chanta**

Wilmer is 14 years old and currently enrolled in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. When he grows up, he would like to be a computer teacher. Wilmar loves playing sports, especially soccer and basketball. His father is a day laborer and his mother takes care of the family's home. Wilmer says his family's biggest challenge is his father not having steady work and not being able to earn enough money to sustain the family. Wilmer's brother, Kevin, also attends the art school.



**Kevin Alexander Martinez Chanta**

Kevin is 13 years old and currently enrolled in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. When he grows up, he would like to be a great painter. He also dreams of becoming a doctor or a mechanic. Kevin loves to play soccer and basketball and also enjoys studying. He really wants to find a way to be able to help his family financially.

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**Jordy Cornejo**

Jordy is 14 years old and currently enrolled in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. When he grows up, he would like to be an engineer or have a career as an artist. Jordy and his two brothers work hard to help their mother. His father left when he was 2 years old. He says he is sad that his dad left, but loves his grandpa. Jordy's mom has a difficult time being a single mom.



**Angel Perez**

Angel is 11 years old and currently enrolled in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. When he grows up, he would like to be a professional soccer player. Angel loves to draw, paint, and play soccer. His mother stays home and takes care of the house and his father works as an accountant. Angel's family's biggest challenge is having a very tiny, one-room home.



**Jose Elias Lopez**

Jose is 15 years old and currently enrolled in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. When he grows up, he would like to be a great painter, a P.E. teacher, or an engineer. He dreams of going to high school and college. Jose says his family's biggest challenge is his dad not having steady work and his family not having enough money.

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**Naomi Kimberly Hernandez Chanta**

Naomi is 8 years old and currently enrolled in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. When she grows up, she would like to be a great painter. She loves to paint, study, and play outside. Naomi's mother works in the city selling vegetables and her dad is an accountant. She says she has a happy home and a very happy life.

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**Nancy Viviana Ajin Simun**

Nancy is 11 years old and currently enrolled in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. When she grows up, she would like to be a school teacher or painting teacher. Nancy loves playing soccer, painting, and learning English at school. She says her biggest challenge is that she has to help her mother at home with chores. Nancy's brother, Jorge, also attends the art school.



**Heylin Karina Chanta Bautista**

Karina is 16 years old and not currently enrolled in school, but has completed the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. When she grows up, she would like to be an electronic engineer, but says that is not possible because she will never be able to afford middle school or high school. Karina's mother died 12 years ago during child birth. Her biggest challenge is her father working in the city and having to take care of the house and her 12 year old brother.



**Beverley Paula Ramos Mendez**

Beverly is 13 years old and not currently enrolled in school, but has completed the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. When she grows up, she wants to be a great painter. Beverly loves to paint and play soccer. Her father is a security guard and her mother takes care of the house. Beverly's biggest challenge is that she has to spend a lot of time helping her mom with household chores.



#### **Kimberly Estefani Velasquez Perez**

Kimberly is 10 years old and currently enrolled in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. When she grows up, she wants to be a great painter or doctor. She said she wants to help people. Kimberly loves to paint, draw, and play soccer. She helps her mother with chores and works in the garden. Her family's biggest challenge is her dad being chronically ill after a head injury last year. Also, her aunt recently passed away and her family is still mourning the loss. She said her aunt was one of her best friends.



#### **Jorge Joel Chanta**

Jorge is 14 years old and currently enrolled in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. When he grows up, he wants to be a mechanic. Jorge loves to play soccer and paint. His dream is to high school and university. Jorge's father is a security guard and his mother sells produce in the city. His biggest challenge is his parents not understanding him. Jorge says some days they support him and other days they don't.



#### **William Juarez**

William is 17 years old and currently enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and plans to go to high school in a neighboring city. When he grows up, he would like to be a mechanic. William loves to paint. When he is not in school, he works a construction job. William hopes to one day having his own home, his own room, and a TV. He said, "My dream is to work so I can help my parents and help others who can't work. I see people all around me who are hungry and cannot work. I want to be able to help them."



#### **Joselyn Julisa Lorensana**

Julisa is 18 years old and is not currently enrolled in school, but has finished the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. When she grows up, she wants to be a clothing designer, but says there is no way she can accomplish this because her family has no money for her to continue her education. Her family is currently out of work and struggling to get by as they try to pay off Julisa's medical bills. She has had three major surgeries in the last year.



#### **Carlos & Thelma Lopez**

Carlos and Thelma are life-long residents of Magdalena and started the art school to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ and painting to the local children. Based out of an extension of their home, the Lopez's host a variety of families in their home on a regular basis and are always looking for ways to help their community. Recently, the Lopez's started a baking school to teach baking and entrepreneurial skills to local women.