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If you want to help for a day, give them rice;  
If you want to help for a while give them a tree;  
If you want to help for an eternity, give them an education.

## Meet a Few Students You Are Sending to School

### TIJUANA, MEXICO: Kindergarten and the Computer/Arts/Tutoring School

#### ADRIANA IXEL RAMIREZ



I am a 5- year- old kindergartner. I love to talk which is why I participate in everything in class and I never miss a day. I love learning and I am learning a lot. We are borrowing the two-room house we live in. There is no

electricity or water. My mama and papa sleep in one room and my sister and I have the other. My papa works in a factory but doesn't earn much money. My mama stays home taking care of my one-year-old sister who is very ill. She has hydrocephalus which makes her head big and she wears braces on her legs. My mama needs to take my sister to the doctor often and right now she is in the hospital.

#### DANIELA HERNANDEZ ALTAMIRANO



I am 5 years old and in kindergarten. I have 2 older siblings in elementary school. My sister Ashly is 7 years old and my brother Leonardo is 8. We live with our mama in the canyon just behind the school. My mama works in a church

cafeteria that serves breakfast and lunch to all the kids. That is where we eat everyday. We don't know where my dad is. I love going to school and playing with my classmates. I also like to help my teacher with chores in the classroom and cleaning the desks when they get paint on them.

#### ALEJANDRA MONDRAGON RUIZ



I am 5 years old. I like to go to school because I am learning the numbers and the alphabet. My mama says that in my future I am going to be a college graduate. I like toe at

whatever my mama cooks because her cooking is delicious. I like to play with my 3-year-old sister Mareri. She just had an operation on her back so that she can walk.

#### JULIO CESAR FRAGOSO NIETO



"I am a 17-year-old student. I will graduate from high school in July. When I was in elementary school, I attended computer classes with Professor Jaime. Today I use Profe Jaime's computer lab to do my homework. I want to go to college and study architecture.

After I graduate, I am going to help all my neighbors who all live in poorly constructed homes to rebuild their houses. My neighborhood is one of the poorest in Tijuana. There are many needs and the majority of children go to work after elementary school because their families need the income. Others get married at the young age of 14; others fall into drug addiction or alcohol. I do not want to make the same mistakes. I want to be a professional and give my parents the satisfaction of seeing their son finish a career because I know how hard they work to send me to school."

#### MARIA GUADALUPE GONZALEZ HINOJOSA



"My name is Guadalupe. I am a 14-year-old junior high school student. My parents work very hard and sacrifice so that I may go to school. I do not want to disappoint them. I want to go to college to be an elementary school teacher. A primary school professor has

the opportunity to motivate students to pursue their education. I want to teach children to love learning so much that they will want to continue their education through college. The result will be that they will have a career of their choice. Currently I attend the computer classes of Professor Jaime and do my homework in the computer lab.