



Dear Angela,

2017 started to be a good year. Our team as always is motivated and willing to work hard to keep moving forward, helping people and improving the development of the different villages we support.

In our country school begins in January, children and parents once again start with the routine of going to school. Here, in most cases the mother is the one in charge of sending the children to school and responsible for

whatever occurs there.

During vacations a lot of children (especially boys) go to work with their fathers. Entire families go to different farms to pick coffee. In fact, this is the main reason why our educational system is like this. The coffee harvest time lasts from October to January, and as children are on vacation the whole family can go to work together.

Life has changed a lot during the years in all ways. Every time, fewer families from urban areas go to work this way. Nevertheless, in remote rural areas the entire families go to work during coffee harvest time. For three months Nataly and her family went to cut coffee. It is a job that needs patience but Nataly's father wants his children to learn the value of a hard but decent job. This way he wants his children to appreciate more what they have.

Even though, some days were long and hard, others Nataly and her siblings spent a wonderful time helping their parents and working together.

Nataly is now excited about being school, in fact, she is moving into a new stage. She has more responsibilities and also extra classes. Nataly had already started 7<sup>th</sup> grade or 1<sup>st</sup> basico as we know it. She is studying in Ceylan but she needs to travel to Osuna every Saturday to learn computer and typing. Osuna is one hour away from Ceylan if she takes a bus.

Nataly is happy and she is focused on getting good grades this year. School is the most important to Nataly right now. But she always has free time to be with her sister Keilyn. Together the two girls help their mother with the household.

Nataly's family is very close and they help each other whenever possible. They send you a huge hug and their best wishes to you and your family in this 2017.

The Vamos Adelante team also sends you greetings and blessings to you and your family.

Ingrid and the Vamos Adelante team.

