

PORTRAITS OF **PROMISE**



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It's a joy to share
Abril's story with you.

The lives impacted by your partnership with Orphan's Promise show the power of a helping hand. For vulnerable children around the world, a traumatic event can compound the challenges they have in creating a solid future. But a compassionate support system can help change that and provide the ability to overcome their circumstances.

Let's travel to a bustling community in Nicaragua where Abril lives with her family.

**These are the stories.
These are the souls.
These are the portraits of the
lives we're changing.**



A Helping Hand for Abril





Abril dreams of being a journalist. She's smart and driven and eager to learn. There's a spark in her eyes and a determination in her smile that's hard to ignore.

But she was born in Nicaragua, one of the poorest countries in Latin America, with a population of 6.4 million people—many of whom struggle to survive on less than a dollar a day. Women and girls living in rural areas are among the most disadvantaged, facing limited access to education and an uphill battle against pervasive poverty. Being born here

means Abril must struggle just to survive, and she doesn't have as many opportunities to utilize her bright mind and achieve her dream of being a journalist.

Nevertheless, Abril was determined to beat the odds. As the oldest of three siblings, Abril wanted to set a good example for her little brother and sister, so she studied hard in high school. "Before I began studying journalism," she explains, "I prayed a lot to God, asking that in the future I could study a career and become a great journalist."



The long hours she invested poring over her books and jotting down notes in her spiral-bound notebooks paid off. Her prayers were answered when she was awarded a scholarship to attend the University of Managua. Overjoyed, she began studying to become a journalist—and by attending college, she had already achieved more than many at-risk girls in similar situations have the opportunity to.

But all her studying and careful planning and hard work was derailed in a single day.

Walking to class one morning, Abril paused at an intersection and looked both ways. Before she could even move to cross the street, a bus careened off course and crashed into her. One moment. One accident. One tragedy that could have set her life on a completely different path.

“The accident knocked me unconscious and I temporarily lost my memory,” Abril shares. “I thought that due to this accident my studies would stop and that my career would end.”

But they didn't.

Her recovery was slow, but with a helping hand from Orphan's Promise and ORPHANetwork—our local partner on the ground in Nicaragua—Abril was able to get back on her feet and continue pursuing her passion for journalism. With the support of partners like you, she was able to receive the Orphan's Promise Transition Program scholarship to help cover the costs of her continued education.

“With time I improved and I recovered from the terrible event. I thank God for never leaving me and the people who love me and continued to support me,” Abril says. “I thank God first, my family, ORPHANetwork, and Orphan's Promise, because they have blessed me and greatly supported me so that I can study and become a great journalist in the future.”

On the ground in Nicaragua, Orphan's Promise partners with ORPHANetwork, an organization that is helping break the cycle of poverty by serving 20,000+ children in 230 communities across the country.

The Transition Program has operated in Nicaragua for the last 12 years and has been very successful in helping children—



A young boy with dark hair, wearing a blue patterned shirt, is flexing his muscles with a confident smile. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with greenery.

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who often come from backgrounds of extreme poverty, abuse, or abandonment—gain entrance to universities or secure internships where they can learn, work, and make a living. The goal is to provide disadvantaged young adults who have aged out of orphanages or graduated from high school with the job training and skills they need to live independently. It's a multifaceted, proven process for helping at-risk young adults transition into an adulthood where they can continue walking with God and break the cycle of poverty through job training and learning financial responsibility.





Karina, our Regional Manager for Latin America, explains, “Last year, I visited the Transition Program facilities in Nicaragua. It was a very encouraging experience because I talked with the young people there about their lives, their testimonies, and life expectations. The Transition Program supports people in their transition to adult life, teaching them not only the importance of a career but also life skills and spiritual disciplines. Each young person is bilingual, has good computer skills, and is involved in volunteer programs

Roughly 24 percent of children in Nicaragua are not in the school system, and child labor affects approximately 10 percent of children and adolescents.

inside the organization as a way of giving back and helping inspire the other kids to believe in a change of life and breaking poverty cycles.”

Because of your helping hand reaching out to an impoverished community in Nicaragua, Abril is able to continue pursuing her passion for journalism and will be able to graduate. She won't be another story of untapped potential. Her accident won't be the defining moment of her life. Rather, she views it as the silver lining, where she was able to experience the compassionate generosity of friends like you who believed in her and helped her build a better future. By changing her story, she is helping to change the future of her community.

God has written His creativity into each person's mind and heart. Every child deserves the opportunity to pursue that creativity, that calling, and get an education, whether they are born across the street or across the globe. Because of your support, Abril and many other young people like her are able to get the schooling they need to break the cycle of poverty in their family.

Will you spend some time praying for Abril and other children in similar circumstances? She shared a few prayer requests with our team:

Please pray for my family, that we will continue to be blessed by God.

Please pray for me to find a job in journalism, despite difficult situations in our country.

Please pray for the health and safety of our community and our country.





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