

I am Edy Valdemar Lares Gonzales. I am 22 years old. I live in Los Mageuyes. The reason for this letter is to tell you sincerely about my daily life. I find it hard to express what I really face day by day.

It is my hope that you can understand me but first I thank God for allowing me to count on you. I thank you from the bottom of my heart since it has been a lot of joy and benefit to me.

The nurses at the clinic help me with transportation because they worry about my health. I have appointments with Dr. Garcia and Dr. Sincal who help me to heal my ulcer but the recovery is slow and I just need a little more patience and time.

I want to tell you in recent months I have felt very bad emotionally. I am a burden for my father and I feel rejection from him. It has been a long time since he asks me how I am doing. Only my mother helps me. The situation has always been like this. When my father takes me to the doctor he tells me I need to pay him for gasoline and it is a waste of time for him.

One day I was tired of hearing his complaints so I told my father that he no longer has to accompany me. I will be at peace without his demands and without his scolding.

I need to buy clothes and personal things and I want to help myself. Some people generate income for me when they arrive at my house and want to buy medicinal plants that I grow and sell for Q10 (\$1.33). Since I cannot go out I also repair cell phones. A neighbor taught me the basics and gave me some necessary materials.

My dreams include studying, owning a business, being independent, and having my own income but living in my village limits me so I can never fulfill my dreams.

Thank you for the support you give me. You never turn your back on me. You are always extending your hand even more than my own family. I say goodbye to you by saying that I pray God blesses you in all your daily activities.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Edy Lares