

Jose Danilo Estrada Cusanero, 13 years old, attends 7<sup>th</sup> grade. His father is Edgar Yucute, 43 years old. His sister is Claudia Elizabeth, age 15. They live in the village of Quimal.

On September 9, 2013, Danilo's mother, very early in the morning, got up to prepare her children to go to school. In the same way, she prepared herself to travel to Chimaltenango to sell cheese, cream and butter. She went to Chimaltenango every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to sell her merchandise and bring home food. Dad went to work in the field and mom walked her two children to school, giving them a kiss, a big hug and telling them "Come back! I love you very much." Claudia was always attentive with her younger brother and made sure they returned home together every day from school.

The mother of these two children boarded the early bus headed for Chimaltenango. Unfortunately, the bus had a horrible accident on the road where she and many people lost their lives.

A few hours passed when Danilo's maternal grandmother came to school to bring him home to deliver the tragic news. From that day, the life of Danilo took a total turn. The person who spoiled him and who took care of him was no longer going to be by his side. The days passed by and for Edgar it was so difficult to get used to the idea that his wife, the woman who was fighting with him to get his family ahead, was no longer at his side.

Edgar, Danilo, and his sister Claudia always had the unconditional support of their aunt, Silvia Estrada, 41 years old. From that tragic day she has been caring for Danilo and his sister Claudia.

More than three years passed after the loss of Danilo's mother when his father decided to marry again. They have a good relationship with their father's partner, but if Claudia and Danilo need anything, they go to their father or to their Aunt Silvia who has been like a mother to them. Despite the affection and support that their aunt offers, Danilo mentions that the place that his mother has in his heart no one will occupy.

Despite the absence of his mother, Danilo continues studying. Proof of this is that during the six years of elementary school he was an excellent student. In the month of June, 2018, Danilo and his aunt approached us to apply for a school scholarship because his father could not cover all of the expenses of the house and school. He does not have a stable job and earns only Q50 per day (\$6.50) when he can find work.

Danilo completed the process to request a scholarship and thank God he obtained his scholarship for the year 2019. He has stood out as being a responsible young boy, disciplined, honest, and very attentive. Again he is an excellent student and has an average grade of 88%.

Danilo has many dreams. One of them is to become a Professional Nurse because he knows through that profession he will be able to calm the pain of many people.

