



Maria Egidia Lopez is from Sansur Palencia, Guatemala. She is 47 years old. She got polio when she was 3 years old. The mobility of her legs are affected, to transfer from one place to another, she would crawl ... But in August 2013 she got the gift of mobility that a PET chair can provide.

Maria is a single mother has 3 children and her goals are to be the best mother ever, work hard to provide to her family so that her children can be successful. Her older son is Israel, he is 16 years old, and

he stop going to school to go work on a farm and be able to provide some income to his family and help his younger siblings to go to school. Maria is proud of Israel, he is such a good son, mature and brings joy to her, and she hopes he can go back to school some time. Geovany is 13 years old, is in 2nd grade and he join Maria when she went to receive the PET.



Geovany was really impressed of seeing the workers in wheelchairs making more wheelchairs and helping other people, he told

his mom: "if they are doing it... you can too! Thanks for letting me come with you, I was just expecting skipping school, but I came to learn more". Jasmin is Maria's youngest daughter, she is 10 years old and is in 3rd grade, she helps her mom with the embroidery that Maria sells, also making tortillas.



Maria's house is made of block, dirt floor and is all in two rooms. Unfortunately the house does not have electricity, water and drainage. They really struggle with a lot of difficulties, especially during raining season. In fact Maria said "I don't want to use the PET now because there is a lot of mud, I want to take care of my gift that I love so much... I could never afford to get other one if this gets bad", so we told that she needs to use it to be independent and more free, that, if the PET needs repair or if she will need other in the future, that we will help her.

We had a good time with Maria; she is a strong, beautiful women and such a good mother. Now with the PET she won't skip the classes at night. She is going to finish her primary level!!!

Thanks for the help by sponsoring a PET chair for Maria.



Felisa Albañez is 63 years old, single and does not have children. She lives in Palencia with her 2 sisters and helps them taking care of their children.

She makes rags with old clothes that people donate to her and then sells them once they are nicer.

Felisa lost her right leg when she was a little girl, she did not get the chance of any kind of rehabilitation and took just 2 years of school.

The community where she lives has been very supportive and helps her whenever she needs medical care, food, and other supplies; in fact they were the ones contacting Hope Haven to give Felisa some kind of transportation for dirt roads, and the PET worked perfectly.

Felisa carries her crutches in the back of the PET and is learning how to use it. She said that she will have big strong arms in a little while.

Felisa, her community and us thank for sponsoring her mobility aid.



Mario Cancinos is 10 years old. He has spinal cord injury because he was in a car at the city when some people were shooting and 2 stray bullets went directly to his back.

That was 5 years ago, and it is hard for the family and Mario to talk about this. Mario says "I wish that never happened, I would love to walk again, but I understand that God uses different people for good purposes, and I prefer to think about the future instead of the past".

Mario is in 4th grade, and he is a really good student, he enjoys learning, playing basketball and racing with his old wheelchair and now with the PET!!

Mario is very happy for having this big, cool toy, he said. Mario's parents are Juan and Nancy, they have an oldest son who is 18 years old and just finished high school.

Mario's dreams of becoming a teacher and be part of the national wheelchair basketball team. By now he enjoys helping mom cooking, playing games in the computer and also learning skills during his therapy sessions.



The next step is to get Mario a sport wheelchair. His balance is improving and he will gain strength using the PET. Thanks for providing the PET. Mario is looking forward for the new exciting activities and opportunities that the mobility devices can provide... and he learns fast!