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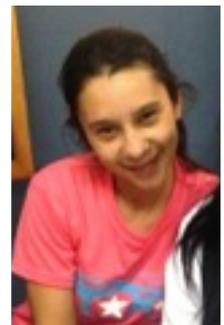
FEISA Scholarships 2014

Year One

Julia Medina – August 2014

Julia says, *“I love to work with children and through the help I am receiving, I want to fulfill my dream of becoming an Early Years teacher.”*

Julia is 19 years old and she lives with her parents and 2 siblings aged 15 and 21. Her father is the caretaker of a Christian school called ‘Nathanael’ and her mother is a dressmaker. She works in the mornings as a helper in a Christian school called “Sinai”, earning £55 a month.



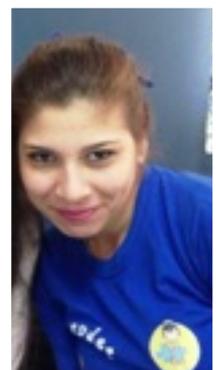
Johana Aquino – August 2014

Johana lives in Capiatá, a town 40 km from Asuncion. She has to walk for 1500 metres along a dirt road and then travel by bus for over an hour to get to FEISA. She lives with her parents and a 14 year old sister in a very small, modest house that belongs to an uncle. Her mother works in a laundry and her father works as an upholsterer, without a fixed income. Johana works in the mornings as a helper in a Christian pre-school.



Myriam Ortiz – August 2014

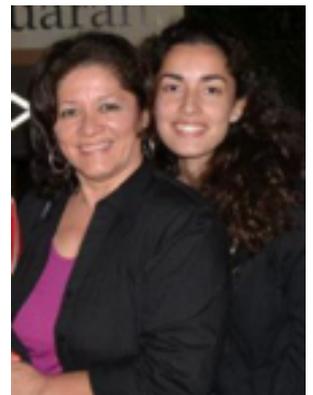
Myriam lives with her maternal grandmother. She’s the daughter of a single mother whose father has never taken any responsibility for her. Her mother has lived and worked for several years in Argentina as a domestic maid and she occasionally sends Myriam a little money from her wages. Her grandfather covers the rest of the bills out of his pension. Myriam loves to work with children and she really wants to get ahead and improve her situation.



Year two

Ana Laura - May 2013

“My name is Ana Laura . I’m 19 years old and I want to thank you very much indeed for bearing me in mind and being such a great help to me in my personal and professional development! I feel very blessed to belong to FEISA, where my knowledge is increasing daily. Thank you, too, for contributing to the development of my country, because as you support young people such as myself, our beloved nation also develops, and your kindness truly honours the name of God! May you be doubly blessed for the blessings you are giving to us!”



Ana Laura (on the right) lives with her mother and brother, and her mother is the only one who is providing for the family. Could you pray especially for Ana Laura as she’s going through a very difficult emotional situation, that she may be able to overcome this stage in her life and continue with her studies.

Sara - July 2013

Sara says, “I chose to study in FEISA because it’s a faculty of the Evangelical University of Paraguay which emphasizes Christian principles and values. Because of your help, FEISA continues to expand and to help people such as myself who want to study but have insufficient financial resources. Thank you so much for supporting Paraguayan education.”



Sara is 19 years old and she lives with her parents and 7 siblings in a town 40 kilometres outside Asuncion. This means she has to travel for 2 hours to get to FEISA. Her father works on the land and Sara teaches children in the Sunday School at her church.

Viviana Moncerrat - April 2013

“My name is Viviana Moncerrat Aquino Riveros. I’m 19 years old and I live with my parents and 4 siblings. I have a younger brother whose girlfriend recently gave birth to a baby girl, and they too have come to live with us.

My father works on a farm & my mother is a housewife.

My family has only a very modest income but I’m determined to get ahead and I’m therefore prepared to travel a long way for my studies. I live in a city that’s 50 kms. from Asuncion & this means I have to spend 3 hours travelling back & forth to FEISA each day, as I really want to make a career in Early Years Education.

Although I’m very proud of my parents, I don’t want to repeat the same cycle of poverty. In fact, I want to become a professional teacher so that I can repay them for all that they have invested in me. Thank you all so much for your support which is enabling me to do this!



Three times a month, Viviana helps with FEISA’s Toy Library and this enables her to pay her fares to FEISA.

Year Three

Marcia Diaz - August 2014

Marcia says, "I'm single, 20 years old and I live with my parents in Limpio, a town outside Asuncion. My mother is a housewife and she also sells articles she has sewn to support the family economically. My dad is a driver for a dairy products company.

We are 3 siblings. My brother is 17 years old and my little sister 13 but she is only just going into 4th grade because she has serious neurological problems. That's why we spend so much paying for all her medicines and treatment.

My desire is to grow professionally and to use my pay to help to improve my family's quality of life and also to help towards my sister's ongoing treatment.

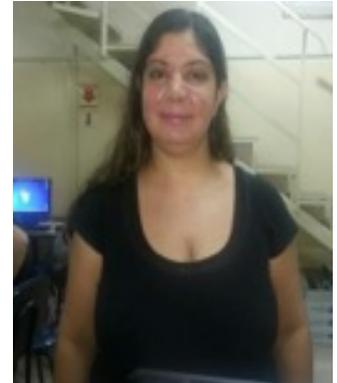
At the moment, I'm working to help a 5-year-old boy with autism in a school called 'The Holy Spirit' Educational Centre. I really enjoy what I'm doing and I can see that my help has enabled the boy to make a lot of progress in his speech and in his ability to mix with his companions.



Erika Vergara - August 2014

Erika started her studies to become an Early Years teacher in 2002, twelve years ago, and she completed the first two years. Unfortunately, she had to break off her studies because she was working in order to pay for her fees, and as her job was very demanding, she was unable to keep up with her academic work. This year is her last opportunity to finish the Third Year course, but she was again facing problems with her workload, and in order to fulfill her dream of becoming a qualified teacher and complete her studies, she had to give up some work she was doing in the late evenings, after her classes. She therefore asked us for a half scholarship, which we have granted.

Erika works in the mornings with 4 and 5 year olds as an Art teacher in 'Christ the King School'. She lives with her parents and siblings and she has a 2 year old daughter.



Bidy Giménez – August 2014

Bidy started her Second Year studies in 2013 but she attended classes irregularly and only finished the first half year, passing in just a few subjects. In the first term of 2014, however, she completed and passed the subjects she lacked and she's now attending the second half year regularly.

Bidy didn't ask us for a half scholarship during the first part of the year because she was working in the mornings as a First Grade teacher, earning £146.75 a month, but in June, her monthly salary was lowered to £113.81 and with this reduction, she could no longer pay for her studies. This is why we have granted her a half scholarship. She lives with her parents and her father sells sweets and her mother is a house wife. Out of her meagre wages, she helps to cover



the household bills for water and electricity.

Former Scholarship Students – where are they now?

Laura Servín

Laura still has some Third Year exams to pass before she can receive her Early Years Teacher's Diploma. At the moment she is working as a helper in an infant school.



Rut Ortiz

Rut is working as a pre-school teacher in a Christian school called 'Pepe, the Little Seed'.

She says, "Studying in FEISA helped me so much as I learned a great deal about the theoretical side of teaching and also through the Teaching Practices we had in different areas. Through this training, I'm finding it easier to do this work which I love so much and I'm fulfilling my dream of becoming a teacher."



Dámaris Gómez

Dámaris needs to do her final Teaching Practice in September in order to complete her Third Year Diploma course.

She says, "The fact that I studied in FEISA has helped me enormously to develop as a person and to grow as a professional, and it's helped to open the way for me to work as a teacher, which has been my dearest wish."



Laura Pereira

Laura works as a pre-school teacher in a Baptist School called 'The Light of Hope School'.

She says, "It was a great help in my life to have been able to study to become an Early Years teacher. It's the career I always dreamed about, but without the financial help I received, I should never have been able to study. I'm therefore so grateful for all the support I received and thanks to all I learnt, I'm able to excel professionally, working as a pre-school teacher."



Pabla Martínez

Pabla got married in May and she works in the mornings in a Christian school called 'Canaan' and in the afternoons in a school called 'Trinity', as an infant teacher.

She says, "It's so satisfying to have studied something which I've always loved. I was very fortunate to have studied in FEISA because of the training I received and the values we were taught. Thanks to these, I learnt many things which today I am putting into practice in the places where I work."



