



Fall 2014—Colombia  
Education Brings Hope



## The Cardona Muñoz family

My name is Faiber Cardona Vargas and I am part of a social integration program. My wife, Deyanira Muñoz Ramos, was displaced as a result of the violence in our country. We arrived in the neighborhood of El Progreso one year ago. We have started to construct our own small house little by little. We have three children; Lorena is seven, Karol is four and our son is three. We have arranged a bit of living space where we can be together as a family, which is essential for us.

Our children have been able to study at CCN where they receive a good education and food. It is an institution in which we have full confidence and our children are happy and cared for. Sadly, Lorena is finishing grade 1 and will have to attend another institution because they not have classes past grade 1.

While the children are studying, my wife and I are working hard in order to get ahead. We strive to build a life with all of the necessities for our children in order to give them stability and security. We want to continue instilling positive values in our children so they maintain them throughout their lives.

We thank God for protection from violence and pray that He will bless you for the great things happening in the midst of this vulnerable and often forgotten neighborhood.

## News

Cazucá is seeing increased violence from various illegal armed groups. This creates fear and generates more police presence. At the same time, part of the community has been relocated to another neighbourhood of Soacha as part of a government housing project.

## Update

Beyond the past seven years of experience, the school also has very close relationships with the community that it functions in. All of the teachers live in the neighbourhood and know the families of the students well. A variety of community members offer their volunteer labour to help ensure the sustainability of the school.



Faiber with his family.



Deyanira in front of the family home.

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