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Translation:

Hello! My name is Neyda Briakilin Mendez Morente, and it is a blessing for me to write this letter to you. Let me tell you that I am 11 years old, and I am a fifth-grade student. At the moment, I receive face-to-face classes and hand in homework every day, but it could change according to the teacher's instructions. My parents top up the phone with internet plans, and I use them to look for extra information to complete homework. The pandemic and the lack of live classes affected my learning, and I got lower scores last year. Fortunately, this study method has improved, and I am doing my best to go ahead. In my spare time, I enjoy playing with my toys. I want to let you know that I live with my parents who strive a lot to cover our family necessities. My father makes a living by working in the field about three or four days per week. Unfortunately, the virus has affected him because there is not much work, but step by step, he has managed to stabilize our economy. On the other hand, my mother works a lot doing the chores and raising hens for selling. Thankfully, my whole family and I are healthy. All of us live in our own house, which is made of blocks, with a concrete ceiling, and a ceramic floor. Our humble home has two rooms, a separate kitchen, a water well, and electricity.



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My family and I almost do not spend much time together, but sometimes, we go for a walk or visit a tourist place to enjoy that as much as possible. Christmas is a beautiful time, and we love celebrating it. However, when we do not have enough resources, we only prepare a lunch to share and thank God for staying together. I want to let you know that my family and I are members of Prince of Peace Church which is a twenty-minute walk. None of us has privilege at church, but we love praising our God there. When the virus spread everywhere, our church closed, but my siblings and I did not understand why we could not go to church. Moreover, I could not attend the feeding program for a long time, and I missed going there. Despite the disease, Living Water did not stop working, and they provided us with food parcels which were a great blessing. Nowadays, the feeding program is opening again; this is an hour walk or a fifteen-minute bus ride. Lastly, I want to let you know that my mother gave this information to an evangelism team member to share with you my last news. Thank you so much for taking the time to read my letter. I hope to hear from you the next time!

Many kisses and hugs, Neyda Briakilin Mendez Morente

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