

David, Peru

David, 15, is from Trujillo, Peru. He has two sisters, who are 20- and 27- years-old, and a 30-year-old brother.

Before dying in a car accident eight years ago, David's father was a mine worker. Eventually, his mother remarried. David's 50-year-old stepfather no longer works. His mother is a security guard.

After his father died, David began working as a rag picker in a garbage dump at the age of 7. He worked nine hours a day (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.), seven days a week, for \$1 US dollar a day. For two years, he worked full-time without going to school. The next year, he attended school while working.

Now, David is in seventh grade and attends school full-time. He receives support from the Proniño Program (Program for Children), which pays for his school books, uniform, and school meals with financing from Movistar, a Peruvian telephone company, and from the Telefonica Foundation of Spain. In Peru, Proniño is executed by Centro de Estudios Sociales y Publicaciones (CESIP), an NGO established in 1976 to work toward the development and empowerment of women, children and adolescents.



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