

Dear friends,

I hope you are doing well when receiving this letter.

To start with, I would like to tell you that my father's main activity is agriculture. He works in the field every day to sustain his family, with a monthly income of about 1,200 pesos. My mother takes care of everything at home.

My father's name is Candelario Gomez Velasco, and my mother's is Petrona Intzin Perez. In my family we are a total of nine persons. I have a brother in high school, two sisters and a brother in elementary school, and two little brothers who don't go to school yet.

Also, I would like to tell you that the community where I live is called "Ejido Tierra y Libertad" (Ejido Land & Freedom), in the municipality of Yajalón, Chiapas. It has approximately 250 people, drinking water, school, and paved access. The school levels in my community are pre-school, kindergarten, and elementary. The local festivities are celebrated on December 12<sup>th</sup>, which is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and then, Christmas and the New Year's Eve.

The reason that moves me to continue studying is to get a much wider understanding of the different ways of how to cultivate the land. After finishing my career in Agricultural Engineering, I will be able to help my community by improving our planting methods without contaminating and damaging our land.

This is all I wanted to tell you for now. God bless you and your homes today and forever.

Sincerely,

Miguel Gomez Intzin

