

LORCAN



SEX: MALE
BIRTH DATE: 22/09/2005
SCHOOL: TABUNOK
GRADE: 1
FATHER: RAMIR
OCCUPATION: N/A
MOTHER: MERLYN
OCCUPATION: VENDOR
SIBLINGS: 1

Lorcan, his brother and his mother live with his grandmother in a small house made of wood in a large and dangerous slum area in the middle of the city. Lorcan's father left when he was only 1 month old. Lorcan's mother works as a vendor in the market and earns about 300 pesos (£4.50) a day. She struggles on this wage as a single mother and so needs support from Mercy in Action to afford her son's schooling supplies and food.

Lorcan's favourite subject at school is Maths. He likes to play basketball with his friends and also enjoys singing along to songs on the radio. His ambition for the future is to become a policeman.

JHERYL LOU



SEX: FEMALE
BIRTH DATE: 24/09/2003
SCHOOL: TALISAY
GRADE: 4
FATHER: ERWIN
OCCUPATION: LABOURER
MOTHER: JODELLIE
OCCUPATION: HOUSEWIFE
SIBLINGS: 5

Jheryl Lou has now joined her identical twin sister Sheryl Lou on the Mercy in Action schooling programme. The girls live with their other 4 siblings and their parents in a small house with one room made of wood and coconut leaves with a corrugated iron roof. Jheryl Lou's mother stays at home as a housewife to take care of the children. Jheryl Lou's father works as a labourer and earns 1200 pesos a week (£18). However this work isn't stable, and so the family would struggle to afford the education of all their children without support from Mercy in Action.

Jheryl Lou's favourite school subject is English. She likes playing volleyball with her friends and choreographing dance routines with her twin sister. When she is older she hopes to graduate college and become a teacher.