

for children

hello

COLOMBIA

How do you say hello in Spanish?



hola

(Say "OH-lah")

My name is Sharol Osuna Salinas.

Age: 7

Lives in: El Progreso, Soacha, Colombia

I live with my mother, my grandmother, my aunt and three younger cousins in an area outside Bogotá, Colombia's capital city.

I wake up at 6, eat breakfast and walk to school with my mother. At school, we study math, Spanish, English, writing and reading, geography and other subjects. We read Bible stories and talk about them. On Fridays, we go to the computer room.

Our school (which is supported by MCC and Colombia's Mennonite Brethren Church) meets in the same space as a church. For break, we go into a large room and play games. Tag is my favorite. Then we go back to study. At noon, we wash our hands and eat lunch. Then we leave for the day.

After school, I play with my cousins and do homework. I help my mother sweep the floor or dust. I like to play with dolls.

My favorite food: pasta

My favorite subject: math

What I want to be: doctor

Gracias Señor por el pan (Thank you Lord for bread)

This prayer is common in Colombia and is often sung in Spanish before meals by MCC workers and MCC church partners in Colombia. Fill in the word that goes in the blanks below.

Thank you, Lord, for . Give  to those who are hungry.

And a hunger for justice to those of us who have .

Thank you, Lord, for .

We invite you to pray this prayer at your dinner table or with friends or family and talk about what it means to you.

