

*¿Quién es ella? (Who is she?)*

Ya Ya - Our Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) Student

One of BTPC's four main benevolences, that is supported through your generous financial contributions, helps to provide tuition for a student named "Ya Ya" at the Presbyterian Pan American School, a Christian college preparatory school located in Kingsville, Texas. Through a partnership with 14 other local Presbyterian churches, in a shared congregational effort, we are committed to supporting Ya Ya for her four year high school education, making a real difference in her life and her future.

Ya Ya comes from the impoverished village of Huejotitán, Mexico. She was identified as a most deserving child for this valuable educational opportunity, based on her potential and determination as assessed through the Mexico Mission Projects, spearheaded by the West Plano Presbyterian Church.

Ya Ya excelled last year as a freshman at PPAS, far beyond what we had hoped for. She has become involved in all aspects of student life, has many friends, and is now on the Honor Roll. Her grades are excellent, improving from all B's to all A's! This transformation has coincided with the life changing experiences and the culture shock that she has undergone since arriving in Texas in July 2014. While she is becoming more proficient at understanding and writing in English, Ya Ya still feels somewhat uncomfortable speaking the language, so she was enrolled in conversational English classes over the summer.

Ya Ya has experienced many "firsts" during her initial year in the United States including: her first plane ride and trip ever outside of Mexico; her first time receiving mail with her name on it; her first time away from her family, friends and culture; her first time to shop at a mall; her "epic" first visit to Walmart; first real job assignment (food service worker); her first time performing on stage (in a Christmas Play); her first Prom; and her first time making the Honor Roll. Congratulations, Ya Ya!

Ya Ya recently wrote a letter to the coordinators of this wonderful program, expressing her appreciation for all that this Partnership Mission is doing for her. She is extremely grateful for this opportunity and for our continued support.

As part of our monthly Stewardship Sunday efforts at BTPC, we will be further supporting Ya Ya with a "care package" during the month of January. This will be a fun adventure, providing this young high school girl with some of her favorite things. There is a list of requested items in the Narthex. Please sign up there if you want to provide an item for Ya Ya.

Plans are also in the works to broaden the opportunity to have Ya Ya visit church congregations in our area this year. As she is now in the choir, another opportunity would be to invite the PPAS choir to sing at our church, receiving the double benefit of getting to greet Ya Ya while becoming better acquainted with PPAS and some of its other students. We will update you with details about this as they become available.

We have certainly helped in making a profound difference in the life of Ya Ya, a child from one of the poorest villages in Mexico. She is determined to succeed and share what she has learned with her family and friends, thus the benefits will be exponentially multiplied, making a difference in countless lives. As a church, we are fortunate to have this opportunity to help do God's work in a loving, caring, and lasting way.

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Ya Ya – *Una hija de Dios* (A child of God) - whom you have blessed, and continue to bless, through your generosity and prayers.



**Ya Ya - Care Package Items**  
**Stewardship Sunday - January 17, 2016**

- Small bags of snacks to share with her friends
  - Pringles chips
  - Bagged candy
  - Gum
  - Red licorice
  - Boxes of raisins
  - Granola bars, etc..
- Clear nail polish
- Small bottle of cologne
- Hand lotion
- “Minion” toys such as pencils or erasers
- Walmart gift cards
- Cards from Church members

*If you would like to provide an item for Ya Ya,  
please add your name to care package sign-up sheet in the narthex.*