

# Giving Perspective

From the first grade, Marida Lopez was taught to believe  that a woman's only lot in life is to have children and care for her family. But something in Lopez (pictured above) yearned to do more, though she didn't know how to accomplish it.

Since her first year of school, Lopez has been sponsored by the missions and relief ministry Food for the Hungry. Her sponsor, in addition to financially supporting her, would visit her and share Christ with her. "I became more confident about my uniqueness and what God could do through me," Lopez says.

Food for the Hungry has helped Lopez complete middle school and eventually become the first person in her family to finish high school. She is now a bilingual teacher of Spanish and Pokomchi, her native language. "I am very happy because I have accomplished something that I knew God had planned for me. But I wouldn't be where I am today without the help of Brad Titus, my sponsor. I have a lot of gratitude and respect for him. Because of his love and generosity, I too can be an example of courage and hope to many young people in my community."