Olivia's Story

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Olivia was a girl who lived in an earthly paradise with her two parents and a younger brother in a beautiful farm. She enjoyed the few trips to her town, it was very long and she had to use different means transport to get there; From her home they walked through mystical paths full of mud, puddles, thick jungle, burying up to the knees. that mud was wonderful not only for her, but also for Platero; a faithful donkey who accompanied them everywhere. Afterwards, they must take a makeshift raft to cross a mighty river and thus they can arrive to the road. There, they wait for a camper van who takes them to the town, where they take the products, they harvest on their farm. Olivia's father always thought about the return because it was pretty difficult to come back home early. for that reason, they come back with the half of his products where her mother and little brother eagerly await her arrival. Olivia was 11 years. She went to the school which it was close to her home, she loved to read and dream of becoming a great doctor.

It is the end of the year, and she is very excited because she finished elementary school.

Three months have passed and it is time to start high school, which is many kilometers away, but that is not an impediment for her to attend class.

Over time it becomes more difficult and it is not so much fun to get to town to take classes, it is no longer so exciting to be full of mud or embark on a raft, now it looks quite dangerous, you must also use equipment and tools that she cannot access.

At home, the products of the harvest cannot be sold, and if they do so they have to do it at low prices, she constantly listens to her parents' conversations on topics that she does not understand too much; They speak of corruption, diversion of resources or even drug trafficking.

One day his family received a visit from a group of people. they were told that they are going to build bridges, open roads, their crops will be collected by a truck that will arrive at their doorstep, that they will be beneficiaries of financial bonds and scholarships and that Olivia will have a route and school lunch.

It was Election Day. The elected politicians were the people who visited Olivia's house.

3 years have passed and the conditions continue being the same, there are no roads, no bridges, no commerce, no support for the countryside and much less scholarships, Olivia's father had sold part of his farm to support expenses home and medical expenses of his child, because he has health problems and his treatment is very expensive.

Olivia now understands concepts that she did not know before, this generates a lot of sadness, she worries about his people, their inhabitants are slaves and always manipulated, because politicians only visit them days before the elections, she is also concerned about the development of her town, because the resources that arrive are diverted.

And despite obstacles Olivia continues studying.

