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## Leticia's Family

### The Story Behind the Photograph:

Photo: Leticia, age ten, stands with her family outside in their town.

Story: Leticia is a cheerful and chatty ten-year-old who enjoys school and hopes to be a doctor or nurse someday.

She is the youngest of four girls. She and her sister Maribel (17), Monica (15), and Elizabeth (13) have a strong bond and are all at the same school.

Leticia loves to play soccer, play with his friends, to dance and participate in community activities.

## Salima's Family

The Story Behind the Photograph: (This story does not need to be printed on the back of the photograph. It is background information for the teacher and provides opportunities to tell a delightful story that fits with the learning taking place.)

See Karen Homer's stories about Salima and Jannatul at:

<https://www.wvi.org/article/better-home-camp-jannatul>

Photos of Rohingya widow Salima, 26, and her sole-surviving daughter, Jannatul, 5, inside their camp home in Bangladesh. Jannatul's name means "the best heaven."

\*Name changed to protect identity.

## STORY

"Could your country pray that we would have peace in Myanmar?" asks Salima\*, 26, whose husband and two of her three children were killed in the violence against the Muslim-minority Rohingya people in September 2017. The family became separated when shooting started in their village. Homes were burned down. "Jannatul was with me, but I didn't know what had happened to my husband and my children," she says. "Later, I saw them dead." Mohamed, 30, was shot; their son, Hafej, 2, and one-year-old daughter, Kalima, were stabbed to death.

Today mother and daughter live in Cox's Bazar, a city in southern Bangladesh, along with more than 920,000 other refugees in camps built on soft hilly earth where eucalyptus once grew and elephants roamed. World Vision made sure Salima and Jannatul, 5, had a sturdy home in the camp, reinforcing their makeshift shelter with cement, tarps, and bamboo to help protect them from monsoon rains.

Jannatul goes to a child friendly space to play and learn. Her regular attendance and sunny smile making her a favorite of the World Vision staff.

Salima recently started working with a cash-for-work project run by World Vision in partnership with the World Food Program. She fills sandbags for construction crews preparing the camp for the upcoming monsoon rains in May. The Rohingya are not allowed to work outside their camp, so the money she earns as a now single mother helps buy to food for Jannatul. World Vision's cash-for-work programs include building a drainage system for when the monsoon rains come. They are working to stabilize the land all over the camps. At first, there was a problem with women working. But at the time of this writing (January 2019) there were 33,362 female-led households—16 percent of the 208,512 families in the camp. The leaders knew that these women needed help. "They feel desperate times call for desperate measures,"

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says Karen Homer. Leaders helped by allowing women to work. The women wear orange vests and yellow construction hats over their burkas. They are able to work for eight days, earning U.S. \$3.50 per day. This is enough to buy a chicken or a basket of fresh fruit.

Salima's two sisters watch Jannatul during the day. They hide in the house all day, in the small space where the family cooks. "I am shy of people outside. Where would I go?" asks Jannatara, 12. "We don't do anything. If we got training on sewing, it would be good for us," They play with Jannatul when her mother is not here. "The latrines are very far from here. We go very early and at night, we take a flashlight when we go. We take company with us. When I started menstruating, I had to start staying inside."

Jannatul's name means heaven—the best heaven. "Heaven is a place where children can play," says Jannatul. "There are many flowers. Many gardens. Many leaves. There is a big pond of water. Heaven is a place where children can take care of the flowers."

Salima's thoughts about heaven are more complicated and rooted in her current situation. "Only God knows if I will go to heaven," she says. "I want to die as a good person. If I will get to heaven or not, only God knows. Heaven is like a good home. Well decorated. With many snacks for the children."

Everything is challenging for this widowed mother. "If I didn't have to work, and if I could take care of my daughter, I could create a heaven on earth," she says. "Life is tough here. We have no emotions. We have neither joy nor sorrow. We just work. At the end of the day, I eat, and then sleep with my daughter in my arms. Then the day is done."

At night, Salima lulls her daughter to sleep with a quiet lullaby. "I pat her back and hold her closely in my arms," she says. There, in the dark, there is peace until morning.

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## Hani's Family

### The Story Behind the Photograph:

Photo: Eight-year-old Syrian refugee, Hani, coloring with his father and younger sister, Fatima, age six.

Story: Hani is an eight-year-old Syrian refugee. Right now, he lives in Lebanon with his mother, father, sister Fatima, 6, and their little brother Hakim, 2. Hani and his family left Syria after their home was hit by rockets. Some of their family members were lost in the conflict. So much of Hani's life is different now. He had to leave all of his toys in Syria. He misses his friends a lot. Hani isn't sure what the future has in store.

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## The Ghazaryan Family

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Photo: The Ghazaryan family sits on the sofa in their home. Left to right: Ani holds her 18-month-old daughter Lilit, who is sick. Next to them sit 7-year-old Anahit, 6-year-old Vahan, and their father, Vartan Ghazaryan, holds their 5-year-old sister Mariam in his lap.

Ani Ghazaryan – mom, 28. Vartan Ghazaryan – dad, 32. Anahit Ghazaryan – girl, 7 (white jacket, track pants). Vahan Ghazaryan – boy, 6 (yellow-blue sweater). Mariam Ghazaryan – girl, 5 (pink shirt with 3 bears). Lilit Ghazaryan – girl, 1 year and 6 months,

Story:

Vahan Ghazaryan is a six-year-old boy living in \_\_\_\_ (Armenia?). Today, he and his sisters Anahit, 7, and Mariam, 5, have received a gift from World Vision, along with food for their whole family. Vahan's house used to be a shipping container, from back in the time of the 1988 earthquake, and it has been added onto over time. It's a small space for a family of six people to live. The house is drafty and in poor repair so that it's hard to keep the place warm with one old stove.

His older sister, Anahit, shows her warm gloves and hat from World Vision. "Before I had warm gloves, my hands would get so cold on the way to school that I couldn't write. It took a long time to warm them so I could do my work," she says. "I feel warm and safe in this sweater," says Anahit, trying on a Knit for Kids gift.

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Ani learned skills from World Vision's child development program, Go Baby Go.

"Before, I didn't know how to make simple toys and didn't spend much time with the children. Now I'm busy with them most of the time and we go outside so they can play. I know that's important for them," Ani says. World Vision gave them educational books, including fairy tales and books about animals that she reads with them.

Ani is grateful for her children's sponsors. "It means a lot to me that my children are sponsored and receive gifts from someone who cares about what they eat and what they wear," says Ani. "I know someone far away loves them, too."

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## Beauty's Family

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Photo: Sixteen-year-old Chadni (in pink) sits with her mother Beauty (around 35 years) and her nearly-6-year-old brother Omar Faruk in their home.

Hanging on the wall behind them is the Vision Board they created with World Vision staff to have a visual reminder of their dreams and goals.

### Summary:

Nearly six years ago, Chadni's father abandoned her family, leaving Beauty Begum to raise her daughter Chadni, then 10 years old, and her 6-month-old son Omar Faruk on her own.

Even when Chadni's family had two incomes, there wasn't enough money to provide for all of their needs. With one income gone, Beauty struggled even more.

She worked at a shrimp processing depot, but had to bring her children along because there was no one to care for them.

Beauty soon realized that her income wasn't going to be enough to support her growing children. So, she had to pull Chadni out of school to join her at work.

Chadni watched as her friends continued on with their education while she worked and began to grow angry.

Then in January 2017, World Vision started the Jiboner Jannya—For a Better Life—Project designed to combat child labor. World Vision uses a multi-faceted approach. They established Child Friendly Learning and Recreation Centers (CFLRC) where children involved in hazardous labor can come for a few hours a day. Here, children like Chadni have time to play with others. They receive tutoring that helps them catch up on lessons missed, as well as other helpful life skills. The goal is to get children back into school and out of their hazardous jobs.

World Vision helps families set up businesses that help them earn more income than they would have received through their children's work. World Vision also provides parents with a conditional grant to cover school expenses.

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Photo: Jouri (wearing a pink sweater) sits with her family at home. She lives with her mother, grandmother and rowdy little brothers.

Story: Jouri (wearing pink sweater) is an 11-year-old Syrian refugee girl who attends a World Vision Child Friendly Space in the Bekaa Valley, Lebanon.

She lives with her mother, grandmother, and four brothers.

Her father is missing in Syria.

Jouri was very shy and stayed by herself when she first came to the CFS. Then her teacher realized Jouri could read well, and with emotion, and was able to tell great stories. Jouri was made the class storyteller, a position she takes seriously. Now she enjoys taking part in all the activities, especially storytelling, reciting poetry, and singing. Jouri also attends school. "Going to the CFS has made me a better student," she says. "Now I'm not so shy. I'm better able to answer questions and read aloud in class."

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See Summer 2015 issue of World Vision Magazine: <https://magazine.worldvision.org/in-depth/peru-long-road>

Photo: The Rafaelo family outside their home in Carhuahuran, Peru.

Left to right: Ortencia Rafaelo Curo (22, a former sponsored child) stands with her 1-year-old son, Jack, her sister (?) Silvia Rafaelo Curo (also a former sponsored child), their mother Juana Rafaelo, and two of Silvia's four children. Marcos Rafaelos Cente (Ortencia and Silvia's father). Squatting: Silvia's husband and their daughter, Rosaura, 8.

Change here happens slower than in cities. The daughters' lives look a lot like their mother's, dominated by collecting wood, tending small animals, and cooking. The advantages of Carhuahuran's entrée into the modern world won't likely affect them as much as it will affect their children.

The women in the family still dress in the traditional Quechua way—a hat, cardigan sweater, full skirt, and a small blanket around their shoulders. All five children in the family are sponsored: Yobert, Elizabeth, Silvia, Ortencia, and Maritsa. Their grandfather Marcos was a sponsorship promoter and helped deliver letters to sponsored children in the ADP.

The family attends a Pentacostal church in town. Life in this remote community, located in the mist-shrouded highlands of Peru's Huanta province, was in the crosshairs of violence between Shining Path terrorists and the military in the 1980s and '90s. Life improved when World Vision launched Ayacucho ADP in 1996, offering sponsorship for local children. At the time, the village was reachable only by foot; staff hiked in, carting sponsors' letters for sponsored children. In 1999, a road was built to reach Carhuahurán, ushering in a new identity as a proper town. World Vision's work phased out in 2012, but staff helped facilitate a game-changer: Carhuahurán is now part of a newly created incorporated district, Uchuraccay, ensuring government recognition and funding for generations to come.

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Photo: Sponsored girl Rosemary, 10, (holding goat), with her grandparents, siblings, and other relatives at her grandparent's home in Moyo ADP, Zambia.

More of Rosemary's story:

<https://www.worldvision.org/blog/magical-moments-kitchen>

Story:

Ten-year-old Rosemary's family had a bumper crop of corn.

Her grandparents Patricia and Danford continue to improve their crop yields, now that they have goats they can sell to buy improved seeds. The extra income from the goats also lets Rosemary's grandparents pay people to help them in the field and gives them access to farm tools they need to expand their fields.

Previously, Rosemary's family never could have considered helping anyone else, because their own struggles were too profound. Now, they are a family who generously helps others in their community. One of the ways they've helped is by participating in World Vision's Pass On goat project.

When a family is selected to get goats, they agree to donate the same number of goats they originally received in the future. World Vision relies on community volunteers to ensure that Pass On runs smoothly. A committee of ten people selects the most at-risk families and oversees the collection and distribution of goats.

Her grandfather Danford says, "I'm happy that my family is now living well, that we are healthy. It is exciting. But most importantly, that excitement should not just end up at my household. That excitement—I have now a responsibility that I pass it on to someone else." Danford continues, "The way we struggled is the way others also struggle. So once we pass on the goats, we know it will ease the lives of the next family just like it has happened to us." Rosemary's family passed the goats on in 2015.