

## Case Study: Pedro

**This is me, Pedro. I live in a refugee camp called El Triunfo in Guatemala. I was born here. Until a few years ago people were fighting a very long, very bloody war in my country.**

At that time, life where my parents used to live was very dangerous and my parents had to leave their village and come here to the camp to find safety. They tell me that after they left the village, their house, the school and the whole village were destroyed.

Although the camp is not like a village, we are doing our best to make it a good place to live in.

In the mornings, I help my mother to make the tortilla\* and then go with my father to look after the animals. The best thing is that in the afternoons I go to school. For a long time there was no school here, but now I go every day. This is very important to me because I want to be a doctor when I grow up, so that I can look after people where we live.

\*A flat bread made of ground maize. Many Mexicans eat tortilla for breakfast.

Note: This is a true story, but these are not Pedro's actual words.

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Pedro, from Guatemala

72 million children are missing out on school