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Mark sat down to talk with 14-year-old **Alena** recently at the children's feeding center in Los Guido.



How did you come to the ministry the first time? I was 8 years old when I came to the feeding center by myself, so it was about six years ago.

From there, how did you get involved in other ministries? First, I started attending the Children's Club every Saturday, and soon after, I began attending church on Sundays with my new friends. I had never gone

to church before. There were a lot of other activities I liked, like the camps.

When did you start discipleship? I was one year behind in school, and so did not know how to read. I was still invited to start by just talking with my teacher and discussing the questions each week. It was during that time that I understood that Jesus died and rose again for me. By the end of that year, I had my own book and, still with help, was answering the questions and memorizing the verses. I will be starting discipleship book number 17 soon! (Said with great excitement!)

Who is your discipleship teacher? My teacher is Shantal. She is a board member and in charge of many of the large outreach events, and so I learn from her leadership, too.

What were the easiest and the hardest discipleship books so far? The missions book was the hardest. The easiest, which, of course, I say now, was book one.

Tell me about your family. My family and I live in very humble surroundings. My Mom, Dad, and older brother live together with me not far from the church. I thank God that all of them have accepted Jesus, and my whole family is serving in the church. My Dad had never been to a church before, but I asked him one Sunday morning to come and see me in a drama. He came and sat right in front to watch the drama. He had lots of questions after hearing Mark preach that day, and so came back the following Sunday. That was when both my mom and dad accepted Christ with Mark. My brother went to the youth group where he accepted Christ when some of the youth shared the gospel with him.

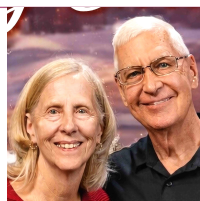
Where are you serving in the church? I am on the team helping with taekwondo training twice a week and am also one of the rotating Sunday school teachers. I am also on the outreach team, helping with the children's camps, Fear Factor, and other outreach events. I really enjoy serving on those teams even though it means long days and a lot of work.

What do you want to do in the future? I really want to be in charge of my own team someday here in the church, serving others. I am hoping that happens soon! (Said with great excitement!) I want to go to the university after high school, so God will have to provide a miracle since no one in my family has ever gone to the University.

How can the people reading this pray for you and for your family? I would not ask for prayer concerning material things. Please pray for wisdom, especially for me, to know right from wrong and have the courage to do the right thing. I ask God to continue to bless me with knowing more and more about Him. Please pray for the spiritual protection of my family. I thank God for where He has brought me so far in my life and look forward with great excitement to what He has still waiting for me.



The children's feeding center opened in early 2012. Some **1,400,100** meals have been served there in the past 14 years. Of all of the 30+ ministries, this has proved by far the most fruitful in introducing children and their families to Jesus. Many people, young and old, have been discipled because they came to this place hungry. Please pray for all aspects of this ministry. Pray for those that are there today hearing about Jesus for the first time.



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