



STORY OF A BOY



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Alvaro is a 12-year-old boy from Nicaragua who lives with his mother and younger brother. In order to provide for the family, Alvaro's father had to seek employment in another country. Not only was money for food scarce, but so was money to afford quality medical care. When Alvaro developed a cancerous ulcer in his right eye at the age of two, treatment options were limited due to finances. He underwent chemotherapy and surgery to remove the eye.

Alvaro describes that time by saying, "Not having one eye made me feel very sad, because when I went to preschool, all the children played with me. But when we moved to a new neighborhood, ... I had to go to a different school. Then, my classmates and other groups made fun of me a lot. And I cried a lot. For this reason, I never wanted to go to school again."

Things began to change when Alvaro started attending a Convoy of Hope Boy's Empowerment program. The program promotes positive asset building to help boys become confident, compassionate contributors to their families and communities. With an approach that balances

internal transformation with external skills building, boys grow in both character and capacity.

"For the past two years, I've been participating in the Convoy of Hope boy's program at my church. I've learned to love and care for myself. They also teach us how to plan our life plans, focusing on what we want to be in the future — but above all, to trust in Jesus Christ," Alvaro said. "It's changed my life, because now I have more friends and knowledge of self-care so I can focus on my goals."

Convoy of Hope's Boy's Empowerment program helped Alvaro develop confidence and start dreaming of his future. And he has big goals. When he graduates from high school, he wants to earn a scholarship to university and study business administration. He knows this career path will give him the ability to help his family and community.

But empowerment and flourishing doesn't happen in isolation. When one person flourishes, it influences the flourishing of others. When one person is empowered, they become an agent of change for their community.

Alvaro's participation in the Boy's Empowerment program not only changed his life, but also his mother's. She joined prayer groups and was given the opportunity to work at the church hosting the program, providing more income to care for her children.

By supporting Convoy of Hope, you can help bring confidence, dignity, and hope to boys like Alvaro around the world. The ripple effect of empowerment starts with you!

“I’VE LEARNED TO EXPRESS MYSELF WITH GREATER CONFIDENCE.”

-Alvaro





BOY'S EMPOWERMENT



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Boys growing up in communities — especially those facing poverty, instability, or social pressure — are often shaped by messages that tie their value to strength, dominance, or survival. Many are not given safe spaces to process emotion, build healthy relationships, or imagine a hopeful future.

Convoy of Hope's Boy's Empowerment program is designed to provide boys ages 10-18 years old with the opportunity to grow in both character and capacity. Through a positive asset-building framework, the program addresses key areas that

balance internal transformation and external skills building. This approach guides boys on a journey to become confident, compassionate contributors to their families and communities.

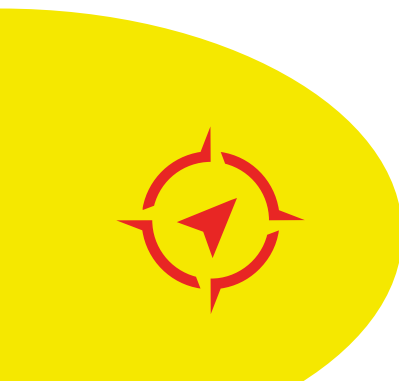
Empowerment does not happen in isolation. Every individual's empowerment is shaped by the people and systems around them. When one person flourishes, it influences the flourishing of others. When one person is empowered, they become an agent of change for their community.

Empowerment and flourishing have a ripple effect:

- When a boy learns self-control and respect, family conflict decreases.
- When a young man develops hope and purpose, violence and disengagement decline.
- When boys are included in empowerment efforts, girls' gains are sustained.

This is how individual growth becomes collective impact.

For just \$25, you can empower a boy to receive mentorship and education through Boy's Empowerment. Because of the support of friends like you, over 9,000 boys across 18 countries — spanning across Latin America, Africa, Eurasia, Asia-Pacific, and Europe — are building confidence, planning for their futures, and finding hope!



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**EMPOWERS A BOY
FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR**