

Juan lives in the mountains of Guatemala. When he was a little boy, his father left \_\_\_\_\_,<sup>1</sup> and Juan and his mother had to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> in with his grandmother. Juan's grandmother owned \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> house that was large enough for many \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> his aunts, uncles, and cousins who lived \_\_\_\_\_,<sup>5</sup> too.

One day, Juan's mother met a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> in the market- place. After a while, she \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> to go out and leave Juan at \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>8</sup> One day, she told him that she \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> going to marry the man, but Juan \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup> come to live with them because the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>11</sup> wanted to start a new family.

Juan \_\_\_\_\_<sup>12</sup> very upset at first. But he had \_\_\_\_\_<sup>13</sup> playing soccer with his cousins, and his \_\_\_\_\_<sup>14</sup> taught him how to do backflips and \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>15</sup> His aunts sometimes took him into town \_\_\_\_\_<sup>16</sup> night.

Juan learned how to help his \_\_\_\_\_<sup>17</sup> make arroz con leche and to sell it in \_\_\_\_\_<sup>18</sup> market. His grandmother also taught him how \_\_\_\_\_<sup>19</sup> shine shoes. Juan earned money doing this \_\_\_\_\_<sup>20</sup> was proud of his work.

When Juan \_\_\_\_\_<sup>21</sup> children going to school he wished that \_\_\_\_\_<sup>22</sup> could go, too. He asked his customers \_\_\_\_\_<sup>23</sup> help him to read the signs on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>24</sup> buildings. Juan was surprised when his grandmother \_\_\_\_\_<sup>25</sup> him to school. After a short time, Juan moved up \_\_\_\_\_<sup>26</sup> second grade because he was such a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>27</sup> student.

To Juan San Pablo was really the most beautiful place in the world. It was the place where you love somebody and somebody loves you.

