

My name is Eddy Mendoza López. I live in León, about 96 km from Managua. I am married to Lucrecia Zárat, and we have three kids – Gloria who is 18 years; Loida who is 16; Alvaro who is 14. We are members of a Pentecostal church, Puerta de Salvación (Door of Salvation). We have service every day, except on Mondays.

I was first introduced to Project H.O.P.E. through an organization called Mercy Ships. They had their offices in the city of León in 2000. It was through my wife that I met the North Americans from Mercy Ships. They asked me if I could drive them to the prison in Chinandega to visit the prisoners and to take food to them. The director of Mercy Ship said that they could not pay me for this service, because they did not have the funds for that. I told them it was okay. I helped them for a while in this ministry, until one day Mark Thompson, the director for Mercy Ship, called me and told me there was an organization called Project H.O.P.E. that needed a driver to take people from one place to another in different parts of the country. That is how I began to work with Project H.O.P.E. and Mercy Ships. After a few years Mercy Ship left from León, and I stayed working with Project H.O.P.E. full-time. My first job with Project H.O.P.E. was in a community called Monte Oscuro with a group of people who came down to build little houses. I also worked with a medical team.

My current position is Director of Transportation. A great deal of my job involves maintenance of the vehicles to ensure they are in good working condition, when the teams come down. This is very important, because this is how we move around the country to take blessings to the people and communities who are in desperate need. This has been a great blessing for our family and for me, because before I worked with Project H.O.P.E., we didn't have a decent house. Through Project H.O.P.E. and others who helped with construction, my family now has a house. The house we lived in before was made of plastic and cardboard. I thank God we have a roof over our heads. I also thank everyone who helped me build my house, as well as Project H.O.P.E. – the instrument God used to bless me and my family.

I thank God for the Directors of Project H.O.P.E., because they are good, Christian men. They have a big heart in helping us at the most difficult times, both economically and spiritually. Without their help, I wouldn't have been able to make it.

I have met so many good people who come down with the teams. They have all shown their love for me and my family. You are all very special to me and will always be in my heart. May GOD BLESS YOU!