

MARCELO DELGADO

Quito/ Ecuador

How many siblings do you have?

I have 3 sisters and 4 brothers.

Do you have any pets?

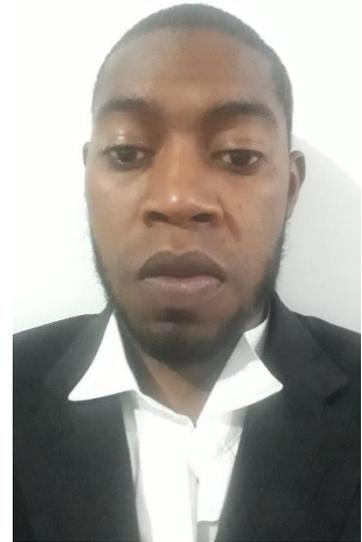
Yes, I do.

What are your favorite pastimes or hobbies?

Playing the guitar and singing.

Are you working? What type of work are you doing?

I'm working like Professional Driver Type C "Taxi Driver"



Studies

Academic program: 1st / "Integrated Child Development

School name: ITSCO (Cordillera University Technological Institute)

Graduation: 2023

What work will you pursue with your program?

Helping with my knowledge, the neediest children in the development of their physical and motor personality.

The Foundation

Well, I saw Mike and Maggie for the first time in the dining room of the Mall El Jardin, when I accompanied Maritza to attend one meeting convened by Mike and Margaret. I remember that a little fearful I stayed a few meters away waiting for Mary. She told them she was with me and, without hesitation; they invited me to come in. We talked a little and after a few months, we have invited the members of the church choir of Pisuli-Tiwinza, to sing at the CMT in Cotocollao to celebrate Christmas, we shared games, photos, dance, and music that made everyone happy the afternoon, that was the second time I saw them and we crossed a few words according to the moment.

When I officially moved in with Mary, she had occasional conversations with Mike and Margaret, but I didn't take part in them until in one talk we introduced ourselves and got to know each other. In this way, I met them and now they have given me the privilege of being part of the great DEOF family, to which I feel very proud to belong.

First, indirect way for the help given to Mary and our son Elian, and now that I'm part of the foundation, much more, the support is unconditional helping me to train as a teacher at Cordillera University Technological Institute where I enrolled about 1 month ago.

The most important thing that I will carry forever in my heart is to have been able to meet such wonderful people as Mike and Margaret. DEOF, in reality, is a cradle full of values, a refuge full of hope and opportunities, a place where they teach you to value life, grow, and share all the riches gained in this great family with those who need it.

COVID Disruption

I could categorize it as bad and good experience, first because it was something unexpected, that came suddenly and paralyzed many projects that were being processed for the future, we lost jobs and economic income. Every day that passed the problem was bigger, not only personally, but worldwide. We realized it brought many deaths and above all a lot of fear to humanity.

I say that it is also a good experience, because it awakened in many of our abilities that were stored and perhaps we didn't even know we had them until the pandemic arrived and gave us that time of personal encounter. Although inside we were full of worry and fear, thinking that maybe we would not even have enough to eat, that same fear gave us the courage to know ourselves and to know what we are made of.