

## **PATRICIO NARVAEZ**

Loja



### **How many siblings do you have?**

I have 5 siblings

### **Do you have any pets?**

I have 4 pets

### **What are your favorite pastimes or hobbies?**

Playing soccer, chess, and swimming.

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

Independent work. My main customers are religious entities and sports shoe companies.

### **Studies**

**Academic program:** Computer engineering

**School:** Private Technical University of Loja (UTPL)

**Graduation:** 2021

### **What work will you pursue with your program?**

Improve my business, look for a position in the Ecuadorian market.

### **The Foundation**

It all started when I joined the group of pre-leaders of the CMT. My role as a pre-leader was to help in different areas, one of which was to give remedial classes to students who had low grades. For my good luck, there were Mike and Margarita! Two very charismatic, older volunteers who played an extraordinary role: educating children who for different reasons had a low school performance. I feel fortunate because for matters of life we coincided in time and place with these magnificent people named Mike and Margarita.

Without knowing, I witnessed when the idea was formed of helping young people with potential, who because of unfavorable circumstances, had dropped out of school. Years later, thanks to this idea, I could resume my studies, because of the great help DEOF did, not only for me but also for my family.

They have always been an unconditional help at all times. In addition to this they have given me the opportunity to study at a university. In my mind come not just one but several moments with Mike and Margarita! Moments of student and family recreation that were organized each year. DEOF to me means an opportunity for change for good! Light at the end of the road.

### **COVID Disruption**

When the pandemic started, everything was a situation of uncertainty. On the one hand, because of mobility restrictions, it was almost impossible to send the items to my clients. Somehow, we were locked up for several months, and we kept up with some savings, ironically believing that it would only be a matter of a couple of months.

My sister, who was in another city, was suffering from health problems that prevented her from walking.

These moments were moments of despair, which made me think again and again about traveling and being able to help her, but it was practically impossible. Fortunately, the communication with her was constant, and we could look for momentary solutions and with it wait for her early recovery.