

Mr. Biblioburro



Luis Soriano is a teacher. The biblioburro was his idea. He runs the biblioburro. He does it on weekends. He does not get paid.

Luis lives in Colombia. Colombia is a country. It is in South America. Some parts are dangerous. It is dangerous to ride to farms. But Luis does it anyway. He brings books to the children.

The children write stories. They bring them to Luis. They read them out loud. Many are true. Many are sad. Luis listens. The children listen. One girl's sister died. A bomb killed her. One girl heard gunshots. She ran and hid.

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Luis says, “We will not forget this. It is sad. Where will we put this story?”

“Behind us,” say the children.

“Behind us,” says Luis. “We will leave it there. We will leave it behind us.”

Then it is time to be happy. The children get books. They bring back their old ones. They take new ones.

A man made a movie about Luis. Lots of people saw it. They wanted to help Luis.

They sent books. Now Luis has a lot of books. He is very happy. So are the children.



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Colombia has lots of farms, many of which are
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Parts of Colombia are dangerous. It is dangerous to
ride to farms. But Luis does it anyway. He knows the
children need the books.

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The children write stories and bring them to Luis. They read them out loud. Many of the stories are true. Some are very sad. Luis and the other children listen. One girl's sister died. A bomb killed her. One girl heard gunshots. She ran and hid with her family.

After each story, Luis says, "We will not forget this story. It is sad. Where will we put this story?"

"Behind us," say the children.

"Behind us," says Luis. "We will leave it there. We will leave it behind us."

Then it is time to be happy. The children get to borrow books. They bring back their old ones. They borrow new ones.

A man made a movie about Luis. Lots of people saw it. They wanted to help Luis. They sent him books. Luis used to keep the library books in his house. But now the library has so many books that they don't all fit in his house. This makes him very happy. It makes the children even happier.



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Luis lives in Colombia, a country in South America. Colombia has many farms, many of which are owned by poor farmers.

Parts of Colombia are dangerous, particularly in the countryside. Riding around the countryside is dangerous, but Luis does it anyway. He knows the children need the books he carries.

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The children write stories and bring them to Luis. Luis asks them to read the stories out loud to the group. The stories they write usually tell about things that happen to them in their daily lives.

Many of the stories are sad. In one, a little sister was killed in an explosion. In another, a girl and her family ran and hid when shooting gunmen attacked their home.

After each story, Luis says, “We must remember this story. It is sad, but we will move on. Where will we put this story?”

“Behind us,” say the children.

“Behind us,” says Luis. “We will put it behind us and leave it there.”

After story time, the children become much more cheerful. It is time to exchange books. The children return their old books and get to take out new ones. They go home with a book and a big smile. The books mean so much to them.

Not long ago, a man made a movie about Luis. Many people saw the movie and wanted to help Luis afterward. People all over the world sent him books. Luis used to keep the library books in his house. But with so many books coming in, Luis had to find a new place to house his ever-growing library. Luis is very grateful for these donations, which mean so much to the children who depend on him and his biblioburro.

