

Faviola is an 18 year old girl from Bolivia who has made an incredible journey and started a new life in Sweden... and we got the chance to interview her!

When we picked up Faviola at her classroom she looked kind of nervous, but who wouldn't be? We introduced us and then she told us a little about herself.

Faviola, an 18 year old girl from Santa Cruz in Bolivia.

Then we sat down at the calmest place we could find. We began to tell her about the interview and why we were doing it. With me, the only Swedish one with a lack of a good Spanish vocabulary I talked in Swedish and my kind classmates translated into Spanish.

In the beginning she just nodded her answers to all of our questions and didn't seem to want to engage at all. We asked simple questions such as where are you from? Do you find the Swedish language difficult? She acted reserved and we felt a bit like we were intruding in her personal life. But after a few questions she began to open up. A smile here and some laughter there, it felt more relaxing and we could speak easier to each other.

We asked her about her situation in Bolivia but she didn't seem to want to talk about it, she told us that she came to Sweden with her big brother and that she felt very sad to leave Bolivia because of her large family and friends who lives there.

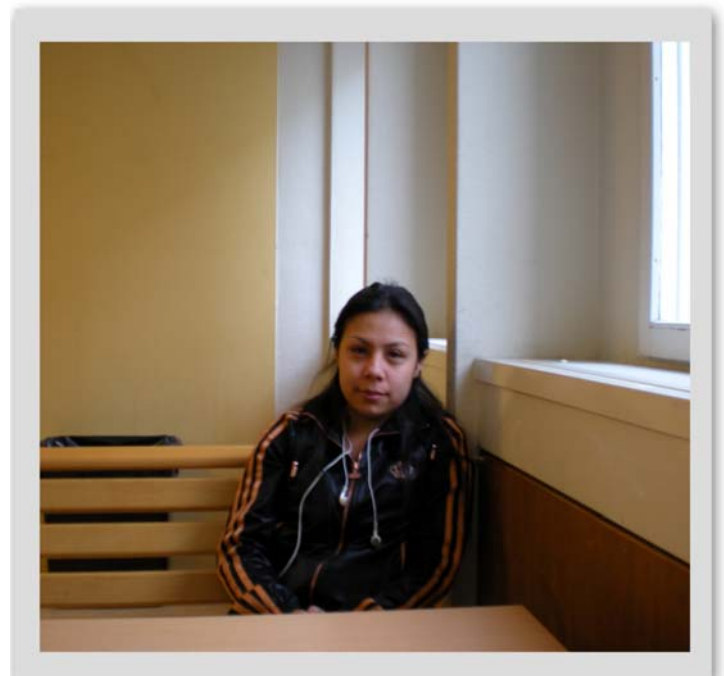
When we asked about her dreams and goals for the future, she told us that when she has finished the IVIK education here at Lövströms gymnasium she really wants to study medicine. A reason for that is that she has always loved helping people.

A bit further into the interview we wanted to know if she has thought anything about children in the future and she said no... three times! So children were not on her

mind, at least not at the moment. Now, she just wants to focus on her education and nothing else.

At the last part of the interview we asked a little about if she wanted to move back to Bolivia. She said that despite the fact that Bolivia's weather is really nice and Sweden's not... she still doesn't want to go back. She thinks that Sweden is a beautiful country and she has made up her decision about living here. This is where her future is.

Faviolas story about her life interested me a lot. She didn't tell us but we could understand how scared she must have been when she came to a country where she didn't speak the language and didn't have a lot of money. I can't really put myself in her situation but I can definitely imagine what a journey she has been thru, even though she's only 18 years old!



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