

Mr. Biblioburro



Luis Soriano is a teacher. The biblioburro was his idea. He does it on weekends.

Luis is a volunteer. Luis does not get paid.

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

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.

