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## My Name ...

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## María Mariscal

**M**y full name is María Guadalupe Mariscal Hernandez. I added my mom's last name because I like it more than my dad's last name. In elementary school, they used to call me "Lupita." Personally, I don't like my first name because it's so common. Yet, I just can't see my name being anything else. My grandma, my mom, and I—we all have the same name.

The reason I was named María is because my mom believes in God. I was born prematurely with a slim chance of surviving. My mom named me María because when they told her that I wasn't going to make it she named me María, like the Virgin Mary. My family believes that I am a miracle baby. I am very fortunate to be alive today and I am always grateful for each and every day. Like I said before, I cannot imagine my name being anything but María. In Humboldt, I hardly ever hear that name which makes me happy because back home I hear it all the time.