

BERCHIMAS

Berchimas was born in 1998. He is totally deaf and when he reached our centre he had never spoken. His caring parents felt that all they could do was to teach him how to grow vegetables on their small patch of land.

Then they heard about our special centre called the Alivera Centre

Berchimas attended the Alivera Centre as a boarding pupil for three years. Here he learned to sign and was hugely excited to be able to communicate for the first time in his life.

After two years of support, Berchimas started to attend the local primary school which is supported by signing assistants. To the amazement of his parents and teachers, Berchimas began to do incredibly well with his lessons and was soon top of his class.



In 2012 Berchimas qualified for secondary school and he is now completing senior 6 level: he is almost certainly the first deaf boy in this province to reach this standard. We hope that he will now go on to university.

Berchimas's family has now learned to sign so he is supported at home.

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