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**Chapter 9**  
**TESTIMONIES OF SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS IN THE VIRGIN OF MIRACLES OF**  
**CAACUPÉ SCHOOL VISIT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON (MARIANIST),**  
**OHIO, USA VILLA 21-24, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**  
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**Abstract:** During the visit to Argentina and Peru faculty from the University of Dayton visited and exchanged ideas with students from a variety of schools and the conversation below was an example of those discussions. In the final analysis, those discussions showed that irrespective of where people live, they all dream of a better life.

I thought Trevor seemed to be a nice person and his visit was good since it let me know how it is where he studies. He told us that he was 38 years old and it's good that he continues to study at the University of Dayton and that he is working teaching other teachers there. He also told us that they live on campus and study, and on vacations they look for any kind of job to pay the university because it's very expensive, but they give you what is necessary to study and to live, and they can give you a scholarship if you have good grades in all your subjects, and they lend you money to be able to study at the University of Dayton. And when you finish studying, you have to pay back the loan they gave you.

*Roxana Ricaldi*

Trevor, we liked your visit to Argentina very much. For us it was a pleasure that you spoke with us, your talk was very interesting to us, and from what we understood there are many differences between here and there. I liked it that you said there are kids that live in a house while studying at the University. I also liked it that they help the kids with what they need and that they give loans, scholarships, and subsidies. I liked it when you began to tell us about part of your life, your work, and your studies. It was a pleasure to meet you, Trevor, it inspired me a lot when you came to visit us. Thank you for coming!!!

*Stella Núñez*

I think Trevor's visit was very good. I liked the University of Dayton. I didn't think universities were so enormous. It sure must be crazy to be at a university where you stay to sleep. Studies surely must be very difficult, but it's very advanced. The majors are very good, you'll be sure to make a living when you graduate. Ha, ha, ha...

I would go crazy with the language if I were there. I hope someone from the Colegio Caacupé has the opportunity to study in Dayton!

*Franco Carrazana*

I liked it that Trevor is a humble man who teaches us that with determination one can do it!

*Rodrigo Aranda*

Trevor's visit in Argentina: Well, he talked a lot to us about the University of Dayton. He told us he studies there and that he worked repairing streets or something like that when he was younger. At the University people who study there live in a place that the University calls the "campus." The University of Dayton is very expensive, but they also give scholarships to people with good grades (loans or subsidies).

During his visit he told us some personal details: he's 38 years old, he studies at the University of Dayton, he lives in Texas, and now he works as a professor teaching university students. And he tasted *mate* and liked it!!!! I personally thought his visit was very good and interesting, and thanks to it, I learned something about the University of Dayton, and I liked it a lot!

*Dahiana Benítez*

On May 14 some students from the University of Dayton visited us. They gave a talk, which was interesting, and during it we were able to exchange words, anecdotes, opinions, etc.

It surprised us that many of them came from families of modest incomes, and others with great effort and sacrifice were able to attain what they are today (professionals). We would like them to come back to visit us in the future so we could exchange words and new stories. We are proud to have met them since they are an inspiration for us.

*David Escurra, Michel Portillo, Leiza Servián*

Ernesto, I'm glad you came. I would like to see you again. When do you plan to come back? I would like the group to return, I'm very happy they come to visit us. Thank you for coming.

I liked it very much that they came and it was also great that my teacher Perico invited them to the Caacupé School and that they wanted to come to the school. I liked it that they came. Thanks for coming! Hugs and kisses to all of you! Thank you so much, we love you! Oh! And you liked drinking *mate*, right? You have to drink *mate*!!

*Johanna Opanasiuk*

On May 14 when they came I wasn't present, but what we were told about you surprised us because I thought that people who live in the United States had everything, that they were all from the upper class, but no, it's quite the opposite. To get where they are, they made a lot of sacrifices, they are like us ("from our race"). Some came from humble origins, like my classmates and I who live in a poor neighborhood where a lot is lacking, but in spite of that we move forward, fighting for our dreams. Your visit made us stronger so that we can continue to move forward. As far as I'm concerned, I'm going to fulfil my goals and continue studying.

*Andrea Santacruz*

I particularly liked what Ernesto told us about his upbringing, about how life in the ghetto was, life and death, and about how his life changed with the path he chose to follow, unlike his friends who are now dead or in prison. On the other hand, the one who also grew up in the same place and chose to study is now at the University because he chose his dreams and little by little he is attaining them.

*Rafael Melgarejo*

I loved the visit because we learned from them, just as they did from us. Their life stories are very similar and that made me realize that we also can have a great future. I'm grateful to them for having come to learn about Argentina and, above all, for taking time to meet us. What I am grateful for was that, thanks to all of you, we were able to put into practice everything our teacher teaches us. Goodbye and thank you! <3

*Florencia Villalba (Flower)*