

Maria's story



Hi.
My **name** is
Maria and I am
your **neighbour**.

I am 6.

I live in **Colombia**,
in **Latin America**.



I **live** with
my **Grandparents**,
Auntie and **cousin**.

We **grow**
coffee beans.





My **grandparents**
sell **coffee beans**
to earn **money**
to **buy things**.

We **buy water**,
electricity
and **food**.



We **used** to find
it **hard** to get a
good price
for our **coffee**
beans.



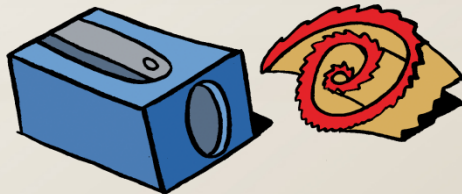
CAFOD gave my
grandparents
lessons in how
to get **good**
quality beans.

Now we get a
fair price for the
coffee beans.





Now my
Grandma and
Grandad can
afford to send
me to **school!**



Let us pray for
neighbours all
over the world
like Maria and
her family, that
they will get a
fair price for the
things they grow.

Amen.

When **families** like **Maria's** have a **fair price** for what they grow it is called **Fairtrade.**

When you **buy things** with the **Fairtrade** mark on, you are **helping** your **global neighbours.**

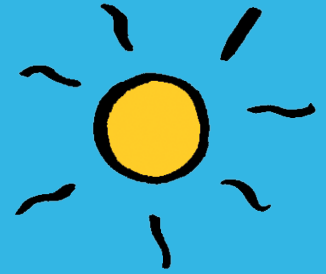




There are lots of
Fairtrade items.
Here are **some of**
them!

How many can
you find next
time you go
shopping?





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