



Matilde Tenorio is 104 years old and enjoys being lucid. She recalls coming from her native Esmeraldas to live with her granddaughter who, instead of caring for her, left her abandoned at the Union de Bananeros Cooperative in South Guasmo.

How could she have reached a situation such as that?

We ask ourselves!

Thanks to quick and opportune reactions on the part of the Guayaquil Junta de Beneficencia she was transferred to the Luis Vernaza Hospital in order to receive medical treatment. She was diagnosed with pus-filled otitis and evaluated by both Cardiology and Otorhinolaryngology. She received special attention from hospital doctors.

With a quivering voice Doña Matilde relates to us how happy and well attended she feels and how garteful she is to the nurses and the sisters who feed and look after her.

It is true she moves slowly and has trouble expressing herself but with an improved countenance she tells us that she receives warm feelings from the doctors, nurses, sisters and other patients´ relatives on a daily basis, and feels at home though she misses her own family.

"Every day I have breakfast, lunch and dinner! (the food is good)! They treat me well, give me my medicine, the house is pretty, they make me feel relaxed, I'm always taken to see and chat with my fellow female inmates and I go to church to pray in the morning or in the afternoon. I thank the Junta de Beneficencia for their concern and not leaving me alone.