



# QUIE PASA

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## DANIELA'S LETTER

**D**aniela is our oldest girl at El Oasis, our children's village in Mexico. She just turned 18 years old in June, and until now, she was our only High School student in COLPAC. She returned home from school a few weeks ago, and when I asked her to write a letter to the ICC Family, she got very excited and wrote to all of you.

Dear ICC Family,

I'm so thankful to God because he gave me the opportunity to be at El Oasis. God is using the people from El Oasis, ICC and my sponsors, to give me the chance to reach my goals in life.

This year I was studying in a boarding school, and I've shared with some of my friends the story of my childhood. Some people noticed the principles and attitude I always try to show, and they asked me, "I've heard you lost your parents when you were just a little girl and you had to take care of your brothers and sisters. How can you always be so happy? What's your secret?"

I told them, "Well, I lost my parents, but I won a bigger family now. El Oasis is my new home, and I've learned there to love Jesus and love the others, and

when you do that, you can only have happiness and gratefulness in your heart for all the beautiful things and blessings that God gives us every day."

For that reason, I want to take the time and thank everyone that is involved in the ministry of

ICC to help orphaned and abandoned kids around the world, because you are giving us an opportunity that, without you, we couldn't have.

I also want to apologize to some of my sponsors because this year,

I didn't write them as often as before. But being in a boarding school was a whole new experience for me, and I had to adjust myself to new schedules, work,

classes, etc. But I did my best, and I think this is the best way to thank my sponsors and ICC for the efforts they have made for me to be able to go to school. My yearly average grades were 9.43 (of 10).

Every time the enemy tries to destroy the ministry of ICC in Mexico, it just gives to God a new opportunity to show his love and care for all "His kids." We trust in God, and He will take care of us. Once again, thank you very much to all of you for being His instruments in His work!

With a grateful heart,

Daniela

*Thank you for giving Daniela, her sisters and the rest of our kids at El Oasis an opportunity to be successful in life.*



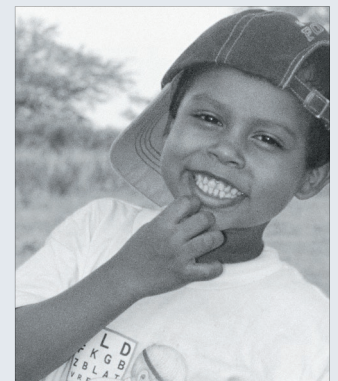
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# ICC AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

ICC's participation at the recent 58th Adventist General Conference Session in St. Louis, Missouri was a huge success. During the evening session on Friday, July 9, the Hope Channel interviewed Rick and Sharon Fleck on the session floor. They were able to present a brief overview of ICC's work around the world. The interview was then broadcast to an international audience.

During this 10-day event, many current donors and sponsors stopped by our promotional booth and were updated on ICC's growing family. At our booth we displayed a collection of items from countries where ICC projects are located. The proceeds from the sale of these items are being used to support ICC children's projects around the world.

In addition, a poster was displayed that included several of our current children who need sponsors. It was wonderful to see

over 30 of these children sponsored during this event. We want to extend a special greeting to all of our new child sponsors and those who are receiving the Que Pasa for the first time. Welcome to the ICC family.

Speaking of the ICC family, our staff at the booth were especially thrilled to meet ICC children who had been adopted by families in North America. Two older children, each of whom are now in their twenties, stopped by the booth to say hello. They both bore wonderful testimony to the ministry of ICC and what it has meant to them personally.

We were also able to celebrate the birthdays of Margie and Raquel. These two little girls, along with Yanita, were recently adopted from Guatemala. All three had been friends at the receiving center and were excited to renew their friendship in St. Louis. It's wonderful to see these happy, well adjusted children and adults who have been forever impacted by this ministry.



## Graduation!

Graduation always gives a good reason for happiness, especially for the students. Three of our kids in Mexico are graduating this month: Ricardo and "Chuy" (Jesus) from 6th grade, and Monica from 9th grade.

For the staff at El Oasis, there is a double reason for happiness and celebration since many of our children are coming from backgrounds full of suffering, sadness, and failure. To be able to be successful in school has a special meaning for them. This gives them self-confidence, knowing that God will guide them during the difficult times in life as He promised in Philippians 4:13.

This month, we wanted to share our happiness with you and let you know of our gratitude to God and ICC and our sponsors.

In August, Monica will begin attending COLPAC (Colegio del Pacifico), our closest boarding Adventist school that is located in Sonora, Mexico. It is about 18 hours from our campus. Please keep Monica in your prayers as she faces new challenges in this next stage of her life!

*El Oasis Staff*

## El Oasis Special Needs

### *Musical Instruments for our New Education Center*

If you have any musical instruments that you would like to donate for our kids to start learning music in our new facility on campus, please send them to.

El Oasis / ICC-MEXICO  
P.O. BOX 436437  
San Ysidro, CA 92143-6437

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# A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

“Look down there in that empty field!” Commander Lucas, head of the Armed Forces of Guatemala, told the pilot of the helicopter, “There is a child down there. This is one of the villages where there was a recent battle with the insurgents. Find a place to put us down!”

It was in 1882, just when the civil war was at its fiercest. We had begun building our first home for children just two years before as a response to the need for homeless children after the devastating earthquake earlier. When that conflict began, our emphasis was on building homes as fast as we found funds to take in the little victims of the war.

Commander Lucas had flown to the conflict area in the high Indian country, where the guerrillas had chosen to make their headquarters. There were children wandering around the battle-scarred villages, where hundreds of people had lost their lives. This tough general had a soft spot in his heart for the children who had lost their parents and their homes. On this trip he had picked up four little boys, including Salvador, the hero in my book, *Child of the Crossfire*. Flying low over the area, watching for anything amiss, he saw the little girl.

No one knew how long she had been wandering alone, waiting for her mother who had hidden her for safety, but she didn't resist when the General gathered her into his arms and placed her in the helicopter. She felt better to see the other children already there.

“We'll take these children to the new children's village near our northern military base,” he told the pilot. But we need to stop at the military hospital in the capital first. There may be children there that need to go with us.”

At the hospital, they stopped long enough to pick up a little girl, around two years old, who was in bad physical shape. She had been brought in earlier from the same area of conflict. “We'll take her to the children's village, and they can get help for her from the field hospital out there.”

The land that had been given to ICC by the Adventist Mission was part of a homestead deal, consisting of around 2000 acres with a river running through it. Adjoining this property was the military base guarding the northern part of the country. The mission had given us around 400 acres for the use of our children's village that we called The Pines.

As the white copter that everyone recognized as General Lucas', circled The Pines, looking for a place to set down, the staff, house parents and children watched in awe. “What is the general coming here for?”

But it settled down in a big field near the homes. One of the housefathers went running to find out. As he approached, General Lucas was already out on the ground, helping one child after another out. When he saw the father approaching he said, “Tell Señora Fleck I brought her some more children.” Then he went on to explain, “These children were left after an attack on a village. Pointing to the older of the two little girls, he said, “We were on our way out and saw her in a deserted spot near a village. Her parents must have been killed. All she seems to know is that her name is Rosita.”



Drilling Rig

The little girl wasn't old enough to talk, and she needed medical attention. It was obvious she had been in the same little typical hand-woven outfit for several days. She was placed in one of the homes where the housemother was especially gifted in showing love and security to new, frightened children. Rosita adapted and seemed happy in her new surroundings.

After about three years, the Children's Court gave us a document of abandonment for Rosita. She could be adopted if we found the right family for her. A family did ask if we had a little girl they might adopt. I thought of Rosita. It took several months to complete all the legal work, but the day came when Rosita was ready to go to Guatemala City and prepare to meet her new family.

Gary and Angie Bartholomew met their little daughter for the first time at the airport as they arrived. Marta, one of our faithful workers, was with her. When I talked to Angie today, before writing this, she told me that she first saw Rosita standing on the balcony at the airport with Marta. She was all smiles to meet her new family. Also, Angie told me that Rosita now has her master's degree in social work, and she has just married the love of her life, Ariel.

An interesting sequel to this story is that for more than 20 years we have struggled at The Pines trying to get good water. All we had was water pumped from the river. The housemothers boiled it, but the children often drank the river water in that hot climate, and we were plagued with infections and sickness many times.

Gary and his sons are in the well drilling business, and have been making various trips down to The Pines to drill for water. But there are layers of rock, and they didn't have the right equipment, but they kept struggling to get us good water for the orphanage as well as the mission school, which ICC now operates.

Just recently, with unbelievable persistence, they struck gold! Now our whole project down there, the 12 homes full of children, and the secondary school with over 300 students, has an abundant supply of pure water from three new wells! Not only that, they were successful in taking enough equipment down there, not only to dig our three deep wells, but they also have plans to dig wells for around 15 of the villages nearby which do not have drinking water.

Little did we know when little Rosie came to us, that God would use her to be the inspiration for supplying all of our children with what we needed the most, life-giving pure water!

With our love,

*Alyow and Fen*



[Gary Bartholomew](#)