



QUE PASA

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ANNUAL SNAPSHOT *of ICC Projects*



Congo

Brazil

11 Children

Our mission in Brazil functions in a somewhat different manner than at our children's villages. Here ICC's network of supporters is providing underwriting for ten daycare centers. These projects give low-income children the chance to succeed in life by giving them their basic education. ICC aids in managing sponsorships for these centers as well as directly sponsoring eleven individual children from these daycare centers.

Cambodia

71 Children

In Cambodia our children call the Light of Hope Children's Village home. In addition to the care they receive in their homes, the children participate in the village's expanding

farming and animal husbandry industries, are given vocational apprenticeship training by local craftsmen and will soon be providing medical and dental care to our children's village and the surrounding community. This medical care will be provided through three of our university students who are studying medicine and dentistry.



Cambodia

Colombia

21 Children

We are supporting 21 children in Colombia who live with relatives in foster care settings. The older ones are now attending university with two of them nearing graduation. Those who have grown up and left the program include doctors, accountants and pastors.

Congo

163 Children

The situation in the D.R. Congo continues to be dire. Political instability and frequent clashes between militias and U.N. troops have created a highly volatile situation. Goma is the current epicenter of this strife. We have closed our center in Goma and moved the children to our village on the island. We are still trying to locate four of our secondary students who have been missing since the current round of fighting began. Our children on the island are safe but we are quickly consuming our food reserves. Our administrators are attempting to purchase food in

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Congo continued

neighboring countries as well as asking for food donations on the island. As you can well understand, current conditions make obtaining food incredibly difficult and expensive.

In much better news, the Patmos Children's Village this year has its first university student! We hope this will be the first of many.

Dominican Republic

85 Children

One of the great advantages and pleasures of our program is that we get to see the children grow to become mature adults. Three of our young people from Las Palmas graduated from university in 2008 with twelve more currently attending. Their studies include medicine, dentistry and the law. One of our former young people is now our staff psychologist and was married this past year.

Our Las Palmas Pathfinder club attended a countrywide Pathfinder camporee last year having raised all the necessary funds to participate by themselves!

The campus farm is having its best ever pineapple crop due to the hard work of our housefathers and our administrators. We did suffer some crop damage due to three hurricanes during the past year and from theft by local people left destitute by those hurricanes. Finally, thanks to the invaluable help of Versacare we were able to complete the remodeling of all our homes during 2008.



Dominican Republic

El Salvador

75 Children

Education is a vital element of ICC's programs. As we are able, we do our best to see that each child gets as advanced an education as they can. This past year we had ten students in university. One graduated this year. Five of our children graduated secondary school in 2008 with four planning to attend university in Costa Rica.

We hired a new staff member in 2008 for our on-campus development department. His focus will be on fundraising within El Salvador. We are also completing our local registration that will allow us to give tax deductible receipts to our in-country donors. Funding restrictions have also caused us to close two of our homes and consolidate those children into our remaining homes.

The campus farm produced a record rice crop in 2008 while our corn crop had to be harvested early due to thieves making off with large quantities of our corn. Typically we would harvest our corn and then dry it for use in cooking. This crop will be sold and the proceeds used to buy dried corn.

Ghana

12 Children

Our twelve children in Ghana live in a rented home who's backyard holds a small garden planted by the children. One of our children has started senior high school and one other has begun attending university.

Guatemala

113 Children

Los Pinos benefitted from several campus improvements this past year. A donation from "Food For the Poor" is allowing us to replace all the roofs on our homes. Funds from ICC Netherlands help us create grow boxes for vegetables. A significant improvement was being able to purchase a tractor for our farm. Farming tasks that would have taken a month now take only hours. Needless to say those working the farm are pretty excited.

The campus farm is also now producing pineapples and chickens. The pineapples and chicken eggs will both be cash crops. Our dairy herd is now providing milk and cheese for our families.



Guatemala

Eight of our students graduated from ICAP with certificates in Rural Teaching and Auto Mechanics. Our campus psychologist is one of our recent university graduates. His wife is helping at our campus secondary school.



Mexico

India

73 Children

Our children's village in India, DEWS Sweet Home, is home to 73 children. Our children in India are doing very well in school. Each year they take top honors in both athletic and scholastic events. This past year one of our boys was president of his graduating class.

This past year also saw our first university graduate. His degree is in Medical Technology and he is currently doing his internship. Four other of our young people who are attending university are in the nursing program.

We would also ask that you offer special prayers for our program in India. With events in Mumbai and the persecution and killing of Christians along with the destruction of orphanages in a neighboring state, we would deeply appreciate it if you would include our children in India in your prayers.

Mexico

52 Children

Have you ever had to feed 52 children three meals a day? That is one of the responsibilities of our housemothers at our El Oasis Children's Village in Mexico. That is why the donation this past year of industrial-grade stoves for each of our homes was such a blessing.

The children are doing well at school with eleven of them at boarding academies and one at university. Our university student is studying Psychology.

The El Oasis campus received a new gate this past year. The donor of the funds for the gate also helped to build it.

Nicaragua

30 Children

We do our best to promote self-sufficiency among our projects. One avenue that can help accomplish this goal is to create a campus agricultural industry. At the Fountain of Life Children's Village in Nicaragua, we have established our farm that has a new dairy herd as well as a fruit orchard, rice and vegetable crops. Our farms first provide for the children and then any extra is sold.

We are nearing completion on three homes with a fourth well under way. A warehouse/maintenance building is also under construction.

Six of our children have completed secondary school as well as vocational training. Four other



Nicaragua

of our boys are at our campus in Guatemala completing their secondary and vocational education.

Philippines

23 Children

House parents are the front-line workers of ICC. It is a tribute to their wonderful work that our children do so well when they are on their own. In the Philippines our children in high school are considered model students and great role models for their peers. This is a tribute to their house parents.

Our third house has just been completed and the new family is taking up residence.

Romania

26 Children

On-campus micro industries are another way that our villages can help defray the costs of caring for our children. At our children's village in Romania they are looking forward to the completion of a new bakery that will not only supply our children's needs but also allow sales to the local community.

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The families are enjoying a new gazebo built in the central part of the campus with funds donated by a sponsor. It allows for informal gatherings while the children play on the playground. The greenhouse that was donated two years ago is working wonderfully. We had plenty of tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, cabbage, and lettuce as well as a good potato crop.

Sri Lanka

36 Children

Two of the more unique efforts to support a children's village's budget are taking place in Sri Lanka. There our three homes are using biogas in the homes for cooking gas. The biogas generator gets its fuel from the by-products of our goat industry. The goat industry is doing well on both fronts.

Six of our 36 children in Sri Lanka are in college. One is studying teaching while the others are taking various vocational training courses.

Thailand

52 Children

We have seen great improvements in our program at the Kirsten Jade Rescue Center in Thailand. These improvements are in no small part due to the efforts of a new staff social worker, a new assistant for our administrator and the aid of regular visits by counselors. We have nine students studying at university with five of these at Mission College.



Thailand

We did suffer the death of one of our children at KJRC this past year. Two of our young boys were, at the same time, struck by lightning in broad daylight. One boy was killed instantly while the other recovered with no apparent ill effects after several weeks in a coma.

We also are providing assistance to 60 children at two ICC centers placed in refugee camps in Thailand. Thanks to our excellent house parents, the children are doing well and learning skills from the gardens planted at each home.

Ukraine

6 Children

While ICC in general enjoys a strong, positive working relationship with the governments in whose countries our projects reside, on rare occasions the relationship is made difficult through lack of governmental insight. This past year our project in the Ukraine suffered through having several children removed from the home without any warning or explanation from the governmental agency.

Our house parents also fear for the loss of the home where the children live even though it was donated for the purpose of caring for the children.

Zambia

4 Children

The four children who are part of our project in Zambia live in a rented house in the Zambian capital of Lusaka. Currently we have no plans to expand this program, but we are caring for the children we do have. Two of the children are in their final years at boarding academy while another has graduated and is ready to attend university.



Zambia

We hope you have enjoyed this brief snapshot of what's happening (Que Pasa) within our ICC family of projects. Now, more than ever we need your continued prayer and financial support – especially as we face unforeseen economic challenges in the US and abroad. Our projects for children have fixed costs. We can't just stop funding them, because the children would suffer immensely or have to be abandoned once again. Thanks for all you've done and all you continue to do in being a part of our ICC family. May God bless you during this new year.