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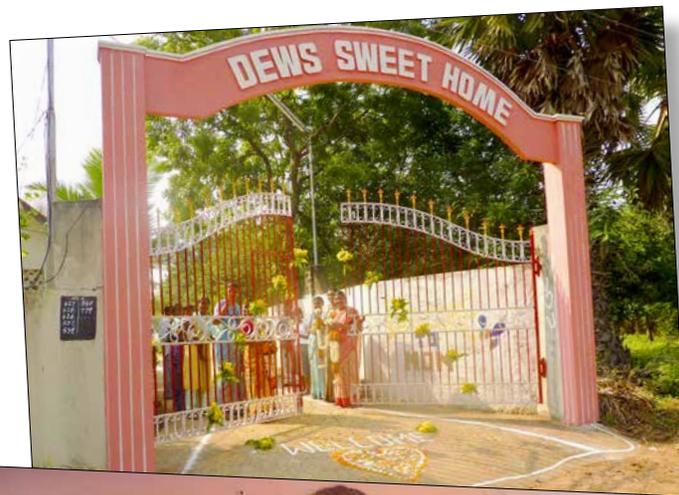
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Thankful for Little Kundan

Little Kundan joined our Sweet Home Family in India. His father was the chief priest and devil worshiper in their village. He communicated with these devils by chasing them and calling upon them for blessings. One day the Adventist pastor was holding meetings in this village. The priest tried to call up his evil spirits, but they did not come. He said that the evil spirits said that they would not come because there was a Christian God who was more powerful than they were. They told him that "God is greater."

The man decided that he wanted to serve the greatest God in the universe, so he attended the meetings and he gave his heart to Jesus and was baptized. That year, there was a bad crop at the harvest time of the village and the villagers said that it must be because their chief priest changed gods. They became so angry over this that they banded



together and they beat the man to death. Kundan's mother was so sick that she decided when her death came, she wanted to be buried next to her husband.

Kundan was then taken to "Sweet Home," ICC's children's village in India, where he could live and be safe from the people of his old

village. Kundan is a very sweet boy with a wonderful helping personality. He is the song leader for the worships in the children's village, he loves his new home and surroundings and is flourishing there.

This is but one story about just one child, but there are so many more children who have stories of their own who are now trying to find hope. We need to help these children find that hope in an ICC children's village.

None of these villages would exist if were not for you. Will you please consider helping a child like Kundan, a child who is lost?

Take this opportunity right now to contact ICC and provide a life-changing gift to help a child. Please call our office and ask for Jose. He can give you more information about how to make a difference for one or more of these precious children.

A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

As this new year starts, I'd like to share excerpts from two messages we received recently. They both involve ICC young people from the Los Pinos Children's Village in Guatemala. The first is from Anabela Alejos who coordinates the development work in our city center.

I recently had the privilege of attending the graduation at ICAP, ICC's secondary and vocational training school in Guatemala. Nine of our children graduated and achieved a very important goal in their lives.

Graduation took place the weekend of November 21-23. The main programs included Consecration and Divine worship services as well as the Commencement on Sunday. Sabbath school was presented by the graduates, and there was also a special musical program by ICAP students on Saturday evening. They gave praises to God in gratitude for their successes.

The Commencement service was held in the open auditorium located at the entrance of the school. This was the most important event of the weekend because the entire graduating class received their degrees at the secondary level. As each student received a diploma, their parents would come forward to embrace their child and take pictures with them.

Maybe you are thinking about what happens to our children from Hogar Los Pinos? Let me tell you that our children have the largest family. They receive hugs from their house parents and from their brothers and sisters where they grew up. Sometimes a sponsor family travels from afar to share this very important event in the lives of our children. This is what happened for Luisa, one of our graduates. Gary and Angie Bartholomew have sponsored and supported her since childhood. It was beautiful and special for her to see them on her graduation. I noticed a very emotional hug that occurred when the Bartholomew's congratulated her.

These nine young people arrived at Hogar Los Pinos when they were little children. We saw them grow. It is satisfying to see them reach this milestone in their lives. You can feel satisfied as a sponsor that you supported and gave these children the opportunity to excel and change the course of their lives. God is using you to change the future of each of them, THANK YOU for the love expressed through your donations.

In closing I want to encourage you to continue supporting the children who are still studying in elementary school and high school. Much remains to be done. ***"Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart"*** (Galatians 6: 9).



[Our nine graduates](#)



[Luisa with Gary and Angie Bartholomew](#)

Living by the Word

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. **Rom 12:13 (ESV)**

Eliel grew up at the Los Pinos children's village and was able to follow his dream of becoming a pastor. He recently graduated with his Theology degree from Linda Vista University in Mexico and was featured in the August 2014 Edition of the Que Pasa. He had this to say in a recent letter.

God has abundantly blessed me in the ministry in which I am now involved. I am now in Guatemala serving in God's work, and it is an enormous satisfaction for me to be able to do what for so long I have wanted. Thank God, I have baptized, I've dedicated children to God, I've conducted communion services and anointed the sick. I feel very blessed, like one of God's favorites.

In my first district I have six organized churches and 11 groups for a total of 17 churches. It is an extensive territory but with so many beautiful and lovely people. They have treated me really well, and I really enjoy being with them. I stay at night with those who open their homes, and the brethren like that. The churches are far apart and hidden in the mountains, but I have gone even there to visit them. You can see very beautiful vistas, and the clouds pass below those places.

May God continue to bless the lives of each one of you. Truly I am very grateful for the unconditional support that you have given me. Let's continue preparing for our Lord Jesus' return each day of our lives. And remember that you will always be in my heart. I love you lots.

I thought you'd enjoy hearing how your support continues to fuel the success ICC children are experiencing. Yet, as Anabela is quick to note, additional support is needed for other ICC children who strive to follow in the footsteps of their older brothers and sisters. Together, let's help them as well.

In His Service, For His Kids,



Kent Greve

International Development Director



Eliel at graduation

P.S. ICC is a small ministry that encourages the personal involvement of donors with children in need. It's not likely that you can support 100 children or even 25. But you can help one child. That's the beauty of this work. Please call Alanna today at the ICC office and find out what child especially needs you right now. Thank-you!

Welcome Jose

This past year has certainly been challenging for all of the ICC projects around the world, but there have been blessings, as always, that have been so freely provided by our Heavenly Father. We are so grateful that He continues to bless the children of ICC through each one of you, our ICC family.

I want to share with you in this *Que Pasa* one of those blessings. I want each of you to meet Pastor Jose Agosto. Jose answered God's calling in November, by joining our team here at ICC as our new public relations director. Jose was pastoring in the Coquille/Bandon area of Oregon when he felt God tugging at his heart to offer to join with us in providing a life-giving change to children who need it so much.

Jose and his wife Zinia have previously been volunteer group leaders as they took groups to our ICC villages in order to build not only structures, but relationships with the ICC young people.

Please give Jose a warm greeting when that day comes when he



calls you on the phone to better get acquainted with our ICC family. Jose has already started this process of calling some of you, and I am sure that you have found him to be someone who has a tremendous passion for our children around the world.

Please join in welcoming Jose into the ICC family. And please pray for him as he gives his tireless efforts in raising awareness and funding for the ICC children.

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