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What's Happening

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A New Beginning for Teresa & Rafael—Thanks for your support!

We are happy to announce that two of ICC's children, Teresa and Rafael, were recently married in a lovely ceremony at the Fuente de Vida children's village in Nicaragua. We're sharing this update with you because we know the lives of ICC children matter to you. And it's because of your faithful and ongoing support that this story of a "new beginning" is possible!

Rafael is the son of the campus administrators, Felix and Angelica. Teresa is one of our older girls.

Teresa came to the children's village with her sister and brother when she was nine year's old. The children's father was an alcoholic who mistreated Teresa and her siblings. He never cared for them. When Teresa's mother died of cancer the children were completely abandoned. Teresa and her siblings were eventually brought to Fuente de Vida. Through the support of generous sponsors and donors like you, Teresa was able to rise above the pain and uncertainty of her life before coming to ICC.

Rafael and Teresa grew up together there at the children's village. They were friends but didn't appear to have any romantic inclination. Rafael's job took



Because of your support, Teresa and Rafael have a new beginning!

him away from the children's village and he pursued a career in community development.

Two years ago, when Teresa was 21 years old, she earned her degree in business administration. She was filled with gratitude for all that the ICC family had done for her and shared her thoughts in a letter. Here's an excerpt:

"Thanks so much for your great effort. You have truly changed lives around the world. I feel very thankful to have been one of those lives. I can enjoy a better life with better opportunities in life."

No doubt, Teresa could not have imagined what opportunity lay ahead of her for another "new beginning" when she returned to the Fuente de Vida children's village to work. She was given the responsibility to serve as the

assistant to the administrator. In time she renewed her friendship with Rafael who, at the time, was spending more time on the campus.

They enjoyed talking together very much. This led to dating and courtship. Then on January 10 of this year, Teresa and Rafael were married at the Fuente de Vida children's village. For Teresa and Rafael, true love grew out of a bond of friendship that had begun many years before.

Fuente de Vida means "Fountain of Life." What a wonderful fountain of life this happy couple continues to enjoy.

In addition to life-saving care and shelter, you make "new beginnings" like this possible with your support of the children. Thank you for the incredible impact you have on their lives!

An Orphan Doll — Just for YOU!

Here's a unique and even symbolic opportunity for you to provide much needed help to orphan children in the DR Congo. Jean Parchment has crafted the two dolls pictured here for the benefit of the children in the Patmos Island children's village.

For a minimum donation of \$400, you can “adopt” an orphan doll. The dolls are worth much more than that. We encourage you to donate more than the minimum because the proceeds from each “adoption” will improve the Patmos Island's potable water system. You'll love having the doll in your home, and knowing that your “adoption” is helping ICC kids!

Jean creates “Reborn Dolls” by taking a manufactured vinyl doll and transforming it to resemble a human baby. She spends up to 100 hours creating a doll with as much realism as possible. This includes placing each strand of hair by hand. You will be amazed at how life-like these dolls are!

Along with being an artist, Jean is also an enthusiastic supporter of ICC's children. She is using her artistry to provide support for them in a unique way. You also can make a tremendous impact on the life of a child by “adopting” a Reborn Doll today!

For more details contact the ICC office at 800-422-7729. You can also find out more about the dolls and doll choices on Jean's website: <http://www.hearttugdolls.com>.



While at first their appearance looks very much like real infants, believe it or not, these are both hand-made dolls!

Each of the hairs on the dolls heads are individually placed.

The artist's skill makes the skin appear warm and lifelike.

“Adopting” one of these dolls will help the children of the Patmos Children's Village in the D.R. Congo.

Read the article for more information.



Update — New Guatemala Children

Editor's Note: Thanks to your care and support, several new children have been welcomed into the Los Pinos children's village in Guatemala! Four of the children were in last month's Que Pasa. These four children came to Los Pinos before Christmas. What a wonderful time of year to "make room for a child"! Here is an update on these children directly from the children's village...

Update:

The children are very happy to be here since day one. We can see it in their faces and in their big smiles.

The four of them are well adapted to their home. They love the food. The girls were amazed that they have light during the night in their room. They were very excited with their "new" clothes and shoes. Luis was a little scared at first but now he looks happy and more confident. The children started school just a few days ago, and they're very excited to be in school.

For Christmas they were so happy. I can't even express in words their happy and bright faces during the celebration and of course with their gifts. The girls had a set of toy dishes and Luis had a big dump truck.



Isabella



Luciana



Luis



Sofia

These four children now have a home,
thanks to you!

Thanks for all you've done to help give these children a new life! This has been a miraculous transformation for them, thanks to you!

A Note of Clarification

One of our caring ICC family members brought it to our attention that we should clarify something from the January 2016 Que Pasa in the article entitled "Lilian—Mother to 44 & More—Because of You!"

Please be assured that ICC continues to promote and foster small family units for the care of orphan children. Though at one time Lilian was house mother for 44 children, when ICC took over administration of the children's village in El Salvador the children were reassigned to small family units in keeping with this core philosophy. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused. Thank-you for reading the Que Pasa — it's your support that made the smaller family units possible!

Help bring electricity to Paul and other children in the DR Congo!

*For less than the cost of your monthly power bill,
you can provide electrical power to Paul—for the first time ever!*

Paul and the other children at the Patmos Children's Village live without electricity. When the sun sets and darkness settles over the campus, Paul's house becomes dark. With only candle light (if candles are available), it is difficult for Paul to complete his chores and homework. Walking outside after dark also creates hazards and concerns for his and the other children's safety.

No electricity means no refrigeration. Fresh food quickly goes bad. This means Paul may become sick and it is a waste of limited resources. No electricity also means no computers at the school. This affects Paul's ability to learn and to grow to his full potential.

But, you can provide electricity to Paul and the other children! The Patmos administrator has found a way to bring electricity to the children's village. He has found a suitable source of water that, channeled into a small turbine, can produce hydroelectric power for the children's village.

But the children need your help to make this happen! **We've calculated the expense and found a donation of just \$34 can provide electricity for Paul!**

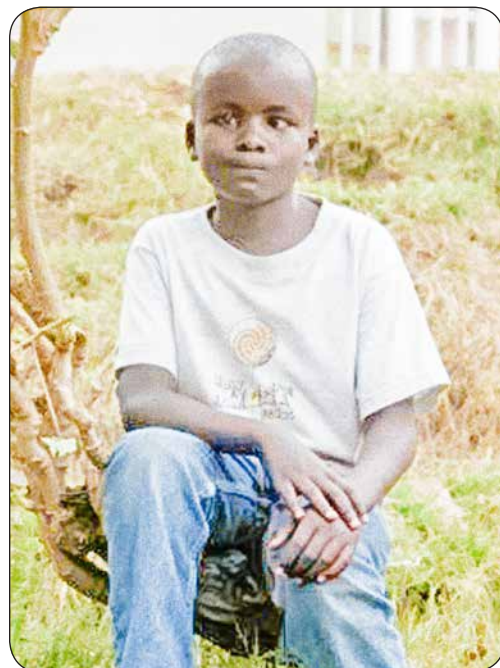
For less than the cost of your monthly power bill, you can provide Paul will electricity—for the first time ever—and for years to come!

Electrical power would mean so much for Paul. After sunset, he could turn on a light and complete his chores and homework. And just think of the cost savings of being able to refrigerate food. At school, Paul would have access to a computer and a wide world of learning possibilities.

Your gift of \$34 will help bring power to Paul and the other children at the Patmos village.

Let's not hold Paul and the other children in the dark any longer. **Please give a gift today that will turn on the power in their lives!**

Thank you for all you continue to do for "His Kids!"



Your gift of \$34 will help
to "light up" Paul's life!

Kat Arnes