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YOUR Far-reaching Impact!

Griselda Villalda's story is a wonderful example of the far-reaching impact YOU have sponsoring an orphan.

Griselda, along with her younger sister, arrived at Los Pinos in Guatemala when she was seven years old. Her father had abandoned the family and her mother was unable to care for the sisters.

From the start, Griselda was cheerful and cooperative within her new family at Los Pinos. She showed a special enthusiasm for her studies and was passionate about reading. As the years passed, Griselda excelled in school.

Thanks to the support she received from sponsors just like YOU, Griselda graduated at the top of her class from the ICAP secondary school.

Eventually, she enrolled at the Galileo University in Guatemala City. Her teachers and fellow students grew to respect her.

When she had the opportunity, Griselda shared with others about her experience at Los Pinos. One of her professors even started to donate to Los Pinos as a result.

This past November Griselda received her degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry — a first for an ICC child. She is currently working with a medical logistics company in Guatemala and is part of the advisory board for Los Pinos.

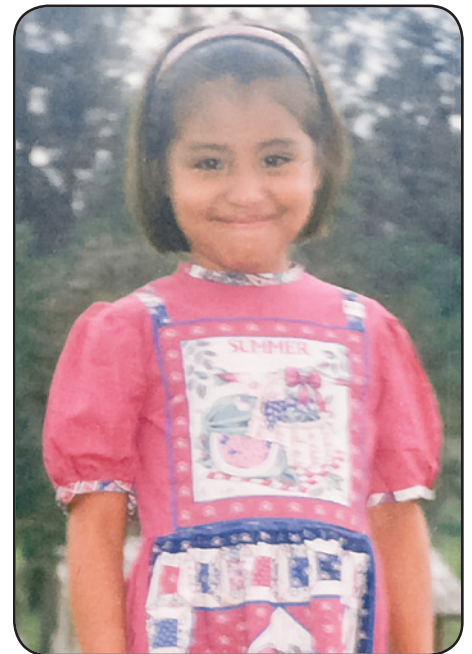
Griselda wanted to share a note of appreciation with her ICC family!

I am very grateful for the opportunity offered me to finish my university studies. I'm grateful that you were the pillar that strengthened my life so I could become a useful person for society. I want you to know that you were an extremely essential part of my life, and I hope that God continues to bless you greatly.

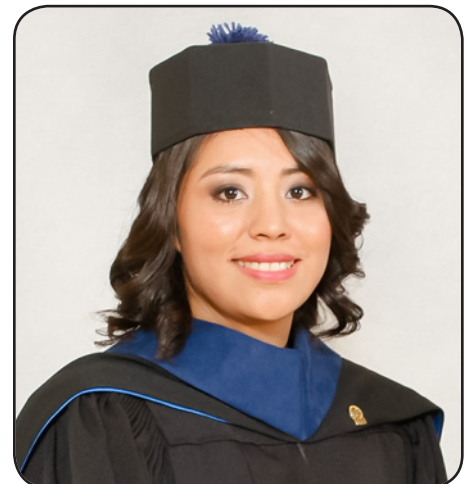
I want to tell each of ICC's donors to not get tired of supporting the ministry that makes Hogar Los Pinos in Guatemala. There are still many children who we can help. I also want to help this beautiful work so that others can have the same opportunity that I had.

Thank you very much! May God multiply his blessings upon you.

*With much affection,
Griselda Villalda*



When she needed it most, Griselda received loving support from sponsors like you!



Today Griselda is successful because of sponsors like YOU!

Thank YOU for Helping the Children Experience a Joyful Celebration!

Here are a few pictures from the Christmas celebration in Guatemala, and the New Year's celebration in the D.R. Congo.
Thank YOU for your generous support!



You would recognize many of the Christmas songs sung by this children's choir. Your gifts to the special Christmas fund make celebrations like these possible.



The Los Pinos staff prepared a special program so the children could participate in the Nativity story and learn about the baby Jesus.



Everyone enjoyed a traditional meal of Tamale's



These three Wise Men helped to tell the Nativity story at the Los Pinos Children's Village Christmas celebration.

Thank you for your support of the Christmas celebration in Guatemala!



The celebration included a special meal prepared for the children. Imagine the enormous effort on the part of the staff to feed over 100 children as well as the adults!



The New Year's celebration marked the bitter-sweet goodbye for 21 older children who finished training programs and were preparing to live on their own. In this picture these older children march together in the New Year's parade.



A highlight of the event was handing out Bibles. These gifts were given to children who did not have a Bible of their own. Each of the kids at the Patmos Children's Village will now have quick access to God's word!



Thanks to the support of donors like YOU one of the happiest occasions of the Year is the New Year's celebration. This year the children each received a set of new clothes.



Because of your support, sewing machines were supplied to the girls who completed a training program in sewing. These girls now have the skills to support themselves.

Thank you for your support of the New Year's celebration at the Patmos Children's Village in the DR Congo!

Help Send Mita To School!

With your gift today, you can help educate a child like Mita!

Mita needs your help! There is nothing more important you can do for Mita than to ensure that she can attend school.

Your gift of \$25 will help to provide an Adventist education for Mita, or another child like her, for an entire month. That's less than a dollar a day for the life-changing experience a child like Mita will have because of your support.

Let me tell you a little more about Mita and why she needs your help...

Mita's father died of HIV and her mother died of grief and worry leaving Mita an orphan. Extended family tried to care for her, but another mouth to feed strengthens poverty's grip on poor families. **Mita, who was already orphaned, became too much of a burden to her extended family.**



Mita was recently rescued and brought to the DEWS Sweet Home village in India. She needs all the essentials of life: food, shelter, clothing and nurturing care. But she also needs the opportunity to go to school.

Mita is such a sweet girl. An education will help to prepare her for life. And because there is an Adventist school nearby, she also has the opportunity to learn about Jesus and the heavenly home He is preparing for her. Won't you consider sending a gift today of \$25 or more to support a child like Mita with a quality Adventist education? **YOUR Help is Needed!**

Special Ways You Can Help The Children

Guatemala

Solar Hot Water Systems – \$2,500 each
Green Houses – \$7,680
Chicken Industry – \$16,000
School Shoes – \$1,788
Dress Shoes – \$1,987
Sports Uniforms – \$1,242
Baking Molds – \$477

Dominican Republic

School Supplies – \$1,400
Funds to Purchase Items For Container

D.R. Congo

Cooking Pots – \$2,709
Build 5 Outdoor Kitchens – \$4,191 each

India

Paint for 6 Houses – \$782 each house
Repairs to 6 Bathrooms – \$4,000 each house

General — All Projects

Laptop Computes — College Students – \$350
Desktop Computers — School & Office – \$500

When soliciting funds for a specific need, we occasionally receive more in donations than requested. In those instances when we do receive more money than solicited, those extra funds are placed in "Alcyon's Angel Fund." To protect the privacy of our children, ICC uses fictitious names in the Que Pasa when referring to minor children.