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The Importance Of The “Finishing Touch” —Part 2—

Last month's *Que Pasa* featured an update from Desire, director of ICC's Patmos Children's Village in the D.R. Congo. Desire has seen firsthand the amazing results that your support provides when an orphan child is able to attend university.

According to Desire, “Education is a weapon against poverty and domination as well as dependency. Once the children have obtained advanced education, they will have necessary tools to overcome poverty and live for themselves when they become independent. The assistance provided to them will remain unforgettable in their lives, in heaven and on earth.”

Last month, we shared the story of Guillaïne and how important it was for her as a young woman to be able to attend university and earn her degree in Information Technology. She has a good job now and is able to live on her own and make a positive contribution to society.

This month, we are pleased to share the story of another one of Patmos's children who has been blessed through the support of ICC family members like you!

Alphonse Misagwe Moise

Since the time Alphonse became a part of the ICC family, he proved to be very responsible. He had a good way of providing counsel and advice to his peers and siblings. When the children played soccer and got into quarrels, Alphonse would heal the rifts between his “brothers.” He avoided participating in conflict and refrained from complaining of others.

Alphonse started preaching at church and in daily worship at the age of 14. He displayed his willingness to work for God and to love God's word.

Alphonse studied business while attending secondary school at the Patmos Children's Village. After completing his secondary education, he enrolled in Graben University where he studied Ophthalmology.

This would not have been possible if not for the generous ICC family members like you whose ongoing support made it possible for him to go to university.

Alphonse's academic reports were always positive showing that he excelled not only in his studies but also in his behavior.



A photo of Alphonse while he was living at the Patmos Children's Village.

Alphonse took advantage of the wonderful opportunity that you gave to him!

In just his second year at Graben University, Alphonse was voted as spokesman of students. He was responsible to see that the students conducted themselves appropriately and ensured there was harmony between tutors and students. He made sure that students were respectful of their teachers and kept the university regulations.

All that practice of helping to maintain harmony at Patmos was paying off! What a blessing he was at the university—just like he had been at the children's village.

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Help Moo-ve the Las Palmas Dairy Forward!

In recent editions of the *Que Pasa* you've read about special initiatives to help the children's projects become more self-sustaining. The jalapeno project in Mexico and the greenhouse project in El Salvador are two examples.

Aiding the projects to help themselves, stretches your support which helps more children.

In August, at the 2018 ASI convention, another of ICC's industries received special attention.

It's an expansion of the dairy herd at the Las Palmas Children's Village. The dairy is blessing the children, but more "cows for the kids" are needed and you can help. Here are the details on what we're calling "Milky's Challenge."

Demand is high for milk in the region around Las Palmas. Each day

(excepting Sabbath), trucks pick up milk produced at the Las Palmas dairy.

Currently, there are 13 cows producing at the Las Palmas dairy. The goal is to increase that number to 80.

A cow is usually purchased pregnant or with a calf. The initial cost for an adult cow is about \$1,500. If the calf is a heifer, it can be added to the herd. If it is a bull, it can be sold for around \$750.

So, the net cost of one cow is about \$750. That's a bargain when you consider that in 9 months of production the initial investment has been returned through the sale of milk.

Did you know a single quality milk cow can produce enough milk for sale each month to cover the monthly expense of feeding one of "His Kids?"

Won't you consider participating in "Milky's Challenge" to grow the herd?! Share this project with your Sabbath School class, your school, or a group of friends or family. If everyone gives a little—it will help a lot!

And now, it's even easier to contribute. Along with the traditional ways of giving (response coupon, website, phone call) you can use your mobile phone right now and give a gift.

In your message app type the phone number 41444. In the message line type the word —Milky. You'll receive a return message. Click the link and you'll be taken to a secure donation page. It's that easy!

There's more information online at forhiskids.org/milky.php. We'll be sharing the progress of "Milky's Challenge" in the weeks ahead. Thanks for your support!



The goal of "Milky's Challenge" is to increase the size of the dairy herd at the Las Palmas Children's Village. The sale of milk from the herd helps to offset child-care expenses at Las Palmas helping your donation go further. Please join "Milky's Challenge!"

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Smiles of Appreciation From El Salvador

Your kind and generous support is a blessing to the children within the ICC family. They truly do appreciate the care you provide.

Here is a message of thanks from Sandra, children's services director at ICC's Hogar Escuela Adventista in El Salvador. May it bring a smile to your face, too!

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May God's blessings always be poured out on each of you.

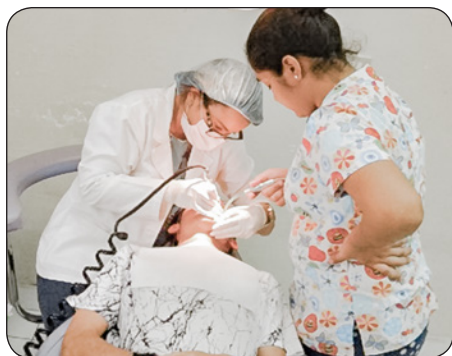
We are very grateful for your help with the wellbeing of our teenagers and youth. We want to tell you about how we did the "Healthy Teeth" project.

I started a list of the teens and youth, and I got in contact with a dentist in San Juan Opico. We agreed she would do a cleaning and an exam to let me know what repairs each one needed.

Working with all the schedules, I started taking the kids by group.

It was a bit complicated but finally everyone was able to have an appointment, and she did a good job with each of them. There were some girls who had 11 to 13 fillings, but the good thing is that others only had one to three repairs. We congratulated two of them who had no repairs at all.

We are very thankful for the support you have given us. Now everyone is sharing a lovely white and healthy smile.



Because of your support these kids from HEA in El Salvador were able to receive professional dental care. Thank you!

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Alphonse finished his studies at the university and was awarded his degree in Ophthalmology. He then traveled to Uganda for 16 months of training. This included both the theory and practice in Optometry.

When Alphonse finished his training, he was qualified to diagnose various types of eye diseases. He was also able to make glasses. His skills are quite rare in the Eastern part of Congo, and he was hired immediately at Goma General Hospital.

He is well paid and lives with two other boys from the Patmos Children's Village who had earned degrees in pharmaceutical sciences.

Alphonse and his roommates are grateful for the support you

have helped to provide for them through the years.

They have not forgotten their home at Patmos Village and visit their brothers and sisters there bringing them presents.

According to these boys, Idjwi Island is a more comfortable place than Goma where they currently live.



Alphonse in his optometry lab.

They are asked to speak at the church on Sabbath and do not hesitate to thank God and their sponsors for the kindness shown to them. Together with their siblings, they kneel and have prayer for the sponsors.

Alphonse and Guillaïne are but two examples of the children whose lives have been positively impacted through the “finishing touch.”

It means so much to them to be educated, to be skilled, and to use their training and experience to bless others and to live independently.

Thank you for making the dreams of these children a living reality. They are grateful and are positive role models to their younger siblings.



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P.S. Desire mentioned in his report that this is a particularly difficult year. Many of the children at Patmos joined the ICC family when they were near the same age. These kids are reaching university age all around the same time.

The budget to provide the “finishing touch” has doubled this year. Desire knows how important it is for the children to receive an education that prepares them for their future.

Won't you please consider helping one of these children through an ongoing sponsorship or one-time gift? They will appreciate that you're supporting them with “the finishing touch.”

Use the coupon included with the Que Pasa or call the ICC office for more details on how you can help. Thank you!