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Orphan Advocates Needed!

Next month, on November 12, the international community will recognize World Orphans Day. This is a day set aside to raise awareness and support for the children who continue to be orphans—ones who have not yet made it to a safe haven like an ICC children's village.

There are hundreds of boys and girls around the world who are blessed to belong to the ICC family. They are taking advantage of opportunities that you help to provide them through your generous support.

The impact of what you do for them can be seen when a child leaves the children's village and finds success in his or her chosen profession. Check out the story of Ana, inside this *Que Pasa*. She's a good example of what your support means to an ICC child!

The need for orphan care continues as world conditions get worse. There are wars, disease and social problems that threaten the lives of innocent children.

We often receive calls to take in children, and sadly there are not enough funds to help in all situations. But with your help, we can provide care for some of them like the two boys pictured here.



Alonzo and Arturo are newly arrived and need sponsors. You can help!

Arturo and Alonzo are cousins who recently arrived at the Las Palmas children's village in the Dominican Republic. They were rescued from their grandmother's home by the police.

Someone in the community filed a complaint that the boys were living in a home where the woman ran a prostitution business. The boys were not safe in this situation.

The authorities brought them to Las Palmas where they've become a part of the ICC family—a family that will love and provide nurturing care for them in a Seventh-day Adventist home environment. Accepting the boys is a step of faith, for Arturo and Alonzo still need sponsors.

As we approach World Orphans Day, please consider being an

“Orphan Advocate.” Tell someone you know about the plight of orphans. Let them know that orphan care is so very much needed in the world today for kids like Arturo and Alonzo.

Tell them about the ICC family and how they, too, can become a part of this ministry where an orphan is orphaned no more! What a blessing it will be to Arturo and Alonzo and others like them.

If you—or someone you know—would like to sponsor one of these boys or another child in need, please contact Alanna, child sponsorship coordinator. She can be reached at 800-422-7729.

Thank you for what you do for the children!

Grateful for Your Support!

Ana shares her appreciation for the "finishing touch" you helped to provide for her!

— Editor's Note —

In the January 2014 and 2016 *Que Pasa* (available online in the newsletter section of ICC's website), we shared the story and accomplishments of Ana and Silvia Herrera, two sisters who came to the Los Pinos children's village in 2001. ICC family members like you helped them complete their nurses training.

In the following update from Ana, she shares what is happening in her life and thanks you for what you have done for her.

Dear ICC —

It is a pleasure for me to be able to greet you again, hoping in God that all your activities will be filled with many blessings.

My name is Ana Beatriz Herrera. Thanks to the opportunity that you gave me in the "Los Pinos" Children's Village in Guatemala, I was able to graduate from the University of San Carlos as a professional nurse, and then finish as a technician in respiratory therapy.

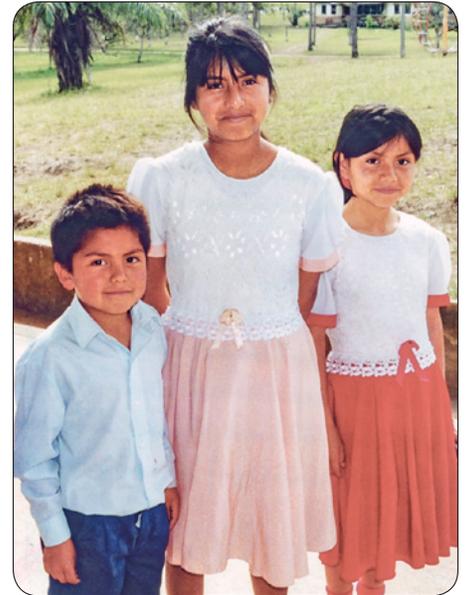


After having finished my studies at the end of 2015, I began to look for work in different hospitals. Thank God, it was not difficult to find a job, because in this country with a university degree it is easier to get a job.

“A thousand thanks to my home Los Pinos, to ICC and to all the people who supported me when I needed it.”

By the beginning of 2016 I was working at the Roosevelt Hospital, which is one of the government hospitals in Guatemala. I started working as a respiratory therapist in the adult intensive care unit, which has a capacity of 38 beds.

In March of 2016 I needed to leave the ICC City Center because I already had a stable job, and, together with my sister Silvia, we rented an apartment in zone 11 of Guatemala



Ana (on the right) with her sister Silvia and her brother Luis while they were living at the Los Pinos Children's Village in Guatemala.

City, because it was close to our work.

I thank God for allowing me to live in the Los Pinos Children's Village, and for all their teachings, because when it comes time to become independent, it is not easy.

That home is my family, my alma mater that saw me grow up, and it is difficult to leave to start a new life. But thank God, it was not so difficult to adapt, because we supported each other.

In May of that same year I received a call to work at the General Hospital San Juan de Dios in the neonatal intensive care unit, which I accepted.

Well, I love my job! I worked there for two years, 2016-2017. Currently I only work in one

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Ana Herrera (who grew up at the Los Pinos Children's Village in Guatemala) working at the Hospital San Juan de Dios in Guatemala City. Ana was stationed in the neonatal intensive care unit. Your support of Ana while she was living at Los Pinos allowed her to realize her dream of working as a medical professional.

hospital (Roosevelt Hospital). My hours are very nice – 24 hours for 4 days – so that allows me to take extra shifts and also work as a teacher to adult students who are doing an intensive internship.



Due to my job performance, I have been able to receive extra training outside of my work area, which is very satisfying for me, because I know that if I am trained I can provide better care to my patients.

I feel very grateful to the children's village, because through it I have achieved my goals and dreams. I know that God has great plans for each of the children who are still there, and He also has plans for me.

When I have the opportunity to talk with the young ladies from the Children's Village who currently live in the ICC City Center, I encourage them

to continue studying and to fight for their dreams. I know it is not easy, but not impossible either.

I continue to attend the Adventist church in zone 13 because I know it is the most valuable thing in my life, and that was something that was instilled in my heart in the Children's Village.

I take all the principles, values and teachings with me wherever I am. When someone asks me where I come from, I tell them with joy about the ICC Children's Village because for me it means a lot.

Thanks to that home that I had, I now have a stable job. And, best of all, I enjoy my work, helping people in their moments of pain – and even their relatives – talking with them about God.

A thousand thanks to my home Los Pinos, to ICC and to all the people who supported me when I needed it. I always remember you all with love, and I carry you deep inside my heart.

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Long-Awaited-For Public Relations Director is Here!

William Hurtado is joining the ICC staff as the new Public Relations Director. He has a communications degree and a masters in youth ministry. Most of all, he knows Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord. Here is his story:

At 16, William stumbled into grace and was converted. Soon after, he was led to Laurelwood Academy in Gaston, OR, where he was disciplined to be a missionary. After graduating from there, he began asking God, "What do you want me to do for You?"

God led William to stay at the school as a task force assistant dean. One evening, as he sat at the dean's office, God impressed him to take students on a mission trip to Mexico. William didn't understand it then, but God was preparing him for a life of missions and outreach.



William Hurtado and family. William is joining ICC as public relations director.

Soon afterwards, God led William to Andrews University where he studied public relations and marketing, and where he became the campus student association outreach director.

God soon after unfolded through William and his friends the biggest and most long-lasting outreach in the history of Andrews University, according to a long-time university chaplain. Over 100 students flooded the streets of nearby Benton Harbor every Sabbath as they ministered to impoverished children and families.

Now, after 20 years of local church youth ministry and international missions endeavors, God is allowing William to combine ministry with communications through ICC.

Coming from Collegedale, TN, as the former youth pastor of the Southern Adventist University campus church, William brings new passion, vision and knowledge to the ICC team. (And William brings 10

years of belonging to the ICC family through child sponsorship). It will be a pleasure to have him help lead the way to connect an established generation with a new generation of orphan advocates for Christ.

William is married to Shelley, and together they have two children, Selah who is ten, and Xander who is seven, who were both born in Anacortes, WA.

The Hurtados lived in Western Washington previous to Tennessee, and though they will miss their friends in TN, they are happy to return to Vancouver, WA where the ICC headquarters is located.

Please join William and the ICC team in prayer as they step into the future God has planned for them — and for you! Expect from God a future of increased prayer and involvement, where together we can hear God say; "Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for Me."

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