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Once Upon a Time in Mexico

While Mexican authorities apprehend unaccompanied migrant children, ICC works even harder to become a safe-haven for kids

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Last month I traveled to ICC's El Oasis Children's Village in Mexico and fell in love with the people, the place and the mission.

Two hours southeast of Ensenada, the road brought me to Valle de la Trinidad. It was near Valle that El Oasis began 21 years ago.

The 100-acre campus is home to a small Adventist community that is doubling up its mission for Jesus and for kids. Let me tell you about several of the people I met.

Claudia Escamilla is a Human Services Specialist and the assistant children's services director.



Claudia Escamilla and her husband Juan. Claudia is the assistant children's services director at the El Oasis Children's Village in Baja Norte, Mexico.

Claudia studied Behavioral Science at Canadian Adventist University through an

educational sponsorship. She also received a master's in public health at Montemorelos.

In 2007 she began working at ICC's children's village in El Salvador. In 2016 she returned with her husband Juan to her native México to minister to the children at El Oasis.

Both Claudia and Juan are committed to being your heart and hands in Mexico.

Josue arrived at El Oasis as a baby. 19 years later, he still needs his ICC family to guide him into adulthood.

While I was there, he took me to a goat pen where he kept a mother goat and her two kids. He picked up one of the kids and lovingly held it in his arms.



Josue with one of the goats for which he cares at El Oasis.

As he talked about them, I could see his face glowing with pride for "his kids." I asked Josue if ICC loved and cared for him in the same way that he cared for his goats. He smiled and said, "Si."

It is through your loving support that Josue and the other children at El Oasis have a chance in life.

Marcos is a successful farm manager and Christian family man. He's been farming in the local area around El Oasis for 25 years.



Marcos manages the farm at the El Oasis Children's Village in Baja Norte, Mexico. Marcos has been farming in the local region around El Oasis for 25 years.

He's helping your donations to El Oasis go further by bringing in the yearly jalapeño crop. The jalapeños are then sold at market.

The proceeds from the jalapeño sales are then used to help offset the expenses of caring for the children.

He is helping your donations go even further by creating a

Putting on Love

Orphan children don't have much of this world's goods when they arrive at an ICC children's village. Often, they have only the clothes they are wearing.

Imagine how a little orphan girl feels when she is given several sets of clothing and most impactful of all, a special Sabbath dress.

You may recall seeing in the June 2018 *Que Pasa* our Los Pinos girls in Guatemala clothed in beautiful Sabbath dresses.

Those dresses are the craftsmanship of Rebecca Loveless and her team of volunteers from

a ministry she started called "Clothed with Love."

Rebecca was inspired by Colossians 3: 14, "But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection."

"I wanted to create a dress for the girls, the orphans, to symbolize them being clothed with love," said Rebecca. "For them to know how special and valuable they are, how precious they are to Jesus, and how much they are loved."

The most recent recipients of these special dresses are the girls from the Las Palmas children's

village in the Dominican Republic. The happy faces in these pictures tell of the positive impact of these dresses.

Rebecca and her team continue their work of blessing ICC children. They are currently working to provide dresses for girls at ICC's largest project — the Patmos Children's Village in the DR Congo.

Thank you, Rebecca, the volunteer seamstresses and all our ICC family for your loving support of the children!



Putting on Love — *continued*



These young ladies from the Las Palmas Children's Village in the Dominican Republic are showing the special Sabbath dresses they received from the "Clothed With Love" ministry that is creating hand-made dresses for the girls at ICC's children's villages.

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self-sustaining jalapeño micro-industry that can supplement the children's financial needs.

By the end of July he and the team of workers will harvest the 50 acres of jalapeño plants.

Two generous benefactors helped pay for the farm's tractor. Others donated funds for a fumigator and a plow.

\$3000 is still needed for a disc and a harrow. This is where you

can help. Your special donation will be a blessing to El Oasis. The children, staff, and farm workers look to you for support.

And as an added blessing, an ICC family member is offering a matching grant for funds donated to the El Oasis farm. It's an excellent time to double your support for "His Kids."

El Oasis is a beautiful Adventist orphan care facility. Through the years it has had its challenges but

now, the Holy Spirit is blowing a new wind of energy and growth.

Will you pray with me that the El Oasis story will continue to new chapters of growth and blessing for children in need?

While we may not be able to minister to every displaced child in Mexico, of those God does bring to us we will do our best to love and care for them.

Thank you once again for your partnership in this ministry.

— New Children in Congo are Blessed Because of You! —

You take the Bible mandate to provide for orphan children seriously.

Though you may not be able to personally tend to the 59 newly-arrived orphans in the DR Congo, your prayers and financial gifts are vital. They help the caregivers provide for the daily needs of the children.

As reported last month, the rescue mission for the kids was successful. The process of

restoration continues. The Patmos staff are the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus for these children.

The documentation needed to assign sponsors for these children will take time to receive.

However, if you would like to sponsor one of these children, please contact Alanna at 800-422-7729. She'll let you know when you'll be able to sponsor these children.

Thank you for your prayers in behalf of these children and their caregivers.

Memorials & Honorariums

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Mr. & Mrs. Rod Weis

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Mrs. Lillian Wysong

In Memory of MB & Jeanne Christensen
Ms. Lorna Netupsky-Lang

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Mrs. Iris Chung

In Memory of Shirley Davis
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