



# QUÉ PASA

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## Transforming Congo Orphans Lives

**Y**our generous outpouring of support for the newly arrived orphan children in the D.R. Congo is truly amazing!

Thanks to you, the 59 little ones have been rescued and are on a pathway of recovery, much like the children who arrived a little over a year earlier.

Those children, 31 in all, arrived in the Fall of 2017 to ICC's Patmos Children's Village.

They have overcome so much physical and emotional suffering, and you've given them literally a new life.

Julian and Marc are just two examples of the wonderful transformations that have taken place during the past year.

**Julian was on the brink of death** when he arrived at the Patmos Children's Village. His condition was nearly hopeless because of the wretched conditions in which he lived prior to arriving at Patmos.

He suffered from severe malnutrition because of the lack of adequate nourishment. He was ill, and his body was swollen.

Most likely, Julian would have died had he not been taken into the ICC family in the D.R. Congo.



This is Julian. On the left, is a photo taken just after he arrived at the Patmos Children's Village in the D.R. Congo. On the right, is a recent picture showing how much he has improved and transformed directly because of your support.

Health workers treated Julian, and he was given a diet rich in vitamins. Gradually, his condition improved. He was able to join other children in the nursery school at Patmos.

Julian has made tremendous progress. His infectious smile is a testimony to the transformation made possible through your support.

**Marc was severely malnourished** when he came to Patmos. The Patmos staff were concerned his

condition being so serious that he might die on the spot.

He was not able to eat. He was very ill, and his skin was turning pale—a sign of lack of blood flow. He was not able to stand up or sit. He wanted only to sleep and was upset if anyone woke him up.

Marc was prescribed medicines to treat his various illnesses and was put on a diet designed to meet his needs. From the time he was given the medical care and diet that he needed, Marc's health and hope

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*By Doug Congleton*

A few weeks ago, I had the privilege of attending an amazing event at one of our projects! Let me tell you about it...

ICC partnered with the Versacare Foundation many years ago, and they have done wonderful things to help change and literally save the lives of children here at ICC.

You all know how this feels since you do the same thing every day for these special children through your continued support.

Versacare constructed a counseling center/medical clinic at Las Palmas in the Dominican Republic.

This multi-purpose facility will bless ICC children by helping to provide for their emotional, physical and spiritual care.

There is such a huge need for this type of care in our projects, and now we have such a facility for the children at Las Palmas.

This building was built in honor of two Versacare board members that were retiring from the board this past year. Those two gentlemen are Robert Coy and Elder George Brown.

These two men have done so much through Versacare to provide for our children around the world, and Versacare wanted to honor them and their passion in life for these children.

The grand opening was truly an amazing event! There were numerous dignitaries from the local SDA Conference as well



The main entrance to the medical clinic section of the new R.E. 'Robert' Coy Counseling Center & Elder G.W. Brown Medical Clinic. The clinic building is located on the campus of the Las Palmas Children's Village in the Dominican Republic. The clinics were opened and dedicated during a ceremony held in May of 2019.

as community leaders. Rick and Sharon Fleck and I were blessed to be able to attend this very special event.

The Las Palmas Children's Orchestra played a few songs for us, and there were numerous speeches.

The special highlight for all the children was a short video where Robert Coy spoke to the children

and then Elder George Brown stood up and gave his thoughts and expressed his appreciation for this building that will serve hundreds if not thousands of children in the future!

The ceremony ended with a very touching presentation from the younger children of Las Palmas. They came forward with individual sheets of paper that



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spelled out “Gracias” once they all lined up.

This was meant for Robert Coy, Elder Brown and all Versacare board members. You could see an expression of happiness on Elder Brown’s face. I also imagined how much this would mean to Bob Coy and Versacare if they all could have personally been there as well.

The program concluded with a ribbon cutting ceremony and everyone being invited into the new facility to see all that it holds for the children.

Our leaders at Las Palmas also provided fresh fruit cups for all in attendance at the end of the tour.

This was such a blessing to be a part of and to see how excited the children were for this very special gift to them!

It is always such a tremendous blessing to me to be a part of an organization that is doing this work for “His kids.”

It’s also an honor to know that every dollar that is given to the



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children of ICC is utilized in the best way possible.

This enables ICC to provide a better life for the children, to give them a safe home to live in, a family to love them, and most important, the knowledge of their “forever home” in Heaven with Jesus.

There is nothing better in life than to stand in witness to these very special moments for His Kids!

Thank you Versacare for the practical gift of this counseling center/medical clinic which recognizes the contribution of two very important people in our ICC family.



Elder G.W. Brown [right], and Myrna Costa of VersaCare [left], speak at the dedication of the new counseling and medical clinic at Las Palmas.



The Las Palmas orchestra plays during the dedication event for the new counseling and medical clinic on the Las Palmas campus.

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## Transforming Congo Orphans Lives — *continued*

for survival started changing for the best. The transformation was dramatic, for within two months, Marc was able to laugh.

Compared to when he arrived, Marc is in good health, even though he is still under the watchful care of the health providers.

Marc has been able to join the other children in the nursery school. His teacher says that he is among her best students!

What an amazing transformation God has orchestrated through His loving caregivers and through ICC's family of supporters! What wonderful plans He must have, not only for Julian and Marc, but for all the orphans within ICC's care.

During the past eighteen months many newly-orphaned children have joined the ICC family in the D.R. Congo. The life-long work



This is Marc. The photo on the left was taken just after he arrived at the Patmos Children's Village in the D.R. Congo. The photo on the right is a recent picture showing how much Marc has transformed and improved because of your support.

of transformation and restoration is just beginning for each of these kids. Thank you for all you are doing to provide for these children.

Your faithful support is vital to their transformation. We are confident that God will continue to work through your generosity to bless "His Kids!"

## Become an Ambassador for "His Kids"

**A** special opportunity is now available for you to become an ICC Ambassador.

As the name suggests, an ICC Ambassador is one who promotes our collective mission to rescue and restore the lives of orphan children.

Many options are available for ICC Ambassadors to share our mission with others.

We will work with you individually and provide you with the tools and training needed to be a successful Ambassador.

Here are some specific ways that you can serve as an ICC Ambassador for "His Kids" —

- ▶ Share the Que Pasa, brochures, and videos with family & friends.
- ▶ Share ICC materials with local business owners.
- ▶ Introduce ICC to your pastor and church leaders. Offer to make a presentation about "His Kids" during a church program.
- ▶ Encourage your Pathfinders or youth group to participate in a mission outreach project for ICC.

- ▶ Plan a fundraising event to benefit "His Kids" such as food fairs, bake sales, car washes.
- ▶ Invite ICC supporters near you to an annual ICC family reunion. If possible, ICC will provide a guest speaker for your event.
- ▶ Represent ICC at your local camp meeting. Displays and materials will be provided, and reasonable expenses will be covered.

**You'll find more information** on our website at [ForHisKids.org/ambassador](http://ForHisKids.org/ambassador) — Or, contact William Hurtado at (800) 422-7729.