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A New Home and Family

New Construction at Patmos Children's Village



During the last few years, dozens of new children have arrived at Patmos Children's Village. One sibling group lost their mother to malaria, and then they were abandoned by their father. Because of your generosity, those siblings were adopted into the Patmos Children's Village family. They are pictured above in the house that will soon become their home. Thank you for your support of the children! (Faces have been blurred to protect the children.)

Your support is helping to make dramatic transformations in the lives of children at the Patmos village in the D.R. Congo. Most of these children were robbed of their biological families through war, disease, or other tragedies. That was the situation of five siblings that recently became a part of our ICC family in Congo.

Their mother died of Malaria. When their father re-married, he abandoned the family. They had nowhere else to go except into the care of their 79-year old grandmother who was vulnerable and

with little means to care for herself, let alone five little ones. When the village chief heard about these children, he asked us to take care of them. When they arrived, they were malnourished and suffering miserably. Désiré, Patmos Director, and his team quickly provided for the immediate needs of the children and tried to make them feel welcomed and secure.

Your generosity has enabled these siblings to find a home at the Patmos Children's Village, where they can receive the nurturing care that they desperately need. Yet even though they have found a

home, because of the crowded conditions, there has not been room for them to have sufficient space for themselves.

You may recall that last year the Patmos Children's village opened its arms to dozens of newly orphaned children. This created quite a challenge of where to house them all. We appealed for funds to build another children's home. What a blessing that ICC family members answered the call for funding and have supported this project financially! These funds have made it possible for construction to begin on house 10.

First, workers cleared and leveled the land. They brought in rocks to provide a firm foundation. They also made the cement blocks that would be used in construction.

Work on this haven of refuge is progressing. It will be a day of rejoicing when the last door is hung, the last section of plaster is applied, and the painting is finished. Then these siblings will have more than just a home at Patmos. They will have a house to live in and the space needed to grow and thrive.

Désiré said, "The five siblings clapped and thanked the donors

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Thanks to your support, a new house is almost complete at the Patmos Children's Village. This home will be a blessing to children when they can finally "come home" with their family. Thank you!

Continued from page 1 for the funds to build the house where they will be living... They say: "We will take care of the house, sweeping and mopping it on a

regular basis. It is a fair place where we will spend peaceful nights and have undisturbed sleep. We pray for the longevity of our sponsors, donors, and ICC personnel."

The ICC family of children thrives because of the care that you help to make possible through your generosity. You help to provide a children's home with not only structure and furnishings, but also the loving caregivers who tend to the daily needs of the children. Thank you so very much for your generous support that makes homes and houses possible for them!

Construction of House 10 is almost complete. It will help to reduce the crowded conditions. But there is still a need for another house. If you'd like to have a part in helping to construct House 11, please designate your gift as Congo House Construction. On behalf of the children, thank you!

Answer to the "Un-Prayed Prayer"

By Bambi Perrin, ICC Public Relations Associate

Before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear." Isaiah 65:24 NIV

What an amazing promise, and one we tend to push to the back of our minds. How many times has God answered a prayer before we even thought to call out? Or, how often has God used us to be the answer to someone else's un- prayed prayer? I am sure I haven't recognized even a fraction of all He has done for me. Recently, however, God gave me the privilege of knowing He answered an as yet un- prayed prayer.

The day began as all too many post-the-start-of-COVID-19 days have, with a donor tearfully explaining

that she needs to stop her monthly gifts due to COVID-19 related financial difficulties. In the beginning, a call like this would have me immediately praying for the donor in addition to adding her to my prayer list.

I am ashamed to admit, though, that, as time has gone on and these calls have gotten more common, rather than praying immediately, I just add them to my list and go on as though it's "business as usual."

God reminded me that it's not "business as usual" right now and, even if it were, I should not be decreasing the frequency and fervency of my prayers. He also reminded me that He doesn't need my prayers to be faithful in answering them.



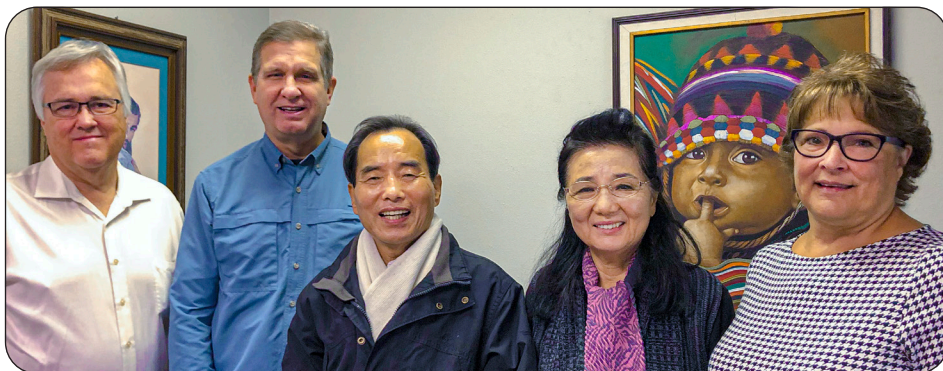
Bambi Perrin is the ICC Public Relations Associate, and one of the voices you might hear when you call the ICC headquarters in Vancouver, Washington.

He brought the above-mentioned verse to mind when, less than an hour after the call from our tearful donor, another faithful donor said, "God's been prompting me to give more", and increased his

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Updates Around the World

From Your ICC Family



ICC Japan Partner Office is Founded

Please join us in welcoming a new partner office to the ICC Family! ICC Japan is led by Pastor Seonjae Sung, pictured with his wife, Jin Wah Park, and from left to right with Rick Fleck, Kent Greve, and Sharon Fleck.

Patmos Girls Start College



It's the start of the new school year for students at the Patmos Children's Village in D.R. Congo. These three college girls wear masks to stay safe for in-person classes. On Idjwi Island, there have been no cases of COVID-19.

Jalapeño Industry is Also a Mission Center



Three people recently gave their lives to Jesus at El Oasis. On the Jalapeño farm, not all employees are Christian. So, Raul, the farming manager, makes a special point to witness to those around him, sharing God's love. Juanita and Raul, pictured left, are cousins. Juanita came to visit and assisted on the farm. After studying Bible truths with Raul, she and her sons accepted Jesus. Pictured right is her son, Omar, being baptised. So, in an important way, the Jalapeño Industry is also a mission center!



Los Pinos Sabbath School Construction Continues



At Los Pinos, the Sabbath School classroom construction continues to progress. It is a blessing that the construction is not prohibited by COVID-19. Thank you to each person who helped make this project possible! In addition to support from donors, ASI, and Versacare, the Los Pinos church also took up offerings to support the completion of this building project. The children look forward to the day when they will be able to enjoy these Sabbath School rooms.

The Gathering Place: A New Video Series



The Gathering Place is a new monthly series designed to provide additional details of stories featured in the Que Pasa. It is hosted by Doug Congleton, Executive Director for ICC Americas.

In the Que Pasa, it is a joy to share the inspirational stories of how God is using your support to bless the children of ICC. There are stories of grown children and growing children. There are stories of miracles and manifestations of God's love. They are reminders that God is working, through you, in every detail of life at the ICC Children's Villages.

It can be a challenge fitting the many stories into our regular four-page Que Pasa format. There are often details that simply won't fit. That is why we are excited to share a new video series with you: The Gathering Place.

The Gathering Place is a new monthly series. It will provide additional details of stories that are featured in the Que Pasa. For example, it will include things like interviews with grown children, stories from workers at the children's villages, and other touching updates. Doug Congleton, Executive Director for ICC Americas, hosts this series.

The first episode of The Gathering Place went live in September. In that edition, Ricardo Medina answers questions about his life growing up at El Oasis Children's Village. He is now a dental surgeon and was featured in the Back to School September Que Pasa edition. To watch that video, and to keep up-to-date with future episodes of The Gathering Place, visit InternationalChildrensCare.org/the-gathering-place.

Answer to the "Un-Prayed Prayer" — *continued*

monthly gift by the exact amount our tearful donor used to give! What an amazing God we serve! He didn't wait for me to start praying before answering. He didn't even wait until our tearful donor stopped her gifts before working on the heart of another.

Daily, God is working to answer your un-prayed prayers. He knows and cares for you, just as He knows and cares for the orphan children. Yet, that does not mean we need to pray less. We must pray more! We must pray that God will not only care for the needs of others, but that He will use us to help answer someone else's un-prayed

prayer. Perhaps you have not been able to give as much as you wish you could, but God knows your heart. He will bless the children through your kindness, no matter how big or small you may perceive your gift to be.

Or, perhaps you are ready and able to give more. How many orphan children have had their prayers answered because of your support? Some children living in poverty don't yet know Jesus or don't know how to pray. Yet, God still watches out for them. Will you step out in faith to answer an orphan child's un-prayed prayer?



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