



# QUÉ PASA

## What's Happening

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## Thanks for YOUR Care of "His Kids" During the Coronavirus Outbreak!

**I**n times of calamity and great distress, we find comfort in God's word. While the rapid spread of Covid-19 and the resulting panic is putting our faith to the test, it's important that we, like the Psalmist, recognize God's faithfulness in caring for all "His Kids," including ourselves.

*"Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."*  
**Psalm 91:9-11**

During this world-wide pandemic, we remain in close communication with the children's villages. They each are implementing protocols of social distancing, hand washing and other hygiene measures, as well as limiting visitors. Off-campus trips are being limited to the most urgent things.

As of now, none of our children or staff have been infected with Covid-19. However, there have been other illnesses – some quite severe. For instance, in Guatemala several of our children have been fighting another virus similar to Covid-19. And in the DR Congo, a malaria outbreak has once again caused suffering to the children.

Thanks to your support, we've been able to provide for these medical needs.

The children continue to depend on all of us as we face the future together. As an example, Desire, our project director in Congo, recently wrote an urgent message:

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Rwanda closed its border this morning from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. then they reopened saying that foreigners should be allowed to go back to their homes because from Monday 03/23/2020 the borders will be closed for two months...

As the market prices start to rise due to insufficient supply, we ask to make a transfer today as far as possible because we can find or

withdraw the money before the date of 03/23/2020 which is the date the borders will be closed.

If you do not act today there will be a catastrophic life at the Patmos Children's Village for the next two months. May the Lord guide you in making decisions to save lives at the Patmos Children's Village.

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Thanks to your support, we were able to meet this urgent need! Your generosity is sustaining the lives of the children. With the rapid, freefalling economy and uncertainty of the future, please continue to give generously so that the needs of the children can be met. May God bless you and send His angels "to keep thee in all thy ways."



Just as our heavenly Father walks with us during times of distress, your support enables ICC house fathers to provide protective care for "His kids!"

# The Impact of Your Support of “His Kids” at Las Palmas

By Doug Congleton, Executive Director

I was so proud of the group of people I was listening to as they spoke about their lives and what they are doing to help.

Let me back up and tell you what this is all about...

Just a few weeks ago, before the Covid-19 virus halted international travel, I went on a work trip to Las Palmas, our children's village in the Dominican Republic.

I was going there to work on our industries that we have started there in order to help to financially contribute to the Las Palmas' monthly budget. I was able to accomplish the goals that I had set out to do with them, and things went really well and look promising for the future of the industries.

There was so much more to this trip than I had imagined. There were a few others with me from our office doing their own work assignments on the campus. When Sabbath came, much to my surprise, 16 of our young adults who have graduated from Las Palmas came to church on the campus since they heard we would be there. They spent the day with us.

These young people asked us to meet with them so they could reminisce about their years living at Las Palmas. We gladly accepted and met with them in the library on campus. I was so thrilled to be invited, and I quickly found a place to sit and listen.

The room grew quiet as Anny started telling about how she had come to Las Palmas as a small child but left with a college degree. Now she is working in administration in the local school district. This Anny I was listening to was not the same little girl I knew from years ago. This



Thanks to your support, these young people were able to make Las Palmas their home as children. Now, they are giving forward the blessing that you provided by donating to the current children of Las Palmas.

was a young, confident woman that was having a tremendous impact in the lives of others that is far reaching!

Each one of the young people then shared their own personal stories of when they lived on campus and what they are doing in their lives today. Several of these grown children have positions of responsibility in businesses and within the government. I was amazed and felt like a proud parent as I heard what tremendous differences each one is making in this world!

Then, they told us of how they collect funds from each other during the year and then go out and purchase needed supplies and gifts for the children on the campus. This is truly the essence of what “giving back” really means, and it is what I always refer to as “The Harvest.”

Along with this special time, I

was able to visit some of our families on the campus and see the children. It was such an honor to listen to a newer couple when they spoke of how God lead them to become house parents at Las Palmas.

The house father was an Uber driver, and he heard about Las Palmas and a need for house parents on the campus as he was driving around in his car. His wife had been praying for a job that would still allow her to raise her own children. This man immediately called Las Palmas.

Long story short, they are now wonderful house parents doing God's work with the children. This is an answer to prayer, and it is turning out to be a blessing for the children in that new family. Both sides are blessed!

It was also fun to just watch the interaction of the house parents with the children. There was so



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The love and care between house parents and their children is truly special. With your help, ICC children will continue to grow and heal in the love of a family.

much love and care that they showed to the children in all that they did with them. The kids immediately showed that same love for the house parents, and it was so special to see how these families interact with love to each other.

As I stood there witnessing all of these wonderful things, my mind went to all of you who are truly the reason any of this is happening. None of these things would ever happen if it were not for all of you who continue to faithfully support these special children of God. YOU are the ones who are making these amazing things happen in the lives of "His kids"

with your continued financial support and prayers on behalf of the children.

These are kids who otherwise would not have a place of hope, safety and love to flourish. But today they do, and they are flourishing, all because of YOU.

As I left Las Palmas at the end of my visit, I also left a part of my heart there with every one of those families. I wanted to be a small part of what you all have accomplished there and at all of the other ICC Children's Villages as well.

God bless each one of you for continuing to support these wonderful children!

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## Rick Bowes Joins the ICC Family as the New Director of Donor Relations

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**T**hough some of you may not have been previously acquainted with Pastor Rick Bowes, his involvement with ICC began in 2010, when he and his wife Sharman, signed up for a sponsorship, and then it continued a few years later when he became an ICC board member.

Since Rick had been a pastor for the previous 48 years, he comes to this position with an extensive background in all aspects of non-profit ministry. In the mid 1990's he was instrumental in the development of the SOS free medical clinic in the Walla Walla Valley, and in the early 2000s he was one of the forces behind the creation of the Battle Ground Health Clinic.

His job with us will involve telling the ICC story during Sabbath morning presentations, communicating with our donor family

through emails, letters, phone calls, and writing articles for the *Que Pasa*.

Recently Rick and Sharman had the opportunity to travel to the Las Palmas Children's Village in the Dominican Republic. During the five day trip Rick not only preached on Sabbath morning, but also led out in a seminar for the staff on the "Love Languages", and Sharman, a former teacher at Columbia Adventist Academy and Rogers Elementary School, conducted a workshop for the teachers on classroom management.

When they were asked to share the trip's central highlight, they both responded. "It was connecting with those beautiful children."

Both Rick and Sharman are excited to see what God has in store for them at ICC as the next chapter of their lives unfolds.

We are blessed to have Rick and Sharman as valued members of the ICC family. Please join us in welcoming Rick into an expanded role within this ministry. He can be reached at [rick-bowes@forhiskids.org](mailto:rick-bowes@forhiskids.org). Rick is eager to get acquainted with each member of the ICC family.



Rick and Sharman Bowes make a life-changing trip to Las Palmas Children's Village.

# Children for Change

## ICC Missions Program for Children's Programs Launches



You and your children can make a large impact with even a small amount of change.

Children for Change is a new ICC mission project for your children's programming! It's a five day guide of activities and stories for VBS, camp meeting programs, school week of prayer, and more. Each day focuses on different ways a child can change the world by saying yes to Jesus! Children will also collect change donations in order to raise money to help ICC children in the DR Congo.

As children listen to each of the Bible stories and ICC mission stories, they will learn how even a small amount of change can make a big impact. This important lesson will be reinforced with craft and snack ideas.

As a result, children will begin to truly understand how important they are to God. They will also learn what an important impact they can make on the world through missions. Find out more at the ICC Website:

[InternationalChildrensCare.org/children-for-change/](http://InternationalChildrensCare.org/children-for-change/)

## Visit the New ICC Website, Today!

[ForHisKids.Org](http://ForHisKids.Org) now has a new look! It also has a new name: [InternationalChildrensCare.org](http://InternationalChildrensCare.org).

Both links are active and are connected to the same ICC website. Familiar information from the previous website is still available, including ICC's secure donation page and archives of the Que Pasa. In addition to that, there are several new features to improve user experience.

Visit the website to view an interactive map that shows ICC's locations. News updates that take place between Que Pasa publications will also be posted, as well as digital files of the annual ICC Magazine.

For those who are ready to take their passion for orphan care to the next level, the website provides Eight Ways to Get Involved. VBS Mission Projects and ICC Ambassadors are just two outreaches that can provide a powerful and lasting impact on the orphans. Find out more at the new ICC website.

"We are thankful to ICC supporters and staff who continue to see a vision for what God can do through this beautiful ministry," says William Hurtado, PR Director. "Our website updated to 2020 standards will help us carry God's faithfulness from the past and present into the future. May it be a tool in your hands to share His Love."



*A Legacy of Love*

*Providing for the future through planned giving*

You can leave a lasting legacy in the life of an orphan child.

Contact Doug today for more details.

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When soliciting funds for a specific need, we occasionally receive more in donations than requested. In those instances when we do receive more money than solicited, those extra funds are placed in "Alcyon's Angel Fund." To protect the privacy of our children, ICC uses fictitious names in the Que Pasa when referring to minor children.