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What's Happening

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Give Extra CARE For "His Kids" This Christmas

Double Your Gift with the "Christmas Care Matching Challenge!"

"Real, true religion from God the Father's perspective is about caring for the orphans and widows who suffer needlessly and resisting the evil influence of the world."

James 1: 27 (Voice)

The Father called you!
You responded generously!
The children are grateful!
The call to care continues!

Care is the theme of this year's special Christmas edition of the *Que Pasa*. Care is in our name — **International Children's Care**. Caring is a part of our ministry DNA. Orphan and vulnerable children need consistent care — each day — each week — each month — each year — until they can care for themselves. And caring for these special children is something that is impossible for us — without you!

Your support continues to make a tremendous difference for children like Carlos and Mario who joined the ICC family not long ago. We want to introduce you to these brothers and tell you about a special way you can help them and other children this Christmas.

We're excited to let you know that some of our dedicated family members have joined together to create a special "Christmas Care Matching Challenge" that will help to bless the lives of children like Carlos and Mario.

From now until December 31, your gift can provide a double blessing for the children! This challenge is to encourage you to give a little extra — a bit more than you would otherwise give. Please take advantage of this opportunity today by filling out the response coupon and returning it with your gift. Thank you!

Carlos and Mario recently found themselves in need of someone to care for them and intervene on their behalf. Their single mom had no job,

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Carlos (left) and Mario need the nurturing care that donors like you help to provide. Thank you!

Give Extra Care For Christmas — *cont'd from page 1*

no place to live, no one to care for her two smalls boys so she could find work. She was desperate and out of options. However, she was determined to find an Adventist environment where her boys would receive the care they needed.

Fortunately for this mom and the two brothers, ICC's El Oasis children's village in Mexico is just such a place. And because of the support of ICC family members like you, just a few weeks ago Carlos and Mario were brought to us.

This will be the boys' first Christmas within their ICC family in Mexico! And yet, neither boy has a sponsor to help provide for their ongoing care.

And their arrival comes at a time when we face significant difficulties.

Expenses have exceeded donations this year.

Rapid inflation is eroding financial stability.

Reserve funds are depleted.

The well-being of the children is threatened.

Once again, we are reaching out to you, our caring ICC family, hoping and praying that you will give generously this Christmas to provide for the needs of children like Carlos and Mario.

And just in time, we've received a wonderful "Care Package" from ICC family members who have offered a special Christmas Care Matching Challenge to ensure that the children receive the care they need.

Over and over again we see what happens when orphan and vulnerable children are cared for in a loving, nurturing home.

They blossom!

They grow!

They flourish!

They are transformed!

You make transformations possible for children like Carlos and Mario

who are just beginning their journey within the ICC family!

And now, through the end of the year or until \$150,000 is reached, your EXTRA gift of care and support will be doubled — literally transformed!

Our Heavenly Father's call to care for orphan children continues. Please, while you have this *Que Pasa* in your hand, answer the call by filling out the response coupon and mailing it back with your gift.

In so doing you will be telling the children... *I Care For You!*

Thank you, and Merry Christmas!

You may also give online!

Type this URL into your browser —
[**ForHisKids.org/christmas-care**](https://ForHisKids.org/christmas-care)

Or scan this QR code to make your donation using your mobile device:



Paying Forward The Care That Was Given

We often write about children whose lives have been transformed as a result of your support. A wonderful example of this is seen in the life of Udai, our business manager at the DEWS Sweet Home Children's Village in India.

Udai grew up at Sweet Home, and after completing his degree in Business Administration he returned to Sweet Home to serve his younger

brothers and sisters. When the campus administrator became ill and had to return to the United States for care and treatment, Udai stepped in to provide calm and effective leadership.

He is the business manager and currently acting as co-director under the supervision of the director, who has been unable to be in India due to the pandemic.

The following is an edited excerpt from an update that Udai sent about what has been happening at Sweet Home:

"We praise God for his guidance on our campus and children. During the Pandemic we faced many issues.

"We had a hard time traveling out from campus because of lockdowns in our area.

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Caring For The Kids Through Music

At the Las Palmas Children's Village in the Dominican Republic, caring for the children goes beyond basic essentials such as providing food, clothing, shelter, medical attention and education. It includes something quite important to the well-being of a growing child. What is it? The opportunity to participate in making music!

For several years, one of Las Palmas' most unsung heroes of the children is José Ramón Rojas, nicknamed "Job" after the Bible story. Job is multitalented, dedicated, and eager to serve the needs of the children at Las Palmas. He earned the name of Job because of his character. He's known for his patience, humility, and love for others. This is exemplified in something that happened while he studied for a degree in architecture. Job was repeatedly denied completing one essential class because the teacher required exams to be taken on Sabbath. The teacher made no exceptions. This went on year after year, during which time Job was unable to complete his degree.

Through it all, Job remained faithful to his beliefs and values. His patience was rewarded when that professor passed away, and Job was able to complete the class — and his degree.

Job has used his architecture training to construct several buildings on the Las Palmas campus, the most recent of which is the G.W. Brown medical clinic and R.E. Coy counseling center.



The G.W. Brown medical clinic and R.E. Coy counseling center.

As important as the building projects have been, what has truly endeared Job to the Las Palmas children is his love for and gift of music. Job is a talented musician and enjoys teaching Las Palmas children to play instruments and participate as a group in the campus

orchestra. He does this completely as a volunteer.

Recently, Job conducted a music workshop on the Las Palmas campus for the kids in the orchestra. At the end of the workshop, the entire Las Palmas family was blessed to hear the results when the orchestra performed in concert.

Does this type of "care" for children enhance their sense of well-being? Most definitely! In fact, at the nearby Adventist university other students find it difficult to believe Las Palmas children are actually orphaned. "How is it," they say, "that you know how to play a musical instrument? We were never given that opportunity."

The care you provide through your generous support enables Las Palmas children, as well as others throughout the ICC family, to have more than just "the basics." They also experience the joy of music which lasts not only a lifetime here on earth but will grow and expand through eternity as they praise their creator through music. Thank you for the care you help to provide for the children!



José Rojas conducts the Las Palmas orchestra during their performance at the opening of the G.W. Brown medical clinic and R.E. Coy counseling center. The orchestra is comprised of kids from the Las Palmas campus.



The Las Palmas orchestra after participating in the music workshop conducted by José "Job" Rojas [second from right – back row. The tall guy].

Paying Forward The Care Given — *cont'd from page 2*

We faced problems with visiting hospitals for medical care, getting groceries and bank transactions.

“During the online classes, children had classes from 8:00 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. After the classes they clean their surroundings and play for an hour. From 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. is the fresh-up time for worship. From 6:30 to 7:00 is worship time where all the children take part singing and reciting memory texts. The older boys lead out in services. From 7:00 to 7:30 is supper, then from 7:30 to 9:30 is study time.

“Last month we experienced heavy rains which caused one of our oldest Mango trees to fall. All the children felt bad as they enjoyed playing under it, and that tree used to give us two kinds of mangoes. We used to have workshops and other special programs



The Sweet Home family with the fallen mango tree.

under that tree. It was 83 years old, according to our milkman.

“On August 8, 2021, we celebrated our Silver Jubilee. A few of our children shared their stories of how they came here and how they were blessed to be in Sweet Home. I had tears remembering my own story and how I grew up in Sweet

Home. I personally shared to all the children and staff how Sweet Home started and how ICC came forward helping many unfortunate children all over the world.

“We praise God for all his blessing on DEWS Sweet Home campus and children. We are grateful for sponsors and the ICC family.”

Christmas Care Matching Challenge

Your extra gift will be doubled through December 31

Deadlines for 2021 tax receipts are:

By Phone — Must be received by 2:00pm, Friday, December 31

By Mail — Must be post-marked by Friday, December 31

Online — Must be completed by 11:59, Friday, December 31

