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YOU Keep The SMILE On Their Face!

Your support of the children means so much to them!

In recent weeks, we've shared with you the challenges inflation is causing at our children's villages. And yet, despite the hardships you and other ICC family members face, the children are blessed because of your continued care and generosity.

This ministry for orphaned and vulnerable children depends on your faithful support. And it's because of you that the children keep smiling! They are grateful for you and realize how important you are to them. Thank you very much for continuing to stand

with the children. Here are a few examples that Alanna Jones, ICC's sponsorship supervisor, shared from conversations she has recently had with ICC family members.

"Just yesterday, I had a sponsor call who gives once or twice a year in large amounts. He wanted to give \$2,100 and got to thinking about it and said, 'You know what? Let's up it to \$2,500. Jesus is coming soon, and I can't take this with me. So, let's just up it.' He was very humble about it."

"I've had others who have just called randomly and said, 'What's your minimum

The children continue to smile because of the loving support you provide! Thank you!

[sponsorship amount]?' When I've told them they've said, 'I can do more than that.' Others have called and just said, 'I'm going to do more.' We've had a lot of that recently."

ICC family, YOU are terrific!

A lingering pandemic. A horrific war. Rising inflation. Even though world events may challenge and perplex us, we are assured that "God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne." Psalm 47:8. NKJV

God continues to work through you to provide for the children. Thanks for all you are doing to keep the smiles on the faces of "His Kids!"



Los Pinos Children Thrive in Pathfinders

Thanks to Your Support!

The Pathfinder program at the Los Pinos Children's Village is a vital part of campus life for the children. Each pathfinder learns practical skills that help him or her on the pathway of becoming a successful adult.

The highlight for each Los Pinos pathfinder is the annual camporee. At these gatherings, memories are made for a lifetime.

That includes the 2019 event where temperatures dropped down to 32°F (0°C). That was brutally cold considering the average temperature is 82°F (28°C). Government authorities helped to rescue the more than 3,000 campers.

According to director, Joel Carpio, "It was an unforgettable experience for us and the children. Although there was a lot of tension and worry about the situation, God was with us, and the churches of Jalapa turned out to support all the clubs.

"We were blessed because many people offered us lodging and food, and we had nothing to regret other than the scare."

During the pandemic, the Los Pinos Pathfinder Club only had internal activities.

However, this past April, pathfinders in the north and central regions of the country gathered once again for a camporee.

There were 29 clubs present including Los Pinos and almost



Los Pinos pathfinders in formation at their camp during the April 2022 camporee. Los Pinos was recognized as having the Best Camp and as the Most Disciplined club. The club also won five first-place awards, three second-place awards, and two third-place awards during 15 events held at the camporee.

1,000 campers. Joel Carpio serves a dual role as children's village and pathfinder director. The following is an edited excerpt from a report he shared about the recent camporee.

The Los Pinos Pathfinder Club has acquired a great name at the national level for its skills in physical and spiritual competitions among which preaching, learning the Bible verses of every day of the month in which the camporee is held, and the quiz from the assigned book of the Bible stand out.

This year, due to the pandemic, the number of events in which to compete was reduced from 25 to 15. We obtained five first places, three second places, and two third places for a total of 10 awards. In addition, we received recognition for being

the club with the best campsite and as being the most disciplined club.

I have been working with clubs for 40 years, and I am convinced that the pathfinder club is a great tool to train children and young people on the right path in life. That is why we support the club in all its activities.

We thank God that, together with our campus church that gives its support and the contribution of each child's sponsor and donors in general, this club continues to function supporting Hogar Los Pinos in the development of the children's characters by teaching them a better way of life.

Thanks for your support. May God add His blessing to your generosity.

Joel Carpio

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[Image at left] The Los Pinos pathfinders enjoy a meal during camporee at their field-built table and shelter. Each pathfinder group must build what support structures they need on site. [Image above] A photo of the Los Pinos Pathfinder Club for 2022.

Putting the Fleece Before the Lord

ICC sponsors find a way to expand their support for children

Have you ever wished you could find a way to help the children even more? Here's a testimony from ICC sponsors who found a unique way to expand their capacity to help another child!

Keith and Patti Wilder have sponsored a young boy at the Patmos Children's Village for a few years. Keith is a general contractor who owns his own construction company in Kettle Falls, Washington. He spends a lot of time on the road traveling many miles.

Keith found out about a gasoline App for his phone. The App promised savings on the cost of gas. Later, Keith recalled that, "When we first signed up for the app, we were talking about how much money we could possibly save, because it's not that much. It's pennies, but it all adds up. We had said, if we can save \$30 a

month then we could use that money to sponsor another child. We said a little prayer about it while we were driving." Patti added, "We put that fleece before the Lord." And the results? In three weeks, Keith and Patti had saved \$36 using the gas app! "Okay," they said. "It's time to call up ICC and sponsor another child." Keith contacted Alanna, ICC's sponsorship supervisor. He told her that he and Patti wanted to sponsor a girl in Congo. Alanna didn't know about this fleece the Wilder's had put out. She was under the impression that they wanted to stop sponsoring the boy they already had and preferred sponsoring a girl. Keith had to explain to Alanna that they wanted to sponsor a girl **in addition to** their boy.

"She was very relieved." Patti recalled. And Keith added, "You could tell [she was relieved]. She



Patti and Kieth Wilder

said, 'Oh, that's wonderful. No problem!'" Isn't it amazing what God can do when you lay out the fleece seeking His blessing in service to others! This is just one example of ICC family members who are finding ways to expand their support of the children. Thank you, Keith and Patti, and everyone within the ICC family who give so generously to care for "His Kids!"

Memorials

In Memory of Dave & Arlean Bechtel

Ron & Betty Bechtel

In Memory of Jim & Vonnice Bechtel

Ron & Betty Bechtel

In Memory of Ron Boucher

John & Merry Walker

In Memory of Johnette Dederer

James & Judy Zachrison

In Memory of Amarilis Duarte

Maria Sherman

In Memory of Judy Hunt

Jeffrey & Margie Torretta

In Memory of Arlene Kiele

Sabrina Kiele

In Memory of Eugene & Esther Krause

James & Karen Snyder

In Memory of Patrica Lewis Rusher

Alvin & Darlene Schnitzer

In Memory of William Schiel

Debbie Vanden-Heuvel

In Memory of Betty Sexton

Terry Sexton

In Memory of Griffith Thomas

Roberta Blackburn

Merlene Ogden

Dallas & Gloria Pfeiffer

In Memory of Kay & Arleen Unger

Wendy Unger

In Memory of Hal Williams

Ted & Ann McConnell

Ronald Reece

In Honor of Wavel Hunt

Jeffrey & Margie Torretta

In Honor of Dedra Ottley

Jacqueline Adiele

Doris Arrington

Samoa Green

Sonia Williams

In Honor of Mami Tita

Megan Milholland-Brooks

In Honor of Elvis Tobosaru

John & Merry Walker

An Oasis For "His Kids!" You Can Help!

One of our ICC family members sent an encouraging note recently. In it he wrote, "I love you all [and] pray for you and the precious kids you love so much." He then said he would be praying that this summer the financial famine would turn into an Oasis for ICC.

We believe that God will answer this prayer and our collective prayers as we place before Him the needs of the children. They are completely dependent on God and kind-hearted ICC family members like YOU. They have nowhere else to turn.

As the economic outlook turns more and more volatile, we will lean into God's providential care. We will trust that He will provide

not only for the needs of the children, but also for the needs of those who help to provide for them. For He has promised, "Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38 ESV.

You have the opportunity this month to give in support of the children. Your gift will help provide care for the children's needs — food, shelter, care givers, medical care, clothing, education (yes, many of the children remain in school during the summer months). **Please give an extra gift of support for "His Kids" today!**

With God's blessing on the ICC family as you give, this summer of financial famine can turn into an OASIS for "His Kids!"

Thank you for blessing the children with a gift today!



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.