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A Testimony of Praise, A Story of Grace



Through the faithful support of sponsors and donors like you, Grace thrived at Patmos and is now paying forward the support given her. Thank you!

Once upon a time, in the heart of the lush South-Kivu region, nestled among rolling hills and whispering forests, there existed a haven called Patmos Village. It was not just a place; it was a sanctuary for the lost, the broken, and the abandoned. Here, the sun painted hope across the faces of orphaned children, and the wind carried their dreams to the heavens.

Among these children was Grace, a girl whose life had been etched with sorrow. She arrived at Patmos Village on a somber day, her heart heavy with grief. The memory of her parents, taken too soon by illness, haunted her. Their laughter, their love—now mere echoes in her fragile soul.

God's Rescue Mission

The day ICC embraced her into its arms, Grace felt the warmth of divine love. She was no longer just an orphan; she was a cherished child of God. The children's village, aptly named Patmos Village, became her sanctuary once more. Here, she found not only earthly care but also a deeper purpose—a calling etched in the stars.

Grace's Journey to Patmos Village

The journey to Patmos was arduous. Grace's tiny feet carried her across rugged terrain, her eyes wide with uncertainty. She had lost not only her parents but also her health.

Malnourished and weak, she clung to the hope that this village would be her refuge.

And refuge it was. The gates of Patmos Village swung open, revealing a world of compassion.

The caretakers welcomed her with open arms, their smiles like sunbeams piercing through the clouds. Here, she found solace in the following areas:

1. **Food**— No longer did Grace go to bed hungry. Nutritious meals became her daily companions,

filling her belly and nourishing her spirit. She could have three meals per day, a surprising balanced diet she had never experienced before.

2. **Housing**— A modest room with a bed became her sanctuary—a place where nightmares faded and dreams took root.

3. **Education**— Patmos Village believed in the power of knowledge. Grace attended the village primary school, where she learned to read, write, and dream beyond her circumstances.

4. **Clothing**— Her threadbare clothes were replaced with garments stitched with care. She felt worthy, not just of fabric, but of love.

5. **Medical Care**— The village doctor and nurse tended to her ailments, healing both body and soul.

6. **Spiritual Assistance**— Grace discovered faith—the kind that whispered courage in the darkest

Stretching the Impact of YOUR Support

El Oasis Farm Update By Kent Greve

“Why try to explain miracles to your children when you can have them plant a garden.”

-Janet Kilburn Phillips

Your support of the El Oasis Children’s Village in Mexico is having a tremendous impact on the lives of the children there. As I shared in the May edition of the Que Pasa newsletter, the children are thriving under the care of loving house parents. You can be sure that your faithful support is helping to transform the lives of the little ones.

Please know that the El Oasis family appreciates your support and is working hard to make sure that your funds can stretch even further by diligently operating and expanding an agricultural business. They are trying to do their part in becoming more self-sufficient.

During my brief visit at El Oasis, I was able to join the children, staff, and community members in a dedication service for this year’s crop.



Your support is helping to nurture little children like this boy who is tenderly planting a seedling.



The EL Oasis band participating in the dedication ceremony. *Faces blurred in online version to protect the identity of the children.

This is an annual event at the El Oasis Farm. This service gave us the opportunity to seek God’s blessing on the growing season. During the service the El Oasis band performed as well as the guitar ensemble of boys from Juan Carlos’ home.

One of the special highlights was seeing the children helping to plant the first seedlings. I was impressed with how carefully they handled the plants in the process of placing them in the soil, covering the roots, and tamping the soil around the stem to make sure the plant was secure. This was a wonderful illustration of the tender, nurturing care these children are receiving within the El Oasis family.

Through God’s blessing and the experienced care of the El Oasis Farm workers, this endeavor has



What a blessing that the children have the assistance of caring adults. *Faces blurred in online version to protect the identity of the children.

become an important means of providing for the operational needs of El Oasis. This helps to stretch your support even further.

We have asked God’s blessing upon this year’s crop of vegetables. Please pray for the protection, growth of the plants and for a successful harvest. And if you would like to give a special gift in support of this initiative, please designate it “El Oasis Farm.” Thank you!

Note: Use the following QR Code or weblink to watch a video of children helping to install a “micro-tunnel” protective covering. Thank you for your gifts of support that help to provide a protective cover for the children.



vimeo.com/954499865/1d2d21db50



Please pray for this year’s crop.

More Than Just Education



Children from the community and the Los Pinos village enjoyed an adventurous outing where many memories and first-ever experiences were made. Thank you for giving them positive life experiences!

Year two of the community education program at Los Pinos is well under way. And this year's program is having an even greater impact on the lives of the children attending.

As part of the services provided, the Los Pinos nurse works in coopera-

tion with the local health clinic to provide primary health care. With the authorization and input of the parents, the nurse has created medical files for each student. Height and weight are monitored bi-monthly. Medical treatment and medicine are provided for the children free of charge. In this way, Los Pinos is helping to support the quality of life of the students.

Community children also participated in a school trip to the Yaxtunilá Aroyo (Stream). This was an incredible experience. For most of the children it was their first outing like this. They were so happy and excited that they did not sleep during the trip.

Once at the stream, the children were able to play in the crystal-clear waters. The trip also included a visit to the Island of Flores and Lake Petén Itzá. The day was topped off with a meal at a pizza restaurant that supports Los Pinos' activities by offering the best prices. This was also a treat for the community children, many of whom tasted pizza for the first time.

What a blessing to provide these first ever experiences in the lives of these children. No doubt this day will remain vivid in their memories and in their hearts. Thank you for your support and for helping to provide education, health care and memorable experiences.

A Testimony of Praise, A Story of Grace Cont.

nights. The choir at Patmos Village resonated with her soul. Their voices, like birds taking flight, soared toward the heavens. Grace stood among them, her heart an instrument tuned to faith. She sang not only for herself but for every orphan who had ever felt lost. Her voice carried their stories—their pain, their dreams, their silent cries.

7. **Discovery**— Patmos encouraged exploration. Grace danced in the rain, climbed trees, and marveled at fireflies.

8. **House Parents**— They became her surrogate parents. Their love was steady, their guidance unwavering.

Grace's Academic Journey

As the seasons changed, so did

Grace. She blossomed like a rare flower. At the village primary school, she earned her Primary School Leaving Certificate—a testament to her resilience. But Grace hungered for more. She pursued secondary education, earning a state diploma. Her eyes sparkled with ambition.

Then came the turning point. Grace stood at the crossroads of her destiny. Armed with determination, she embarked on advanced studies in Computer Sciences. The hum of servers and the dance of code became her symphony. She graduated, her diploma a beacon of triumph.

Independence and Purpose

Patmos Village celebrated Grace's graduation. She was no longer an orphan; she was a warrior. Her sponsor, an unseen angel, had paved her path. Tears flowed as she

thanked them—their generosity had woven her dreams into reality.

Now, Grace works at a therapeutic center, cradling malnourished children in her arms. Her laughter mingles with theirs, a healing melody. She is no longer the girl who arrived broken; she is a grown-up, an essential thread in the community fabric.

And so, the story of Grace continues—a testament to the transformative power of love, care, and opportunity. For every orphan, Patmos Village stands as a beacon, whispering, *"You are not alone. You are loved."*



Your donations helped transform Grace's life. Thank you!

Memorials

In Memory of Norma Brunson
Anonymous

In Memory of Janice Butler
James & Renee Stiltz

In Memory of Gwen Gingrich
MTC Sale & Consignments
Richard Gingrich
Carol Murray
Dan & Marilyn Patchin

In Memory of Armande Michaud
Diane Griffin

In Memory of Wilfred Reyna
Gloria Reyna

In Memory of Kay and Arleen Unger
Wendy Unger

In Memory of Juan Carlos Way
Dan & Marilyn Patchin

In Memory of Irene Williams
Bonnie Blair

In Memory of Dale Ziegele
Diane Taylor

In Honor of Shari Booth
Marsha Booth

In Honor of Ken Dunlap
Dorothy Dunlap

In Honor of Delpha Ebel
LaRenne Lacey

In Honor of Roberta Fischer's 99th Birthday

Anonymous
Don & Marjorie Bartholomew
Ira Farra
Carol Strandley

In Honor of ICC House Parents
Rose Fletcher
Shirley & Hans Schirmacher

In Honor of ICC House Mothers
Amanda Brady

In Honor of Rebecca Maloney's Parents
Rebecca Maloney

In Honor of Divine's Mother
Barbara Wall

In Honor of Dedra Ottley's Birthday
Jackie Adiele
Doris Arrington
Courtney Bradshaw
Samoa Green
Sonia Williams

In Honor of Jodi Patterson (Mom)
Loni & Todd Batiste

In Honor of Hilda Perez
Irvin & Elba Perez Marcial

In Honor of Grace Streifling
Lila & Ed Lindsay

In Honor of Robert & Doris Strickland
Nancy & Dale Wolcott

In Honor of Elvis Tobosaru
John & Merry Walker

In Honor of Donna Witmeyer
Marvin & Joanne Venter

In Honor of Andrew & Louise Wolcott
Nancy & Dale Wolcott

Double the Impact of Your Support for the Children

At the time of this writing, funds remain to be matched as part of the "Summer of Care Matching Challenge." This is an excellent opportunity to double the impact of your support to provide for the needs of the children during the difficult summer months. Please send a special gift today by using the QR Code or website link **ForHisKids.org/2024-Summer-of-Care-Matching-Challenge** You can also call to donate (800-422-7729) or use the response coupon.

On behalf of the children, thank you very much!

Give here!



Congo Container Update

Thank you for all your generous contributions for this container. Your gifts will make a big impact in the lives of the children at the Patmos Children's Village.

We are no longer able to receive more items for the container.

Work is ongoing to pack the donations and send the container by Fall of this year. Please keep this in prayer as the shipping routes are complicated by the political situation in Congo and surrounding countries.



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 Wendy Clark today.

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