



# QUÉ PASA

## What's Happening

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## Thanks for Helping Provide the "Finishing Touch" by Kent Greve

I received the following text message from Anne-Marie recently. "With this presentation that I had today, University is officially over. I am so overwhelmed and grateful at the same time! Thank you so much for everything!"

**Though I received the message, I realize that her gratitude for everything is rightfully sent to you, her ICC family.**

My wife, Jan, and I went to Romania in 1997 and helped to establish an ICC children's program for orphan and vulnerable children. This program consisted of an emergency placement center and three children's homes. Some of the children were transferred from the center to the ICC homes where they received nurturing care within a family unit. This was the case with Anne-Marie and her sister, Beti. These sisters thrived in the care of house parents who loved them and provided for their needs.

In June, Beti, married the love of her life, and recently, Anne-Marie completed her course work and will graduate with her degree in

dentistry. As these young women take their place as productive members of society in Romania and maintain a firm faith in Jesus whom they love and serve, they have ICC family members like you to thank for the years of loving care they experienced.

In May, Jan and I were able to visit Anne-Marie and Beti and attend a reunion of the ICC Romania family. It was wonderful to see several of our grown children as well as dedicated care center staff and house parents. Warm embraces, smiles, and laughter filled the room.

As time passed, the crowd began to disperse. However, many of those who remained, who lingered basking in the moment, were the house parents and the children. They had bonded, lived together, ate together, worked together, solved problems together, and worshipped God together. They lingered because of a deep bond, because of love – the love of a family. It reaffirms that ICC's model of home-based care for children is ordained by God and blessed by God.

Thank you, ICC family, for your love and support of orphan and vul-



Anne-Marie (Left) and her sister, Beti, are grateful for the loving care and support they received from ICC family members like you. Thank you for helping to provide the "Finishing Touch" that has prepared them to embrace the future and pay forward your support.

nerable children. Anne-Marie and Beti bear testimony to the wonderful impact of your support!

Use the QR code or link to see a blog post with more pictures of Anne-Marie and Beti.

<https://forhiskids.org/2025/07/15/romania-sisters/>



# Project Spotlight – Los Pinos Children's Village, Guatemala

## The Impact of Your Support

**D**uring the month of August, families in the United States prepare for “back-to-school” season. New beginnings bring an air of excitement. Yet, for many children around the world, the thought of school brings feelings of insufficiency. Education is inaccessible to many impoverished children.

**That’s why, through your support, Los Pinos Children’s Village currently opens its doors to local needy children. As a result, those who would otherwise be unable to attend school now have hope for a bright future.**

An update from Joel Carpio, Los Pinos director, shows how your support is helping to lift children from poverty through education.

In Guatemala, the school year began during January. There are more than 60 children enrolled at the school, and 12 live on campus. For those living off campus, Los Pinos provides transportation on their minibus.

“This program provides an opportunity for primary-level education to children from low-income families ...,” shares Joel Carpio, Los Pinos director. “Our home will be their support system, helping these children achieve their goals and access better opportunities.”

Children at Los Pinos receive holistic education with hands-on learning. This includes intellectual development, as well as

strengthening of everyday life skills and providing meaningful spiritual programs. In addition, school meals are provided, which may sometimes be the only meal that off-campus children receive.

Furthermore, children of all ages are blessed with the gift of education that you provide! Currently, 22 students attend ICAP, the neighboring secondary institution. Your support also provides for four “ICC kids” from Los Pinos to study at the university level in Guatemala City.

“Regardless of their grade level or age, we know they give their best effort to move forward, and we hope that more and more

students can join, so that what they dream of today can become a reality,” says Joel. “We always pray to God, giving thanks for being able to be part of the transformation of these children, and we ask for blessings for the sponsors and donors who make this mission possible.”

**Thank you for providing a bright future to so many children through the impact of your support!**

To watch a short video about this program, scan the QR code or visit



**<https://vimeo.com/796830126/b1c7fbo657?share=copy>**



In order to make education more accessible to children in need from the surrounding villages, Los Pinos Children’s Village provides free school transportation. (Pictured above.) This tangible gift enables children, who would otherwise not attend school at all, the chance to better themselves, their homes, and their communities. They can truly experience the joy of learning! Thank you for helping to make this possible!





# Project Spotlight – *continued*

## Los Pinos Children's Village, Guatemala

### The Impact of Your Support



At Los Pinos Children's Village, your support provides children of all ages with the opportunity to learn and grow intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually. From the youngest children, learning to write, to the four oldest, studying at university level, thank you for making a difference. Thank you for changing lives!

## Providing a Summer of Care, Thanks to YOU!

**W**e are thrilled to say that the 2025 Summer of Care Matching Challenge was a huge success! The goal of \$52,014 was reached and exceeded by our generous ICC family. These funds are helping to provide for the care of the children during these difficult summer months. On behalf of the children and those who provide direct care for them, thank you very much for your generosity.

In this Que Pasa, we've featured two sisters who have experienced the "finishing touch" as well as children in Guatemala who have recently become a part of the ICC family at the Los Pinos School. These children depend upon you. While this letter is still in your hand, please give a special gift to bless them in the days ahead. Thank you!



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# How to Make Your Lifetime's BIGGEST Impact Saving Orphans

by Wendy Clark



As a thank you for supporting the children, FreeWill invites you to create a legal will through their 100% free service. Most people finish in 20 minutes or less. Your time today will create a lasting legacy for your family and beyond – Thank you!

**I**t's National Make-a-Will-Month: A timely reminder to take care of our loved ones and support the causes closest to our hearts. People all over the country are writing or updating their will in August. Now creating a will is FREE and simpler than ever through our partner, FreeWill, an online will and trust-writing platform.

Have you ever wanted to make a difference but felt limited in your ability to make a significant impact on someone's life? I certainly have. Whether it was shaping the lives of my children (who often had minds of their own), halting an injustice or saving a life, I often felt powerless to make any substantial difference. But I found an often-overlooked avenue in my will.

Why is making a will or trust important for most people? Some reasons why most people should have a current will are:

- Allows a smooth transition of assets to your loved ones, providing for their needs. Probate (the process of settling an estate

without a will) can take up to 24 months.

- Saves money on court fees and final expenses.
- Ensures that your wishes are carried out.
- Designates guardians for minor children and pets.
- You can support causes that matter to you and create your legacy.
- Minimize taxes and complications for your heirs.

Recently, while reviewing my finances, I decided to check off this all-important item on my "To Do" list. My husband and I made one years ago when our kids were young. Time passed, the kids grew up, creating some changes in our finances.

I had good intentions, but like so many people (66%, in fact), I kept putting it off. I assumed it would be complicated or expensive, requiring a lawyer or a DIY kit I didn't have time to figure out.

But when I finally sat down to do it, the process was surprisingly easy.

I simply visited the ICC website, clicked "Planned Giving" in the

top menu, and then selected "Make My Will." FreeWill guided me step by step through the process—even helping me include care instructions for our pets. It was simple, thorough, and empowering.

The FreeWill process allowed me to specify who would get my assets in the future. I could name a spouse, my children or any other person or charity including ICC.

Here's where it gets exciting! Finally, I felt empowered to make a substantial difference in the lives of others! I may not be able to make sizable donations right now to charities I care about, but my future gift will help protect and provide for orphans. At the end of this journey on earth, any left-over savings and investments will go to my family members and a select few charities I would like to share it with.

Get inspired by National Make a Will Month and create or update your will or trust on our FreeWill site. For more information, please contact Wendy Clark at [wendy@forhiskids.org](mailto:wendy@forhiskids.org) or call 800-422-7729.

## FREE Will and Trust Resource

Create or update your empowering free will or trust in as little as 20 minutes – and absolutely FREE. It's quick, easy, and secure.

[www.freewill.com/iccwa](http://www.freewill.com/iccwa)

