



# QUÉ PASA

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## Project Spotlight

### El Oasis Children's Village, Mexico

#### The Impact of Your Support

**Y**OU are having a tremendous and lasting impact on the lives of children at ICC's El Oasis Children's Village in Mexico. Because of your support, the children's lives are filled with the loving relationships and nurturing care that they need to thrive. The children are safe and protected from the tragedies that made it necessary for them to find a refuge at El Oasis. And as you can see in this report covering activities during the past several months, the children are happy and are engaged in positive family, educational and spiritual activities.

**Thank you for blessing the children through your love!**

#### **Volunteer Generosity**

Tania and Elliot Tam served as volunteers at El Oasis for two years. This was a wonderful blessing for the children. Through the Tam's generous kindness, the Oasis family enjoyed a wonderful day at a water park near Ensenada. According to El Oasis Director, Mauro Reyes, "We saw our chil-



The El Oasis children were blessed with a trip to the water park. Thank you for the gift of joy!

dren's smiles as they slid down the water slides, played in the fountains, rode boats, and enjoyed the wave pool...We thank God for placing enough love in the hearts of our missionaries to share His blessings with our home."

#### **Adventurers and Pathfinders**

El Oasis children enjoy very much the opportunity to participate in the Adventurer and Pathfinder club. The club activities enable the children to learn skills and engage in fun activities. And

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# Project Spotlight – El Oasis Children

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At El Oasis, there are always many achievements to celebrate! Praise the Lord! Recently, children graduated from preschool, elementary, and middle school. Also, the Pathfinders had a special ceremony to commemorate their efforts this past year. Soon after, they held their opening ceremony to prepare for opportunities in the new year. Thank you for helping the children learn and grow!

as funds allow, they are also able to experience camporees with children from many other clubs from around the region. In 2025, El Oasis Adventurers and Pathfinders were able to attend the camporee. Mauro Reyes explained the benefits as “an experience of fellowship, growth, and spiritual reflection. These events give meaning to the mission and provide children and teenagers with another reason to remain in the church.”

A special investiture ceremony took place on September 20. It marked the culmination of the year's extensive efforts in the Adventurer and Pathfinder clubs. It was a blessing to see each child and teenager being recognized for achieving their goals.

Then not too long afterward, on

November 22, the journey began again as El Oasis held their Pathfinder and Adventurer club opening ceremony. With it, new paths and adventures open up before the children and teenagers. There will be new opportunities to grow and develop skills for serving others; new opportunities to experience effort, perseverance, fellowship, and the strengthening of a Christ-centered identity.

### Graduation

El Oasis children look forward to milestones and being recognized for their achievements. This includes school graduations, the most recent of which included four preschool, four elementary, and one middle school graduates. The success of these children is

made possible through God's blessings, the dedication of the teachers, the timely assistance of house parents, the hard work of the students, and the faithful support of ICC family members like you. **Their success is not possible without you!**

### National and International Celebrations

The El Oasis staff provide opportunities for the children to celebrate being part of a global community. In Mexico, September 15 means the celebration of independence. The Oasis family gathered for a night filled with color, the aromas of Mexican food filling the air, and laughter as people participate in games that foster unity and strengthen their Mexican identity.



# n's Village, Mexico



The children celebrated Mexico's Independence Day with food and fellowship. Later on, they also got to learn about the cultures of El Salvador, Colombia, Honduras, and Brazil during an international community celebration.

October 24 was a day of celebrating the international community. Thanks to the presentations from the different grades, the children learned about the cultures of El Salvador, Colombia, Honduras, and Brazil and discovered their fauna, flora, traditional clothing, and most importantly, their cuisine. At the end of the event, the Oasis family enjoyed a delicious meal that included different regional dishes.

## **Celebrating a Wedding**

This report includes days of celebration and now a wedding.

According to Mauro Reyes, “October 17th was a great day. ICC's dream came true in our daughter Maribel Hernández, who grew up in this village, studied nursing, and upon graduating, God allowed her to fulfill her heart's desire by finding in Sergio the partner God chose for her. Now they form a Christian family committed to serving others.

**What a blessing it is for the ICC family to share in the joy of one of our children — who has overcome so much and has achieved so much — to start a family of her own.**

**Thank you for the part you have played in making this dream come true!**



Maribel Hernández, former ICC child, and her now husband Sergio. Congratulations and may God continue to bless you and your marriage!

## **Will You Sponsor Me?**

In Mexico and in other countries where ICC serves, there are many children who need the loving support of sponsors to help provide for their nurturing care. The children have lost so much. You can play a vital part in helping to transform their brokenness into wholeness. To sponsor a child today, please contact Lorena at the ICC office (800-422-7729) or use the following QR code. Thank you!



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# A Legacy That Lives

## A New Year, A New Look at Your Legacy



Your legacy is a living testimony of your faith, values, and love for His Kids!

Every January gives us a quiet moment to pause, reflect, and ask a meaningful question: **“What story is my life telling, and is my legacy keeping up?”**

We know it’s wise to schedule regular checkups to protect our physical health. Yet our wills, trusts, and other estate documents need the same kind of care. A periodic financial “wellness visit” helps ensure that the people and causes we cherish—our families, our faith communities, and the vulnerable children supported through ICC—are provided for with clarity and love.

Updating these documents isn’t **“just”** paperwork. It is stewardship that allows your legacy to bless others for many years to come.

### New Additions to the Family

When Emily and Mark welcomed their first grandchild last year, they realized their existing will only mentioned their children. A quick legacy checkup showed them it was time to

include their granddaughter. Updating their documents ensured she would be cared for according to their wishes.

### Career and Financial Changes

Major financial changes can signal the need to review your will. After receiving an unexpected inheritance, Linda realized her existing plan no longer reflected her resources or her hopes. Her updated legacy now includes a meaningful gift to help vulnerable children—transforming her blessing into hope for others.

*“A simple checkup today can ensure our love blesses children for generations.”*

### Health Considerations

A new medical diagnosis prompted Robert to revisit his estate plans. His checkup ensured his assets would be used wisely for both his family and the ministries closest to his heart.

### New Causes in Your Heart

Our faith journeys evolve, and the causes that move us often change over time. A periodic review keeps your charitable plans aligned with what matters most to you today.

### Legal, Tax, or Location Changes

Laws shift, tax rules are updated, and relocating to a new state can affect how your documents function. A routine checkup helps

prevent complications and preserves the gifts you intend for loved ones and the children you hope to support.

### Planned Giving Reviews

Even long-established giving arrangements benefit from a quick refresh to ensure your generosity still reflects your values.

### Taking the First Step

Consider giving your legacy a short “health appointment” this month:

- 1) Set aside time** this month to review your will or trust.
- 2) Identify major life changes** since your last checkup.
- 3) Consider charitable priorities** and ministries closest to your heart.
- 4) Consult a trusted professional** to ensure your documents are current and legally sound.

By performing these regular “legacy checkups,” your will or trust becomes more than legal paperwork. It becomes a **living testament to your faith, values, and love for children God places in your heart.** Every gift you plan can continue blessing vulnerable children for years to come.

This January, start the year with intention, reflection, and a commitment to ensure your legacy

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