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A Dream Fulfilled



Maribel arrived at El Oasis after the passing of her mother. She has now grown up to be a successful woman of God working as a nurse. Thank you for your support that helped Maribel become who she is today!

Note; Maribel Hernández was featured in the January Que Pasa along with her new husband, Sergio. Below, you'll find out more about Maribel and her journey to independence within the ICC family.

Thirteen-year-old Maribel was a shy and quiet girl when she arrived at the El Oasis Children's village in July 2015. Her mother had died and her father was unable to provide care for her and her nine-year old sister.

At El Oasis, Maribel had few friends, but they were well chosen. In her relationships with adults, she was always respectful; in her assigned tasks, she was

responsible and dedicated. She distinguished herself by being diligent in her studies, dedicated to doing her best, and avoiding the problems that plague teenagers her age. These character traits have helped her gradually realize her goals.

Eventually, Maribel was able to attend boarding school at Linda Vista in Chiapas, Mexico. She shared that, "When I finished high school, I didn't know what I was going to study, so I asked God for guidance. I remembered that when I was in high school, we did a medical brigade, and I really enjoyed it. Since then, God was already giving me the answer." After deep reflection, she decided that she wanted to serve God and people directly: she would study nursing, which took an additional four years of study.

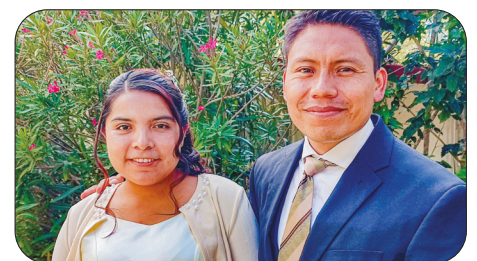
Graduation took place in May 2024. Then, after completing her social service requirement, Maribel volunteered at a naturopathic clinic. She shared that, "I met new people, especially a good, spiritual, hardworking young man. I used to pray to God to put someone in my path who shared

my aspirations. God introduced me to one of His most precious treasures!" Once Sergio finished his training in natural health treatments, he asked Maribel to marry him. And she said, "Yes!" On October 17, 2025, they were married.

Maribel has fulfilled her dreams. She overcame adversity, completed her studies, and found a partner who shares her aspirations. And the good news continues...Maribel is expecting to give birth to a son in August!

Maribel offers this testimony of thankfulness and praise: "I see God's hand in my life. I believe I am one of His favorite daughters. I want to serve Him as a sign of gratitude. Thank you, God, for giving me this opportunity through Oasis and the donors!"

Thank you for your love and care for children like Maribel who are truly grateful for your support!



Maribel and Sergio were married in October 2025 and are now expecting their first child.

Project Spotlight: El Oasis Children's Village, Mexico

The Impact of Your Support

Thanks to YOUR support, the children and staff at ICC's El Oasis Children's Village are thriving as can be seen in the following report. Thank you for all you do for them!

Pathfinder Camporee

Through God's blessing, hard work, diligent planning, and the generosity of donors, in April the El Oasis Pathfinder Club was able to attend the North Mexican Union Camporee in Monterey, Mexico

This was an excellent opportunity for the children to strengthen their faith, deepen their sense of belonging to a global church, and enhance their spirituality.

The camporee journey provided many firsts for the children, and they enjoyed learning many different things.

During a brief talk at the camporee, the North Mexican Union Youth Leader told our children;

"Your difficult past isn't a weakness... It's a tool God gave you to move forward. If you don't separate yourself from Christ, there's nothing you can't achieve..."

"If you've come this far, you can go anywhere." It's messages like this that the children need to be reminded of often.

Your faithful support helps them to receive quality care and Pathfinder experiences that help to shape their journey of faith. Thank you!



The children had the opportunity to go on nature outings. (Faces blurred in online version to protect the identity of the children.)



Pathfinder Camporee opening ceremony.



Thank you for your support that provides these faith-shaping experiences!

Week of Prayer

El Oasis children participated in a special Week of Prayer with the theme: “Jesus makes me a hero”

The children heard stories of Bible heroes and learned about virtues that will make them heroes in Jesus, too.

This special week ended with a communion service and message about Jesus as our Model Hero.

Bicycle Ride

On a cool day in April, Pathfinders hopped on bicycles to enjoy a 10-mile ride required for the cycling honor.

The day was cool and cloudy. The road was sandy and required extra effort. However, at the end, each pathfinder succeeded.

Children’s Day

El Oasis staff strive to create lasting memories for the children that will create bonds and link them to their El Oasis home forever.

One annual event is to celebrate “Children’s Day” in May where the El Oasis family enjoy time together.



El Oasis Pathfinders on a ten-mile bike ride to complete their cycling honors.



The El Oasis farm is a flourishing resource. Praise the Lord!

El Oasis Farm Update

Through God’s blessing and effective management, the El Oasis Farm is having a productive growing season.

To watch a short video of the farm, use your smartphone to access the QR Code or use the following link.

<https://vimeo.com/iccmedia/farmaerials2026>



Triple Bind Impacts El Oasis

El Oasis is facing a triple economic challenge.

- Government authorities want El Oasis to take more children. Capacity has been reached. Additional monthly funds are required to open another home for new children and hire house parents.
- The budget was already stretched. Local inflation drives the costs up for basics. Even without new children, the budget was insufficient.
- The El Oasis budget is calculated in US Dollars. The global devaluation of the US dollar means that when El Oasis receives dollars, they have less buying capacity when they exchange into Mexican Pesos.

As you can see in the update, the staff are providing quality care for the children. They need your help for the program to continue to thrive.

Please give a gift today to the El Oasis family. For even more help, consider making it a recurring gift. Designate your gift, “El Oasis Family Needs.” Thank you!



Memorials

In Memory of Aunt Donna

Fred & Berniece Smith

In Memory of Jean Behm

Maria McMenemy

In Memory of Joan Darrell

Fred & Berniece Smith

In Memory of Bill Hohensee

Ruby Hohensee

In Memory of Les Leno

Daniel & Heidee Hanson

Mark Sprague

In Memory of Amy-Ann Miller

Rod & Kathie Weis

In Memory of Jodi Patterson

Marcella Jackson

In Memory of Margaret Phillips

Jan Truttman

In Memory of Alvin Schnitzer

Darlene Schnitzer

In Memory of Martin Simpson

Jody & Kathy Durham

Paul & Janet Edgren

In Memory of Kay & Arleen Unger

Wendy Unger

In Memory of Juan Carlos Way

Glenn & Susan Way

Honorariums

In Honor of Tena Bachm

Bill Fox

Donald & Norma (Jean) Andersen

Winifred Edge

Robert & Karen Godfrey

Daisy Ostrowicki

Eric & Mary Soltau

Bill & Nathel Warcholik

In Honor of Dedra Ottley

Sonia Williams

Welcome Home Joel



Joel Reyes, incoming president of International Children's Care.

It is with great pleasure that the board of directors of ICC welcomes Joel Reyes "back home" to the ICC corporate office where he will serve as President and CEO starting in August.

Joel Reyes served as administrator of ICC's children's village in El Salvador from 2005 to 2009.

Following that, he was a valued

part of the development department at ICC's home office until 2014.

Joel is an educator and has many years of teaching and school administration experience. Joel loves children, and recently shared that, "Those who know me know of my passion for the needy and destitute, and I am grateful to the Lord for allowing me to serve with ICC again.

The ICC mission is complex, and to ensure a smooth transition, ICC's current president, Rick Fleck, will become co-chairman of the ICC Board of Trustees and will work alongside of Joel to lead out in a smooth transition.

Please join us in welcoming Joel back home to the ICC family and praying for him as he helps to lead this ministry forward.



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