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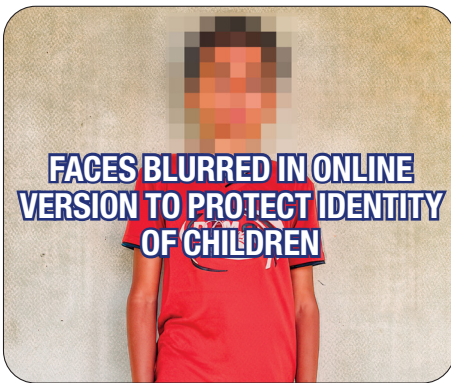
What's Happening

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Opportunity Given, Opportunity Taken – Thanks to YOU!



Luis was unable to continue attending the Los Pinos School due to lack of funds for transportation. Luis was invited to live in one of the Los Pinos homes and attend school again. Thank you for giving Luis and children like him the opportunity for education despite their life circumstances.

Your support is helping to transform the lives of orphan and vulnerable children. One such child who is benefiting from the care you help to provide is 12-year-old Luis who is in the 3rd grade at the Los Pinos School in Guatemala.

As is often the case in poorer communities, family dynamics can be quite challenging. Luis lost his father a few years ago. His mother moved into her parent's home along with Luis and his sibling.

When Luis' grandfather also died, his grandmother left the family. Luis's mother had to care for her two children as well as her own younger siblings. Luis' mother worked in the cardamom fields and had to leave her children with relatives in her absence.

Three years ago, the Los Pinos Church held an evangelistic campaign in the village of Sabanetas, and among those in attendance were Luis and some of his family members. Luis decided to be baptized and continued to attend church regularly.

Sabanetas is about 6 miles (10 km) from Los Pinos. In 2025, Luis was able to attend school by riding the van that transported students from that community. This year, however, his mother did not have the money to pay to transport him to school.

No money for transportation. **No school for Luis.**

During a visit to the community, Joel Carpio, Los Pinos director, found out that Luis and other family members were not attending school because they had

fallen behind on transportation payments the previous year, so they were no longer allowed to ride the van. During the discussions that ensued, Joel offered the opportunity for Luis to become part of one of the homes at Los Pinos. Luis' mother agreed, and Luis eagerly accepted. He has adapted very well to life at Los Pinos. Now that he is back in school, Luis has lofty aspirations for becoming a surgeon.

Joel Carpio shares the following message of gratitude, "We thank ICC, the sponsors, and the donors for making this possible. May God bless you all."



Project Spotlight: Los Pinos Children's Village, Guatemala

The Impact of Your Support



Through gardens, recycling workshops, and the daily care of nature, Los Pinos is sowing the seeds of environmental responsibility in the children.

During the primary school years, children's curiosity is fertile ground. At school, the children channel their energy into caring for their environment.

Special Message from Los Pinos Director, Joel Carpio

For several years, our school provided support to some kids whose parents worked on farms in the mountains surrounding the Hogar. It wasn't easy because these families moved from place to place for work, and the kids wouldn't finish their school year, but we did what we could for them.

Little by little, families began settling on nearby land, forming small communities—one called La Paz and the other Villa Hermosa. These families fought to get the authorities to provide them with teachers. In the community of La Paz, the government built a school and assigned two teachers, but they soon left because of the difficult access to the community. The other community, Villa Hermosa, has not achieved any of that.

Four or five years ago, some of our staff members began visiting

those communities as part of a missionary effort and realized how many school-age kids there were who had no opportunity to attend school.

We offered free schooling, but very few families accepted the offer for fear of losing their children (fear of human trafficking); however, little by little, more kids began to join.

It wasn't easy to get started with these children because many of them were already too old for their grade levels and weren't used to studying.

But we've also seen a change among the families of these children since we began this program, in which we involve families in spiritual and social activities. These families are now more open to having conversations with us and participating in school activities such as Children's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and so on. Before, they used to take the kids away during planting and harvest seasons, which caused them to lose a year of schooling, but now, little by little, they're letting the children finish the school year.

We have already seen spiritual results, with some kids and family members being baptized.

For 47 years, Hogar Los Pinos has been working on behalf of those who have nothing and cannot repay us. We continue this work of changing lives—the lives of children and their families.

Many times the families are very suspicious of why we would do



Los Pinos staff understand the importance of providing spaces where children can learn, develop skills, and strengthen their relationship with God in a meaningful way. This photo is from a special church service featuring the Pathfinder club's missionary outreach and community service.

this, and they can't believe it is out of pure Christian love. But, as we have experienced, when they do finally understand that God loves them and their children and is providing them with opportunities for this life and for a better life to come, they are grateful beyond words.

We thank the ministry of ICC for the support it has provided over the years to make this project a reality and to help ensure that the children have a bright future.



This year began with the opening of a home for at-risk children whose families sent them to Los Pinos. They live in the home and enjoy many new opportunities. We hope to help more and more children change their path. This is made possible through the heartfelt efforts of everyone who chooses to get involved. Thank you for your support.



The Educational Partnership Program of Hogar Los Pinos offers more than school education. Children live in a healthy, family-oriented Christian environment where they are taught principles, values, and skills that will shape them into productive individuals of great value to society.



A Message from ICC's New President

My dear ICC family,

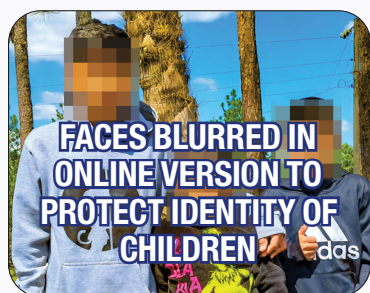
My wife and I have been part of International Children's Care for many years. We started our journey as sponsors in 1993. Then, in 2005, we accepted an invitation to lead ICC's operations in El Salvador. After returning, we continued serving with ICC from the Vancouver office. I have spent the remainder of my professional career as a teacher and principal in the Adventist system, and now I am returning to the organization I cherish with that same level of passion and commitment as in the beginning.

As I assume this new responsibility today, I ask for your faithful prayers. I am approaching this new role the same way I have every time the Lord has called me to a new task: relying not on my own wisdom, but rooted in the knowledge that He who calls us will also equip us. It is my prayer and petition that you will join me in praying daily for ICC and for the children who find refuge under His wings through this God-led ministry.

May the Lord bless you,



Joel Reyes
President



We Need Sponsors!

This is a sibling group who have recently become part of the Los Pinos family. They need continued care which is made possible through the loving generosity of sponsors within the ICC family.

Will you help to provide for the care of one or more of these children in need? To sponsor, please contact Rachelle at the ICC office (800-422-7729) or use the following QR code. Thank you!



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World Orphan Sabbath November 21

Engage your church: Notify your pastor or church board and request a special WOS at your church.

Use the QR code to access and share the WOS resources: Poster, Bulletin Inserts, Video, Sermon notes, Ideas List and more.



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Your Legacy Can Transform Their Stories

Louis' Story of Hope by Wendy Clark

Louis was only a toddler when he arrived at ICC's Patmos Children's Village in the D.R. Congo. He was frail, malnourished, and utterly alone. Illness had taken his parents, and with them, his sense of safety.

But God had already prepared a place for him.

At Patmos Village, Louis found more than food and shelter; he found a family. Loving houseparents welcomed him into their home. Brothers and sisters, once strangers, became his own. They prayed with him, taught him, and showed him the steady, unconditional love of Jesus. Slowly, his body grew stronger. His smile returned. His heart began to heal.

School opened new doors. Louis worked hard, earning his diploma and setting his sights for the future even higher. Nursing became his calling. "Patmos Village gave me more than an edu-

cation," Louis says. "It gave me hope, faith, and a purpose."

Today, Louis is a nurse in his community. He tends to sick children, comforts the hurting, and offers the same compassion he once received. His hands bring healing, but his heart brings something even greater: the love of Christ.

Louis' journey is living proof of what your legacy can accomplish. When you include ICC in your will, you give abandoned children a safe home, a quality education, and the chance to grow into people who will bless others.

This August, National Make a Will Month, consider creating a future gift to ICC. Your gift will continue to change lives for years to come.

Because when you donate, you don't just help a child survive. You help them thrive. And sometimes, you help them become the ones who heal.

NATIONAL MAKE-A-WILL MONTH

Your Legacy Matters.
Create yours through
ICC & Freewill today.



FREEWILL



Louis Munyaneza
ICC Congo Alumni

*"My hands heal,
my heart overflowed.
My family flourishes,
and the community
leans on me."*



Remembering Bill Hohensee



We are so thankful for the care and support Bill gave to the children of ICC. Our prayers and condolences are with his family.

The ICC family is deeply-saddened by the loss of Bill Hohensee, a valued

and dear family member.

Bill and Ruby, his loving wife of 40 years, fell in love with the kids of the El Oasis Children's Village when they went on a mission trip there. They were long-time sponsors, and Bill served as the ICC Board treasure for many years.

Bill attended Atlantic Union College and obtained a degree in Business Information Systems from Linfield College. Through

the years, Bill held positions in the fields of IT and Accounting until he retired in 2009.

A memorial service was held in remembrance of Bill on May 31st at the Sunnyside Seventh-day Adventist Church in Portland, Oregon. We extend our condolences to Ruby and the family and share a message of gratitude for the care and support Bill gave to the children of ICC.

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.