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Preparing for a Life of Service, Thanks to YOU!



Pictured above is Romer in 2013 (left) and in 2025 (right). Romer arrived at Las Palmas at the age of seven. Thank you for giving him a safe place to live and programs that nurtured his relationship with God.

Editor's note: Your support provides a safe and nurturing environment for at-risk children. Through your generosity, children are rescued and placed on a path of transformation. It is truly rewarding to the ICC family when children take advantage of the opportunities you help to provide. The following is an edited excerpt of a testimony from one such child. His name is Romer.

A person's story is not defined solely by the difficulties they face, but also by the way in which God transforms each experience into a source of growth.

I was born on July 24, 2005 in the south of the Dominican Republic. My life has been marked by

significant challenges since childhood, but also by the love and upbringing I received at the Las Palmas Children's Village.

At the age of seven I arrived at Las Palmas. It was difficult to settle in because I was far from my family, but the warmth I received made that place a real home.

My dear grandmother always took an interest in her children's spiritual lives and was concerned that her grandchildren should receive the best education and be brought up in the ways of God. She took us in to live with her in order to help my mother who was going through a very difficult time with my father. The house where we lived with my grandmother caught fire; my grandmother was ill and my mother was going through a very difficult time. That's why my grandmother arranged for my brother and me to go to Las Palmas. It was a safe place to stay while the family recovered.

When the situation improved, our family asked us if we wanted to go back. We had received so much love and support that we decided to stay at Las Palmas.

I learned many skills at Las Palmas such as baking, farming and carpentry. These experiences helped to develop my sense of responsibility, discipline, and love of work.

I was actively involved in the church, served as a deacon and learned Christian values that continue to guide my life.

I started primary school in year two, finished secondary school, and am currently at university where I have almost completed three years of my degree. In my vision for the future, I see myself as an engineer committed to excellence, capable of delivering innovative solutions that make a significant impact. At the same time, I envision myself contributing to the well-being of Las Palmas and supporting my family with dedication and responsibility. I aspire to build a strong, values-driven family in which service to God and to my country are fundamental principles that guide our actions and decisions.

I am deeply grateful to God and to everyone at Las Palmas for the opportunities, lessons, and training I have received.

Project Spotlight: Las Palmas, Dominican Republic

The Impact of Your Support



Las Palmas children are blessed to have a new music building funded in part by ADRA and the X Foundation.

Thank you for your support of the Las Palmas Children's Village where orphan and vulnerable children thrive in a safe family environment.

ADRA Supported Music Building Opens

On July 17, the Las Palmas family was thrilled to join in the grand opening of their new music building. The building includes five practice rooms, a spacious and beautiful rehearsal hall for the orchestra and band, an administrative office, a dedicated space for storing musical instruments, and an area set aside for archiving materials and documents.

The five practice rooms were donated by ADRA, with the support of the X Foundation in Indonesia. Representatives from the foundation attended the opening ceremonies and expressed their delight at seeing this long-awaited dream become a reality. The children toured the facility as well with much enthusiasm.

Many of them expressed their gratitude and gave thanks to God for the opportunity to have such a special space in which to attend their music lessons. One of the

students said, with great emotion: "Thank you, thank God for this wonderful gift. I want to study hard and learn to play all the instruments so that I can praise God and play in church."

Testimonials such as this one reflect the positive impact this project will have on the lives of Las Palmas children. We are deeply grateful to God and for all those who have made this possible. This new facility will contribute to the holistic development of current and future generations and will strengthen the music ministry at Las Palmas.

Week of Prayer Programs Result in Baptisms

Last year, the Las Palmas school participated in two different Weeks of Prayer. These are special occasions for the children where additional time is given to consider important spiritual truths that will impact their lives now and through eternity.

The most recent week took place in April. The theme was "Live Without Fear, Follow His Will". The presenter was Pastor Ricardo Peña, who joined the Las Palmas family in February to serve as a parent and English teacher.

The results from this special week was a great blessing. Six teenagers gave their lives to Jesus, making the decision to be baptized. Inspired by the message, these young people decided to follow Jesus and develop a closer relationship with Him.

These weeks provided a valuable opportunity for spiritual growth



Two representatives of the X Foundation join with Las Palmas musicians to celebrate the new music facility.

for the children and staff. Las Palmas firmly believes that the most important thing in their lives is to develop a deep love for God and to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour. As a result of these two weeks of prayer, a total of eight students decided to give their lives to Jesus. This is a source of great satisfaction for the ICC and Las Palmas families and gives proof that God continues to work in their hearts.

Training to Serve

In July, the Las Palmas family actively took part in a youth evangelism event. This two-week program is part of the holistic spiritual life of the children and youth. The aim of the activities is to motivate and equip them to play an active part in missionary work, giving them the opportunity to share with others the blessings that God has given them.

The first week, Professor Juvenal, director of a youth missionary project in Colombia, led the program aimed at spreading the



A number of children were baptized as a result of a recent week of prayer.



Baptismal candidates from a recent week of prayer held at Las Palmas.

Gospel in the surrounding community. Throughout the week, a range of spiritual and wellbeing activities took place, including special devotions, health talks, early-morning exercise sessions, and afternoon missionary visits in the community.

One of the most significant aspects of this experience was the opportunity the young people had to be directly involved in personal evangelism. Accompanied by leaders and teachers, they vis-

ited the homes of their classmates who live in the community. During these visits, they shared messages of hope, sang, prayed with the families, and invited the young people and their parents to attend the evening programs.

Las Palmas children, teenagers and young people were blessed during this program, as they had the opportunity to share with others what Jesus has done in their lives. As well as strengthening their relationship with God, they developed skills in leadership, service, and Christian witness. This special program also reaffirmed Las Palmas' commitment to training young missionaries who are dedicated to God and to serving others.



Please Sponsor Me!

Orphan and vulnerable children continue to arrive at the Las Palmas Children's Village. They need nurturing care that sponsors help to provide.

Please provide the gift of sponsorship to a child today. Contact Rachelle at the ICC office (800-422-7729) or use the QR code. Thank you!



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A Personal Note from Joel

It's that time of the year. The classrooms are ready. Backpacks are packed with brand-new school supplies, and children are heading to school. College campuses will soon come to life with eager dreamers—some starting their training, others completing their last year and envisioning life as independent professionals.

Unfortunately, that is not the case for so many abandoned and neglected children in far corners of the world. Many simply hope that today will be better than yesterday, and as a lifelong educator, **it breaks my heart.**

Yet, as I consider this reality, I feel grateful that there is a group of children for whom the dream of a better day has become a reality. As the school year starts, hundreds of excited and grateful young people are pouring out of the ICC children's villages around the world and heading to school. They are thankful for the future that education allows them to imagine, and deep inside, they are mindful that their dreams are possible because people like you empower them.

With your selfless support, 37 young people will be able to head to various colleges and universities. From Congo to the Dominican Republic, from Mexico to India, and more, lives are being changed because you care.



Thank you for sharing your love with them. We at ICC pray for these children every day, and we also pray for you. We pray that the Lord will continue blessing you every day as you share your love with **His children.**

Thank you,
Joel Reyes
President

Make Back-to-School Part of Your Legacy



Through legacy planning, you can help provide education for generations.

Olivia, 15, loves learning and works hard to earn good grades at El Oasis Children's Village in Mexico. She came to El Oasis six years ago, when she needed a safe home and the opportunity for a quality education.

Since then, Olivia has thrived. She enjoys life with her "siblings" and caring, godly house parents who teach her good values and help her grow in her knowledge of God.

During a recent visit from a family member, Olivia made it clear that she wants to remain at El Oasis so she can continue attending a Christian school. Because

of generous donors like you, Olivia is working on her studies and preparing for what comes next, from her school at El Oasis and, eventually, to more specialized training.

Your support can help make that future possible—not only for Olivia, but for children for generations to come. Through thoughtful legacy planning, you can help provide education, spiritual guidance, and a pathway to a life of service.

As children return to school this fall, consider a simple way to help provide an education far into the future: **Name ICC as a beneficiary of a retirement account, life insurance policy, or bank or brokerage account.**

This option allows you to support ICC **even if you have already created a will or trust** and do not wish to revise it. A beneficiary designation can update part of your estate plan without costly or time-consuming changes.

Simply contact your financial

Did You Know?

You can create a legacy for children by naming ICC as a beneficiary of your:

- HSA
- Insurance Policies and Tax Sheltered Annuities
- Bank or Brokerage Accounts
- Retirement Accounts like IRAs, 401(k)s, and 457(b)s

institution or investment company and request a beneficiary-change form. You may name ICC as a primary, secondary, or tertiary (level 3) beneficiary.

You can also designate a percentage of the proceeds for ICC and one or more other beneficiaries. Or you might name a loved one as your primary beneficiary and ICC as your secondary beneficiary.

In that case, ICC would receive the proceeds **only if** the primary beneficiary could not. Beneficiary designations are generally easy to update as circumstances change, so you are not locked into your decision.

As fall begins, it is an excellent time to consider your legacy and how it can help children receive a Christian education, spiritual guidance, and a brighter future for generations to come.

Save The Date!

**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, Presentation Notes, Ideas List and more. ForHisKids.org/WOS26



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.