



# QUIE PASA

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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## Romania Bakery Project

**T**his last winter was particularly harsh in Romania. However, with the change of the season and the arrival of warmer weather, plans are underway to make significant progress in preparing the building for the bakery industry at our children's village.

The work needed to remodel the building is broken into phases:

1. Phase 1 – Install the electrical, plumbing and heating systems. Install the ceiling.
2. Phase 2 – Plaster the walls and pour the sub floor
3. Phase 3 – Install the septic system, finish the roof, install doors and paint
4. Phase 4 – Install the finished flooring

Three mission groups are planning to travel to Romania this summer, bringing much-needed funds and volunteer labor. ICC Iceland has organized a trip for late May. In July, two groups from the Netherlands will volunteer at the project. One of the groups is being organized by the Netherlands ADRA office and the other by ICC Netherlands.

At this time, there should be sufficient funds raised or already in hand to complete phases one

and two along with part of phase three. Additional funds and volunteer labor are needed to complete the remodeling. In addition, funds or gifts-in-kind donations are needed for the industrial equipment needed to operate this industry.

Once operational, it is expected that the bakery will generate profits that will go toward the operating needs of the children's village. It will also provide a resource for the older children to learn valuable work skills.

If you'd like to get involved with this project through donating funds or technical skill, please contact ICC at 800-422-7729.



Construction on the bakery

## PLEASE SPONSOR ME!

### My name is Radu

I need a sponsor. I am 8 years old and live in Romania. Please return this coupon to sponsor me each month. God bless you for helping me have a chance.

\$30    \$60    \$\_\_\_\_\_

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# Waffles

**ICC** will have a booth at the upcoming Adventist General Conference session in Atlanta, Georgia, June 23-July 3. Our booth numbers will be #554 & #556.

Please come by the booth, Rick and Sharon Fleck will be there and would be happy to share project updates with those who visit.

You will be able to purchase unique handcrafted wood and pottery items in our booth that come from some of the countries in which ICC operates. You can even purchase Dutch stroopwaffles (syrup waffles)!

All proceeds from sales will go to help pay for the Children's budgets at the projects. We would love to see you there!

**D**o you like waffles? Fresh-made Belgian waffles? Tommy Pootemans, a volunteer for ICC Belgium, recently passed along some news about the latest incarnation of an annual fundraiser, using waffles, that the ICC Belgium office conducts to raise funds in support of our Patmos Children's Village in the D. R. Congo.

ICC Belgium sold delicious Belgian waffles in two varieties, chocolate and vanilla. In all, a total of 375 boxes were sold, primarily in the areas of Mechelen and Antwerp. The total amount of funds raised for our children in the Congo was €1,025 Euros or \$1,353 dollars. Thanks to Tommy and his cohorts for doing a great job of supporting "His Kids!"



## Family loss

It is with great sadness that we report that Digna Ortiz Lopez, one of our cherished ICC family members at the Los Pinos Children's Village, passed away on April 13 after a sudden illness.

Since January of 2005, Digna had been serving the children of Los Pinos as Sponsorship Secretary. According to Joel Carpio, Los Pinos Director, "She was a person completely dedicated to her work. She was very happy for the opportunity to do this work for the children. She leaves her footprint which will be very hard to forget."

Digna is survived by two grown children.

Your prayers for them and for our staff and children of Los Pinos are greatly appreciated.



October 16, 1957 - April 13, 2010

## New ICC Video Features Congo Project

**W**e now have our new Congo video! It has been many years in the making. Conditions in the D.R. Congo can still be very primitive with no running water or electricity. Getting to our project on the island of Idjwi can be a lengthy and challenging process. In spite of all of this, we were able to get enough video footage to create our Congo video for all to see who might be interested.

This new video is available immediately if you would like to obtain a copy. Do you spon-

sor a child in the D.R. Congo? You can now see where they live. This video will let you see just how important your support truly is. To see a copy of this video, contact Alanna here at ICC HQ. Here's our number, 800.422.7729. Thank you for your support!



### A Legacy of Love

*P*roviding for the future through planned giving

Contact Doug Congleton at ICC for more information on how you can become part of the "Legacy of Love"

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Doug@ForHisKids.org

Occasionally when we ask for funds for a specific need we receive more in donations than we requested. In those instances when we have received more money than we solicited, those extra funds are used where they are most needed. In order to protect the privacy and safety of our children, ICC uses fictitious names when referring to minor children in the Que Pasa.

# A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

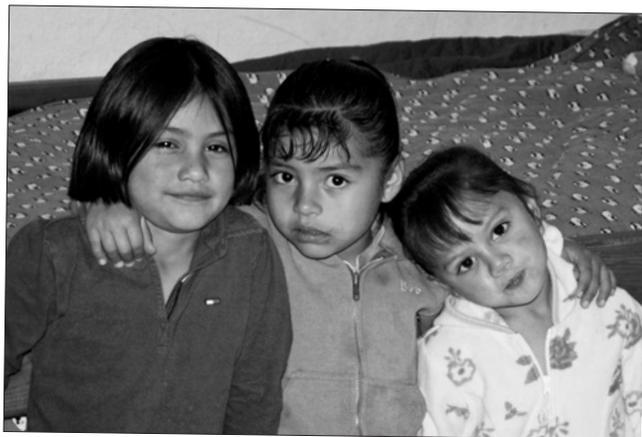
“You are caring for abandoned children there at El Oasis, aren’t you? Couldn’t you find room for Vanessa? She is a sweet little girl and needs and wants a home so much.” Pastor Reyes had answered the urgent phone call from one of his former secretaries.

“Tell me more about Vanessa’s story. We will do everything we can to help,” he responded.

All during the years since ICC began thirty-two years ago, we have been taking in abandoned, rejected and orphaned children. This month we are telling you about a little girl, Vanessa, twelve years old, who just recently came to us at our El Oasis children’s village in Mexico.

Vanessa was never accepted by her family. Her mother left her husband when Vanessa, the youngest of five children, was very small. Neither of her parents wanted her. After they separated, her mother married a divorced man who had a daughter living with him. To please her new husband she began focusing on his daughter and neglected Vanessa. The step-father decided he didn’t want Vanessa living with them so her mother took her to live with her grandmother.

Her grandmother was old and poor and unable to care for a child, so Vanessa didn’t go to school, but wandered around the streets all day. The girl had never learned to read. After several years the grandmother got sick and could no longer have Vanessa living with her. So she sent her back to her mother. Her mother didn’t want her and began to abuse her to such an extent that some neighbors called the police. She spent six months in jail and the DIF,



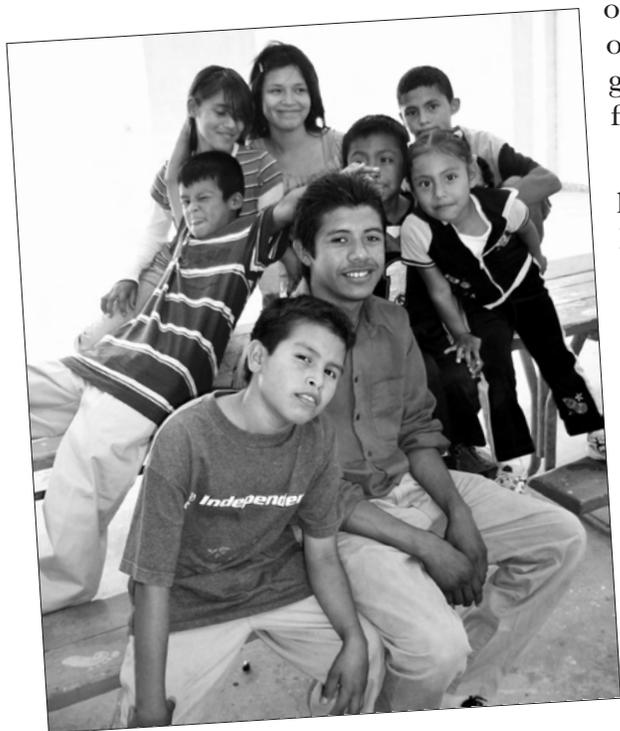
Creating sisters

or Department of Children’s Services, took Vanessa to an orphanage in another department of Mexico. Again this little girl suffered abuse. The DIF removed her and began looking for a better home for her.

As Pastor Reyes listened, the woman continued, “I have always loved Vanessa and would love to give her a home. I told this to the DIF, but the authorities felt that Vanessa needed a home with a full-time mother.”

When Pastor Reyes called the DIF, they were very happy to approve of Vanessa coming to El Oasis. The mother, grandmother and uncle brought her. At last Vanessa found a home where she is welcomed and loved. She has shown herself to be a good girl, is happy and cooperative.

Just three days after Vanessa became one of our children, she celebrated her birthday. She looked in awe at the beautiful cake. Then her eyes rested on the brightly-wrapped package beside the cake. “Is that really for me!” she exclaimed.

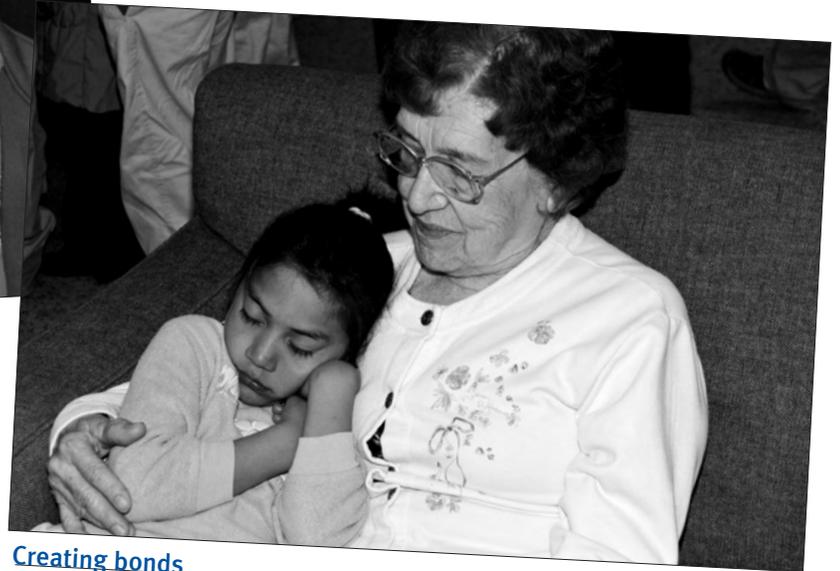


Creating families



Creating friends

Just a short time after coming to El Oasis, Vanessa came timidly to her new house mother. “There is something I would like to talk with you about, Mrs. Rodriquez.”



Creating bonds

“Yes, mi hijita (my daughter), what is it?” She led Vanessa over to the couch and sat down with her, holding her hand in hers.

“I have never really had a mother that I could really call ‘Mommy.’ Would it be alright with you if I called you ‘Mommy?’” She looked up with a tear coming down her cheek.

“Oh, mi hijita, of course you can call me ‘Mommy’! That is a great honor for me, and I really want you to understand that you now have a real family with a mommy and daddy. And you can come and talk with me anytime. I love you!”

As they embraced in that special moment, Mrs. Rodriguez knew that once again God had worked a special miracle in the life of a child, and she remembered that He is the Father of the fatherless, and by divine providence led in the establishment of ICC to care for His children on this earth.

I love to hear about children like Vanessa, who have never been accepted or loved, or possibly are hungry and abused, and who have come to us and feel secure and loved at last. There are so many of these children wandering around or stuck in abusive situations, children who are the victims of the results of sin and suffering in this world.

Thank you, all of our ICC Family, for making it possible for us to bring these children where they will not only find love and security, but they will also learn about a God, who is the Father of the fatherless. Your gift of love may make it possible to bring another child home.

With my love and prayers,

*Aleyon*