



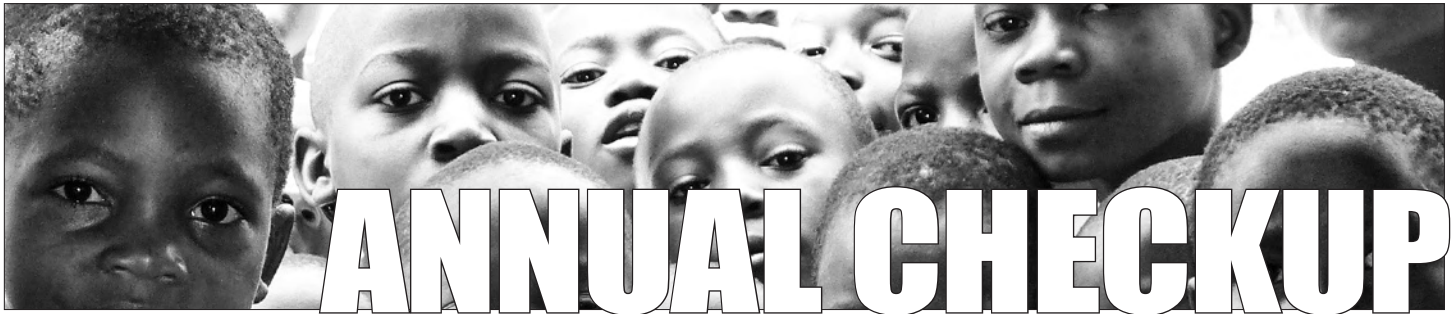
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# QUE PASA

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Dear ICC Family,

I'm pleased to send you this Special Edition of the Que Pasa which features updates on the projects of ICC. As you read, I hope you realize that you have been a part of God's abundant blessings to ICC in 2010. You have made the successes of our programs possible, and we thank-you for being faithful supporters and prayer warriors. As we journey together through another year, please know that we continue to count on your support to provide the best possible care for ICC children in 2011. We feel that some exciting things are in store for ICC in the weeks and months ahead. We'll do our best to keep you informed within the pages of the Que Pasa. May God bless you and your family this New Year.

Doug Congleton

## BRAZIL

13 CHILDREN

ICC is partnering with Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) offices in three different Adventist conferences in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Currently through ICC, a few sponsors are supporting seven orphan children along with six children in day care centers. These centers are places where very poor children can come and receive food and an education. The children at the Grandma Josephina Orphanage are all in boarding schools and the facility has been changed into a day care center.

## COLOMBIA

15 CHILDREN

The children that ICC continues to sponsor in Colombia are young people who are able to live with extended family or are children whose families need a little help. Currently, we assist fifteen children with some of their educational expenses and basic necessities.

## CONGO

152 CHILDREN

The Patmos Island Children's Village is the largest ICC project

in terms of numbers of children. The conditions in the country are some of the most desperate of any country where ICC works. This is due to the recent civil war, natural disasters and health problems. Our children's village is a safe haven for 149 children, a place they can call their own. Three older children are attending school in Goma and are staying off-campus. One of the major projects being undertaken now is the construction of the secondary school. The walls and roof are completed and classes have begun. However, there is much work as well as funds needed to complete the project.

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# DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



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Another challenge is erosion which created large ditches on the campus. We are working to correct the problem, and partners in Europe are raising the necessary funds and supplies.

Our children receive excellent care. This was evident when a few of them visited extended family members. They stand out in a crowd of other children. They have a healthy sparkle in their eyes, and their hair has a healthy sheen. They are dressed well and are educated. In fact, last school year ICC's children had top grades in the region. What a blessing the Patmos Island Children's Village is!

dren are added to the ICC family and their lives are positively impacted for the future!

The village farm is doing well, especially the pineapple crop where buyers remark about the quality of the fruit. A large organization has agreed to help finance the development of a greenhouse industry on the campus.

The Taiwan Embassy has agreed to provide funding for 100 bee hives. These industries will help provide much needed funds to help operate the children's village.

Of the 58 children in this project, 13 are pursuing advanced education. This creates a challenge for ICC as it is costly to provide the "finishing touches" of preparing the children for lives of independence.

# DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

58 CHILDREN

Because of the lack of funds, we have not been able to take in new children in the recent past. But, Las Palmas has been given authorization to once again provide care for new children who are orphaned or vulnerable and who would benefit from ICC's care. This is an exciting time for the Las Palmas campus as new chil-

# EL SALVADOR

64 CHILDREN

At the request of Maranatha Volunteers International, ICC took over management and operation of this facility in 2005. ICC made some modifications to create smaller-sized family units. This has now been accomplished and the children are doing well.

The Versacare Foundation provided funding for many needed construction projects on the campus, and ICC is so grateful for their partnership with us. Their help has been a blessing for the children and staff.

The agriculture program is doing well. It consists primarily of corn, rice and beans which are staple food items for the children.

Recently, a volunteer mechanic from the US traveled with Rick and Sharon Fleck to the project and helped to repair some of the vehicles and equipment. His efforts were successful and much appreciated. We plan to feature this gentleman's story in a future *Que Pasa* as Alcyan had an impact on his early life when he was a child in Costa Rica.



# GUATEMALA



# GHANA

12 CHILDREN

For several years, ICC's project in Ghana has remained small. There are twelve children in one rented home. One of the children is in university now and two others are in secondary school. This project is poised to grow if a donor or group of donors pledges a significant amount of support for future years. The needs of orphaned children is great, and ICC has made a positive impact in the country.



children have left the Los Pinos Children's Village through graduations and other reasons, ICC has not always been able to take in new children.

The director, Joel, continues to manage the project very well, and recently ICC authorized him to again accept new children provided that it doesn't increase the operational budget. During 2011, we again look forward to hearing the sounds of happy voices of new children who have joined the ICC family.

The secondary school associated with the Los Pinos Children's Village provides the children with vocational skills that are in demand. Courses of study include agriculture, accounting, auto mechanics, home economics and rural education.

Cattle and chicken industries have been developed on campus as well as a pineapple crop. Funds were recently given by the German embassy to help create a bakery. These industries are aimed at making the project more self-sustaining. The gardens are flourishing under Joel's supervision and hard work.

# GUATEMALA

96 CHILDREN

ICC has operated a children's project in Guatemala for over 32 years. The Los Pinos Children's Village is ICC's flagship project. The first children are now adults and are raising families of their own. The legacy of providing homes and families for orphaned children continues, albeit on a somewhat smaller scale as in years past.

Of the 96 children in ICC's care in Guatemala, six are pursuing advanced education. Due to the world-wide economic crisis, as

# INDIA

74 CHILDREN

DEWS Sweet Home children are known for their academic and athletic achievement at the FLAIS School that adjoins our property. They routinely take top honors in their particular grades. Obtaining a proper education is emphasized and 14 of the 74 ICC children in India are pursuing advanced education.

Heavy rains have caused major flooding throughout the region where the children's village is located. This has created structural damage to some of the children's homes and has likely caused crop damage.

One of our ICC girls has not been able to hear for most of her life. Thanks to the generosity of donors, funds were raised for



# INDIA

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her to have cochlear implants which have helped her to hear certain sounds and noises. This is a huge benefit for her safety and a blessing in her life.

## MEXICO

45 CHILDREN

El Oasis enjoys excellent cooperation with this government. They like our program so well that they want us to take in more children. It's possible that ICC will start accepting new children at the El Oasis project in the near future.

Government authorities have also promised assistance with staple foods for the children. It would include rice, beans and oil. This will provide a savings for the campus food budget.

Eight of our children are in boarding school and this also allows for extra room for bringing in new children.

Other happenings on the campus include the renovation of one of the children's homes. Other homes are in need of renovations as well, and we continue to find creative ways to keep our construction going here.

## NICARAGUA

21 CHILDREN

The children and staff have really enjoyed living at the new children's village this past year. The homes are comfortable and spacious, and gardens have been planted and are doing well. The corn harvest should yield two tons. The agriculture program produces enough for the children's village, and surplus is sold to supplement the operating budget. The dairy herd is

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.

## MEXICO



expanding and provides milk for everyone on campus. Extra milk is donated to the local women and children's hospital.

Our well provides an excellent supply of water. It was sufficient to provide for many community members who suffered during the recent floods that devastated many parts of the country. We were blessed that our property drained well and our crops were not damaged. The lights in the children's homes are powered by solar energy.

## ROMANIA

25 CHILDREN

Many of the children at this project came to ICC as infants and toddlers quite a few years ago. Initially they were placed in the receiving center that was the focal point of the project for many years. Now they are growing up and living in the three children's homes on campus. Our first child will be ready for high school next year.

The campus has room for expansion. This is a possibility as long as relations with the government remain positive and funding becomes available for the required infrastructure and operating budget.

Construction of a bakery is nearing completion and it will be operated according to European Standards. Profits from the bakery will go to offset the operating budget of the children's village. Mission groups from Europe continue to assist with the construction of the bakery during summer months.

## ZAMBIA

4 CHILDREN

This project for orphan children is slowly being phased out. Several years ago an attempt was made to establish a children's village in the country, but ICC encountered many obstacles, and it was necessary to discontinue the development of the children's village. Provisions have been made for the loving care of these precious children.

## ASIA/PACIFIC

PROJECTS

Please Note: With the exception of India, ICC projects in the Asia/Pacific region are supervised by the ICC Australia office. News updates from ICC Australia can be found at the following link: <http://www.iccaustralia.org.au/news/update.html>