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A Visit To Remember

While in the Dominican Republic as members of a group participating in a church-building project, a party of friends, which included Nancy Wilson (wife of Elder Ted Wilson, General Conference President of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church), took time to visit our Las Palmas Children's Village.

They toured the Las Palmas campus and spent time with the children and staff. We at ICC would like to thank our special visitors for taking the time to come and see our children's village.

Jean Parchment, who led the group, also wrote this first-hand account of the group's visit to Las Palmas.

I thought, this speaks volumes. What I witnessed truly demonstrated the warm relationship that they share.

We were privileged to meet a young teacher, one who went through the system of Las Palmas and is now giving back, teaching with love and kindness.

Las Palmas demonstrates hands-on love of God for His children. I made the trip to deliver gifts but

I received inspiration and blessings that cannot be measured by volume, time, money or distance.

It is reassuring to realize that funds donated are being used as intended. My resolve to do all I can to help ICC projects deepened. This work is evangelism in its most powerful and effective form. Didn't

Jesus Himself declare that ministering to His precious children is pure and undefiled religion?

Thank you ICC for your vision and sustained support of this awesome work, thank you for the privilege of being a part of your ministry.

—Jean Parchment—

My excitement grew as the bus turned into the gate of Las Palmas. We sensed that we were going to meet some very special and precious people.

We were not disappointed. The director; Samilin Williams met us with warm hugs. Her welcome reflected the warmth and kindness of the staff and children to whom we were introduced.

I was extremely impressed by the well kept campus. The school and homes also reflect cleanliness, orderliness and neatness.

I must hasten to note that my greatest joy was seeing seemingly well adjusted children of all ages, enjoying the care and love of their teachers, director and foster



The group at Las Palmas

parents in a natural family setting.

A handsome and very personable young man, a resident since he was four-years-old and now a college student, came to the director and spontaneously hugged her. Wow!



Student with Samilin

A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

I hope you enjoyed the wonderful report from the cover story of this month's *Qué Pasa*. The group's visit provided many blessings for the Las Palmas children as well as for the group members themselves.

For many years Samilin and her husband have directed this special children's project in the Dominican Republic. It's your generous gifts that continue to keep this project moving forward in the face of many challenges. Samilin is grateful for the support she receives. Yet, sometimes, in fact, many times there just aren't enough funds to meet all the needs of all of the children. Here's an example.



Raul (not his real name) is one of the older boys on campus. Last month he celebrated his birthday, and Samilin was able to join the festivities. She congratulated Raul, wished him a happy birthday and then asked him what his special request was for his birthday. Some boys may have asked for nice clothes, a bicycle or a football, but not Raul. He didn't ask for any of these things. Earnestly he told Samilin, "Please, I need to know who is my father!"

It seems like a simple request and one that you may take for granted—especially if you know who your father is. But, what if you never met him or had no idea what he looked like or what his name was? What if you didn't know if you had any brothers or sisters? How would you feel if you didn't know anything about where you came from?

Here is Samilin's perspective about the challenges she currently faces:

During the last five years, the worldwide economy has been affected, and this crisis has touched our orphans very closely. It would have been worse had it not been for the many friends, such as you, who have supported us with donations in spite of the difficult situation that all families are facing in the world. This has allowed us, with your help, to continue this mission to rescue more boys and girls from the clutches of the enemy.

The children who come to our program are for the most part from dysfunctional families. The psychological work is vital for their emotional health. But this assistance is very expensive, and because of lack of resources, this year we haven't been able to complete this process with several of the children. This is the case with the young man, Raul, who doesn't know his biological father but has a fierce desire to know who he is. But this requires a process of research, of sending the psychologist on trips, and then a special work with the father when he is found so he will accept his son...

There are others like him who are going through the same situation, but for this we need resources which we don't currently have. The funds we receive are only enough to meet the highest priority needs such as food, health and education.

Living by the Word

Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor. Prov. 22:9 (ESV)

Do you see the bind in which Samilin finds herself? As the months pass it becomes more and more challenging to stretch the financial resources at Las Palmas to cover the basic needs of the children, let alone the other urgent needs.

As a faithful supporter of ICC children like Raul and others like him, you should know of these challenges and the opportunity that exists for you to make a positive impact in their lives right now. The greatest need at Las Palmas is for a groundswell of financial support to help provide for the basics of food, health, and education as well as supporting the dedicated staff. When those needs are met, Samilin can then find resources to better provide for the acute and chronic psychological challenges the children face.



[The Las Palmas Fish Hatchery](#)

Samilin and her staff are not sitting idly by waiting for others to rescue them. As they are able, they are busy developing industries such as greenhouses and a fish hatchery. When fully functioning, these industries have the potential of alleviating much of the financial challenges this project faces now. Won't that be wonderful! Until then, please keep Samilin and the Las Palmas children and staff in your prayers.

In His Service, for His Kids,

Kent Greve
International Development Director

P.S. You have been a kind friend to ICC children around the world. Through your generosity, Samilin and other directors have been able to ensure that children like Raul have the love and security of a home that they need. If you're able to provide an extra special financial gift at this time, please know that it will be well used and much appreciated.

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