



# QUÉ PASA

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What's Happening

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## Matching Grant Deadline Extended!

### Double your Gift Until September 30th!

It is exciting to see how God works in the lives of people like you to create a special blessing for orphan children. A handful of dedicated supporters have established a matching grant opportunity which allows you to double your gift and support orphan children.

We featured this opportunity in the July Que Pasa where we also told you briefly about little Maria. Did you know that Maria also has three brothers who came with her to live at the Los Pinos Children's Village in Guatemala?

These siblings need so much the tender nurturing care from house parents who love them and treat them as their own. Your gifts go to help provide this care for Maria and her brothers. And now, your gift goes twice as far!

Many people have already given a gift that has been matched. Yet, you can see in the graphic on this page that there is still ways to go in order to reach the \$200,000 goal.

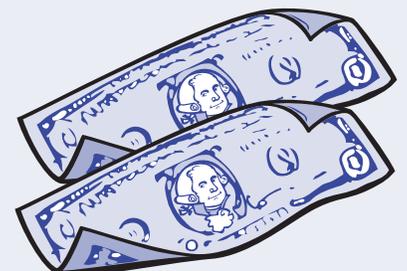
That means there are still funds available which will be a huge missed opportunity for you and the children if you and other car-

ing individuals don't step forward within the next few days. The deadline for all matching grant donations is approaching quickly. Time is running out. **You have the possibility to double your blessing today!**



### Remember!

- All donations must be postmarked or received online by the 30th of September 2015.
- Your donations will be matched until the goal of \$200,000 is reached.
- These gifts should be in addition to any other regular or monthly donation.
- Please designate your gifts as a "Matching Gift Donation."



# Results of YOUR Donation to the 2014 Matching Grant

Your previously-doubled donations made a tremendous impact by providing for the care and support of many orphan children. Here are two powerful examples how your gift made a real difference in the life of a child!

## Valencia – Los Pinos Children's Village

Valencia's life was completely transformed by your support. Valencia came to the Los Pinos receiving center in 1998. Her mother had been in and out of jail and was not providing proper care for little Valencia. There was no information available about her father, and no family members visited Valencia during her stay in the receiving center. Eventually she was declared abandoned by the Guatemalan government.

In 2002 Valencia became part of one of the families at the Los Pinos Children's Village. She grew up in the children's village and attended the elementary school where she was a good student. In time, Valencia moved on to the ICAP secondary school which is located next to the children's village.

In November of 2014, Valencia graduated from ICAP with a certificate in accounting. She is living with an Adventist family who owns a business and is helping them.

Valencia is one of nine children from Los Pinos who graduated from the ICAP secondary school last year. On average, the cost of education for a child at Los Pinos is a little over \$130 per month. Valencia was able to complete her education and graduate with the help of donors who gave gifts that doubled to help her last year!



Valencia graduated—thanks to your support!

## Rosanna – Las Palmas Children's Village

Rosanna also needed the love and care that your gifts provided. In 1994 Rosanna and her brother became part of the ICC family in the Las Palmas Children's Village in the Dominican Republic. In 1993 her mother abandoned the family. Rosanna's father suffered from heart problems and nervousness. He tried to take care of the children, but his health deteriorated further. Eventually he decided he could no longer provide the care they needed so he brought Rosanna and her brother to Las Palmas.

Rosanna flourished within the loving care of her Las Palmas family. She completed elementary and secondary school on the Las Palmas campus and recently obtained a college degree in modern languages. She is now able to venture beyond the nurturing environment of the Las Palmas campus and live a life of independence—thanks to you! Your gifts that doubled last year helped put the finishing touch on Rosanna's education. You have helped her realize her dream!

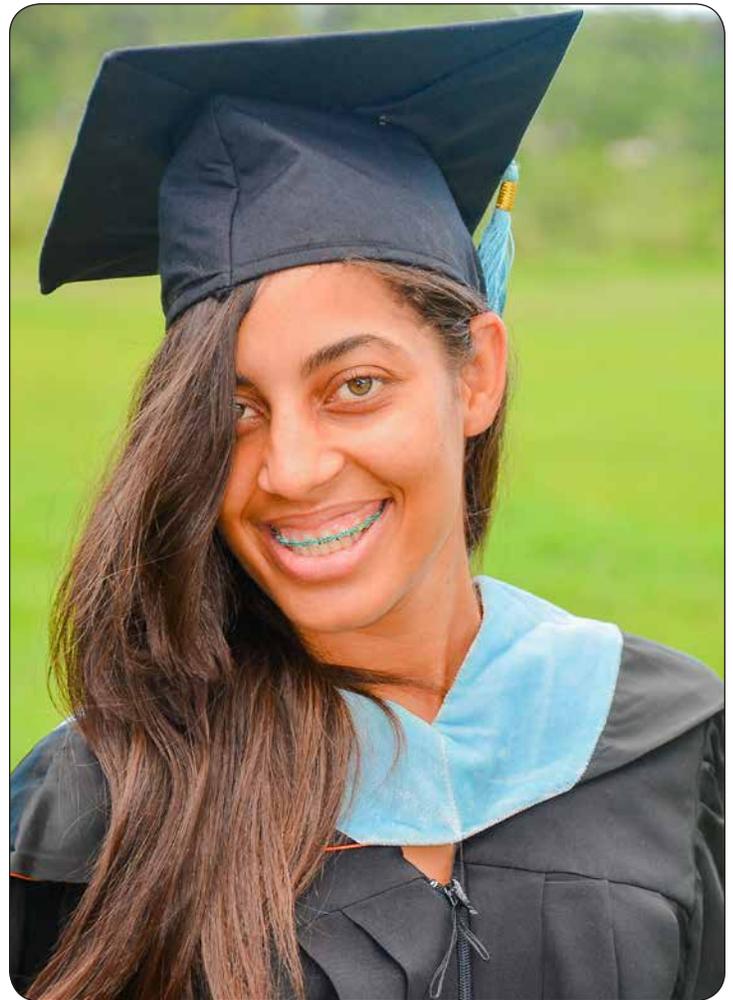
# Living by the Word

*And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. 2 Cor 9:8 NLT*

Along with Rosanna, five other Las Palmas children graduated from university during the last year. The average cost of education for a child at Las Palmas is about \$116 per month. Rosanna and the other graduates needed the help of donors like you whose gifts were matched last year. The sense of accomplishment these kids feel now is positive evidence that your support has made a huge impact in their lives.

On behalf of Valencia and Rosanna and all the other children whose lives have been forever impacted by your support of the 2014 matching grant, thank you.

You continue to make a difference in the lives of orphan children who depend on you each day. They appreciate you very much!



Thank you for helping Rosanna graduate!



Members of the ICC team bring your greetings and blessings to the Las Palmas graduates!

# The Value of Your Gift

## A Special Note From Doug

**A** lady who I'll call Sarah recently told me; "I know my monthly gift of \$30 for sponsorship is not much at all, but it is the best I can do. I just wish it was more."

Every time I hear these words, I get a lump in my throat because it tells me that people do not realize the immense results of their compassionate gifts to the children.

"Sarah," I said in reply, "There are children today who are on the street trying to survive, some are digging for food in the local city dump site for a meal. Sadly, some are dying in the circumstances into which they were thrown. Today, those children that were fortunate enough to come to an ICC children's village have three meals per day.

"Let me tell you what \$30 does! Kids receive an education that provides hope for their futures, and they are learning of the gift of salvation in Jesus. There are others who are now grown and are responsible moms and dads that are sharing the knowledge of Jesus to others.

"ALL these things are happening because you gave gifts to help children in need." I ended by saying; "Now let me ask you, how much is your \$30 per month really worth?"

Right now you and I have the opportunity to give an additional \$30, or whatever we are compelled by God to give. And whatever amount you give—\$30, \$100, \$1,000, whatever it is—will be doubled automatically. This will make a "double-the-difference affect" in the lives of these orphaned and abandoned children. What an amazing opportunity for you to take part in today!

Your gift is worth FAR more than just the dollar value, I promise you that.

Thank you for giving to the children today.



Doug Congleton  
Executive Director

*P.S.* Please send in your donation today using the enclosed response card. Designate it as a "matching gift donation" and your gift will be doubled so you can help even more children! You are a blessing to the children!

## Your gift will double!

