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Safe Home Provided for Anselmo

Because of your support — Anselmo has a new life

Last month we shared that a tremendous blessing is available to the children of ICC—and to YOU! From now until June 30, a \$40,000 matching grant is being offered to help ensure that the children have the quality care they need through the summer months. There's a limited time left. This will be such a help to children like Anselmo, one of our newest ICC family members. Here's his story.

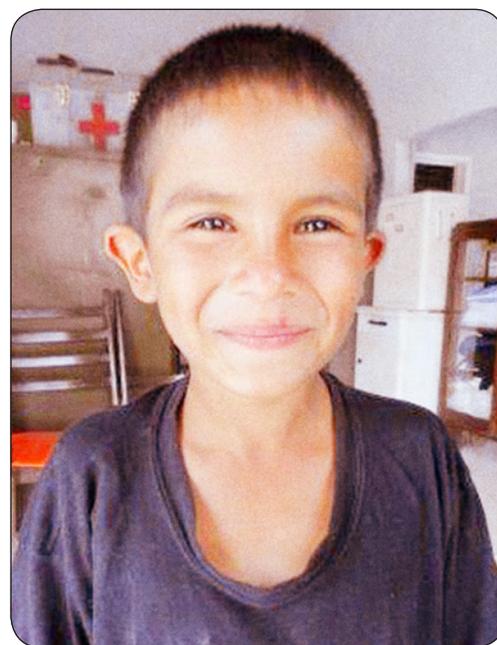
Anselmo is a small, 7-year-old boy who lives in Guatemala. He doesn't know much about his biological family. According to his birth certificate, the couple that he was staying with were not his real parents.

Anselmo was treated very poorly by this couple. They sent him out to the streets to sell candy and other sweets. If he did not sell everything, he was beaten once he returned home. Anselmo was also sent out at night to run errands for the couple. He was treated as a servant – or worse!

One night, Anselmo, was so distraught that he asked for some help from a kind lady who had befriended him. She gladly agreed and the next morning she took him to the district court of children.

After hearing the story, the judge realized that Anselmo needed the specialized care that the Los Pinos children's village offers to orphaned, neglected and abused children. He wrote out the orders and in a little while the police brought him to Los Pinos.

You'll be happy to know that Anselmo is fitting in well at his new home. According to information we recently received from Los Pinos; "Anselmo is a very special child. He is affectionate and smiles a lot. When we received him he was very happy and his eyes shone with joy. He likes the food and his new family."



You helped to put a smile on Anselmo's face. Now you can provide a double blessing to him and other children when you double your gift!

You obviously have a heart for children like Anselmo. Time and again you have demonstrated your care and concern for orphans like him. And once again, we are confident that you will help to provide for him and the several other children who have recently joined the ICC family.

One way you can help even more is by having your gift doubled as part of the matching grant program now available through June 30. Please use the enclosed response coupon and make your gift today!

On behalf of the children who need you so much, thank you!

You Didn't Let Alex Go!

When Alex was a small boy, he lost his mother and step father due to drugs. But thankfully, he didn't lose YOU! Read on to hear how your support made his life radically better!

Alex and several of his siblings were brought to the Las Palmas children village where they become part of the ICC family.

Alex was the smallest of his siblings, and as such, he clung to Jacqueline, his house-mother. In a sense, he was "tied to his mother's apron strings." This is important to note, because his house mother's influence has played a significant role in his life ever since.

When you give your support to the children of ICC you enable house mothers like Jacqueline to become a loving, guiding force in their lives. For Alex, this made all the difference. He thrived as he grew and matured from childhood into a young adult. Alex attended the Las Palmas school and eventually enrolled in the civil engineering course at a government university. Even after leaving Las Palmas, Alex's bond with Jacqueline remained strong. Like any caring mother, she continued to encourage him.

During Alex's time in university he worked for an electric company. At first, he had a good boss that was kind to him and allowed Alex to have his Saturday's off, because this was the day he worshipped God.



Alex [left] still needs the loving support of his house mother, Jacqueline [right]. Thanks for investing in Alex and not "letting go!"

In time, a new boss took over, and he refused to let Alex have Saturday's off for worship. Furthermore, one of Alex's responsibilities was to keep track of expenses. This new boss asked him to cheat. What would he do next?

The answer was pretty simple to Alex. He quit his job. Your investment in him would not be in vain. You had given him an opportunity to learn the values of honesty, integrity and faithfulness to God at the Las Palmas children's village. These things matter to Alex, even in the face of a great sacrifice to himself, because he would have likely been hired by this company after he graduated.

Since then, Alex has obtained his civil engineering degree and is looking for work – and for reassurance. And when he needed the calm, loving support that only a mother can

give where do you think he turned? Yes, that's right, to Jacqueline his former house-mother. He contacted her and asked if he could stay with her until he finds a job.

Recently, Alex spoke about his relationship with Jacqueline. With a smile on his face he said, "She won't let me go!"

Jacqueline returned the smile and was quick with her reply, "He's the one that won't let me go! He calls me all the time!"

The close bond they share is special. It's enduring. It gives evidence that neither of them is going to "let go." This close bond also gives evidence that your investment in ICC children is worthwhile and lasting. What a blessing you've been to Alex. Thank you for the years of support you've given and for not "letting go!"

Tragedy on Lake Kivu

One of our boys was lost recently on Lake Kivu during a raging storm. In case you haven't heard about this terrible loss, here are some details and an update from Désiré, the Patmos director.

Samuel Musirimu, 21 years old, was a well-beloved and highly respected young man. He was nearing the end of his university studies in civil engineering. He was returning to the children's village on a boat delivering food and construction materials. He was also delivering the staff payroll.

About 3:00 in the afternoon, a severe wind storm struck Lake Kivu. The boat's propeller broke and the captain lost control. Somehow in the storm, Samuel fell overboard. Although Samuel was wearing a life jacket, the storm was so

fierce that no one could save him. The captain jumped in to try to save him and nearly lost his own life.

The storm swept the boat to an island, where they washed ashore, and they were able to make repairs. After the storm subsided they resumed their journey to the Patmos Children's Village.

This is a huge loss for our ICC family in the DR Congo. We've received word from Désiré that they broadcast by radio the search for Samuel's body throughout the Lake Kivu region—but the search was in vain. Please join us in praying for the recovery of his body and for the sadness that our children and staff still suffer as a result of losing Samuel.

To make matters worse, Désiré, has told us about valuable construction and other supplies lost in the storm as well as the staff



Samuel Musirimu 1995–2016

payroll money. This creates a real hardship. Budgeting is so tight there are no extras included to handle a loss due to such tragedies. Désiré is appealing to his ICC family for help. You will find specific items listed in the special needs section below. You've been such a blessing to the DR Congo children in the past, and we thank-you for it. Please support them once again in this tragic time of need.

Your Help is Needed!

DR Congo — Patmos Island

Replacing items lost in the storm

Construction and other supplies — \$2,780
Computer for primary school director — \$500
Salaries for staff members — \$4,800

Other Needs at Patmos Island

Cooking Pots — \$1,700
Drinking water project — \$16,000
Outdoor kitchens — \$22,100

El Salvador — Hogar Escuela Adventista

3 Kitchen Stoves — \$400 each

Guatemala — Los Pinos

3 Refrigerators — \$1,260 each

Dominican Republic — Las Palmas

Final call for items for the shipping container
See the list @ <http://Bit.ly/1KryDns>

News from Your ICC Family

You've Helped to Make it a "Sweet Home"

For many years, Lilly Kaligithi has been doing what you've been doing — caring for orphan children. In 1996 Lilly left her home in Sweet Home, Oregon and returned to her homeland of India where she began caring for orphan children right in the very home in which she was raised! Lilly called this refuge for orphan children "Sweet Home."



Thanks for helping to make a "Sweet Home" for the children.

It didn't take long before Lilly realized she needed help. There were so many children in need of care and she realized that she couldn't do this work alone. She needed YOU! She knew her ICC family had a huge heart for children, and ever since you've been helping to provide financial and emotional support that the children need to have a stable home environment.

For nearly 20 years, thanks in large part to you, Sweet Home has been just that, a "sweet home" for orphan children. You've helped hundreds of children to cast off the stigma of being abandoned, out-cast, neglected and destitute. Your support has provided them with the loving care and guidance they've needed to prepare themselves to be successful in this life and to prepare for eternal life.

At a recent ceremony in Delhi, India, Lilly received a special award and recognition for her humanitarian efforts on behalf of orphan children. She humbly accepted the recognition aware of what you have done. Sharing the experience later, she had this to say:

"Thank you for the opportunity you have given me to serve many more children than what I would have done just by myself. This is a fulfillment of many years of my heart's desire."

Please join us in recognizing Lilly's love and dedication for orphan children. What she has done and continues to do for them is truly remarkable.

Along with Lilly, we also recognize what she recognizes. She couldn't serve the children without you. After all, it's your ongoing support that provides the life blood that gives orphan children a real opportunity to have a better life. They can experience the blessings of a "sweet home" because you care and share. Thank-you!



A Legacy of Love

*P*roviding for the future
through planned giving

You can leave a lasting legacy
in the life of an orphan child.

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