

December 2025

Photography Inspiring Children in Conservation

Dear Friends,

I hope you are well and looking forward to a happy December full of festive joy! I We are grateful for YOU and want to celebrate what we have accomplished, *together*. We also are thinking about what we can do in the coming year to build capacity, knowledge and passion in the communities living alongside primate habitats. We have a chance to look forward and lay the foundations for real positive impacts in the year to come.

My wish is that every child we reach realizes new possibilities for their contributions to conservation, and that together we act to build capacity in every participant.

Thank you for helping us to accomplish each of our [2025 projects](#) and helping us to look forward to providing resources and PICC programs in 2026.

• **PANAMA** -- The US and Panamá PICC teams engaged over 40 participants, from 6 year olds to university students, and established new partnerships with [Pro Eco Azuero](#) and [Canopy Venao](#) in the Los Santos district of the Azuero peninsula, Panamá. Special thanks to the PICC team at Mangofish Studios, Stuart and Tammy, whose months' long efforts and local connections made these sessions successful. And a huge thank you to the 2025 PICC teaching team — Julie, Sasha, Andrew, Ed, Kathy, Stuart, Tammy and Carl– who made these programs possible and brought a high level of fun and knowledge to their work with the youth! See a short [reel](#) here (credit: Stuart Hooper). Projects: [University students](#) / Pro Eco Azuero, and [children](#) / Canopy Venao).



PICC session with university students attending a workshop with ProEco Azuero, at Rufugio de Vida Silvestre, Pablo Arturo Barrios, Panamá.



• **MADAGASCAR** — Although our October PICC sessions were temporarily delayed until 2026 (due to political instability and flight cancelations), we look forward to getting the teaching resources and equipment to the Masoala area children and teachers as soon as we can! Meanwhile, and thanks to many of you supporting our programs, we have been able to remotely support our Malagasy team leader, Pascal Elison, as he conducts educational hikes, art experiences, and conservation activities in Masoala NP and Nosy Mangabe. With Pascal's extraordinary knowledge and teaching skills, the children continue learning and protecting their local lemur populations. (See photos and stories [here](#))



Pascal with children from the Masoala village of Ambodiforaha, Madagascar 2025.

• **UGANDA & RWANDA** — We have many conservation partners in Uganda and Rwanda ([Rafiki](#), [BACHO](#), [Save Wildlife Uganda](#), and [Conservation Heritage](#)). We also work closely throughout the year with [Sahaya International](#) (based in Davis, California) in supporting these and other projects located in conservation critical areas. These collaborations give us opportunities to send teaching resources and photography equipment when volunteers visit East Africa (July and December 2025), providing for sustainable development of conservation skills. Throughout the year we stay in touch with our partners and electronically send learning resources, feedback on photography and projects, encouragement to individual conservation artists, and market prints of their amazing artwork in the US (sending 50% of the profits to the artist).



Photograph for sale, image by PICC student Onesmus Rutaro, 2024, Bwindi, Uganda

• **VOLUNTEER WITH US!** — We welcome volunteers both in the US and with our many PICC projects around the world. Volunteers join us in teaching the children in the classroom and the forest, and also have opportunities to be part of the local community as a visitor/tourist. We

welcome you to join us in Madagascar (April 2026) and with other projects being scheduled. Contact us for dates, prices and details! (PICC.director@gmail.com)

• **FUNDRAISING** – We held some fun community events in Davis, Sacramento and Woodland, California, that engaged and educated our local community, raising much-needed funds to help provide art and photography resources to the children in our PICC programs around the world. A special thank you to PICC team members Julie and Sasha for developing, organizing and making these events successful! If you didn't have a chance to donate and are interested in lending us your financial support or to learn more, please visit our [support page](#). 100% of each of your donation goes to supporting the children in our PICC programs.



Andrew, one of the PICC volunteers in Panamá, 2025.

Thank you again for your support and friendship. There are so many worthy projects that need our help to accomplish their conservation goals. We appreciate having you as part of our PICC family!

From all of us at Photography Inspiring Children in Conservation, we wish you a joyful and peaceful holiday season. Thank you for being part of our conservation efforts!

With sincere gratitude,

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