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## Carlos gets a family!



Carlos' first day at the Center

**T**he incredible story of Carlos Enrique Ruiz was first featured in a sponsorship newsletter two years ago. Anabela Alejos, director of our Los Pinos Receiving Center in Guatemala recounts the story.

"On August 12, 2002, I received a call from the Secretary of the Second Court of Minors. He asked if we had room for a baby who was premature and found abandoned in a garbage can in the city.

"When I first saw him, Carlos' small size frightened me. His skin was burned and light blue from being exposed to the open air, and he was very dehydrated as well.

"A few days later Carlos was taken to a doctor of the Judicial System to be evaluated. The doctor said he weighed four pounds and was very dehydrated. He also calculated that the baby was in the trash can for two to six hours and that he was approximately 15 days old.

"Thank God that He has provided this center as a place to protect these small, defenseless children who are victims of their parents' actions. We also thank God for those donors who support us so that we can help the most needy."

We, here at ICC, have seen Carlos go from near death to a happy, affectionate and healthy two year old boy.

It gives us great pleasure to tell you that Carlos has a new home. Carlos is being adopted into a wonderful family who cannot wait to have him in their arms.

Carlos' story is just one of hundreds that the Guatemala City Receiving Center has seen over the years. The Receiving Center is more than just a building. It's a starting point and a time of positive change for many children.

Whether the children are placed in our Children's Village or an adoptive home, a family is our goal for these children. This is what they deserve and one of the main

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## PLEASE SPONSOR ME!

### My name is María José

I live at the Guatemala City Receiving Center. Please return this coupon to sponsor the center each month. Thanks!

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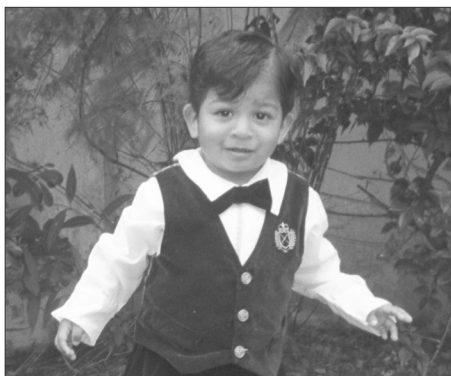
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## Carlos – continued

reasons that ICC was developed.

If you've noticed, this month the child of the month coupon is not for just one child but for the receiving center. Like our children, the receiving center benefits from your monthly sponsorships. Because we



Recent picture of Carlos

see so many children and are unsure of where they will be placed, it is impossible for us to ask you to sponsor any individual child at the center. Please consider spon-

soring the Guatemala City Receiving Center and include them in your prayers.

## Robbie and Ronnie Davies



Robbie said, "I would like to be involved with ICC some day and help other children."

*Dare to*  
Imagine **ASI**

**A**re you attending the ASI Convention this August? If so, please plan to join us for a special lunch at noon, Friday, August 7, to be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel located near the convention center.

Drop by our booth in the exhibition hall by noon Friday, mention the "Dare To Imagine" Luncheon and receive your free meal ticket. Seating is limited, and by "reservation only."

This lunch "tour" will give you the opportunity to meet ICC founders, Ken and Alcyon Fleck, and hear thrilling stories and updates from our projects.

## Project Needs

**As with all families, we have a to-do list. Please consider helping us with it.**

### Guatemala

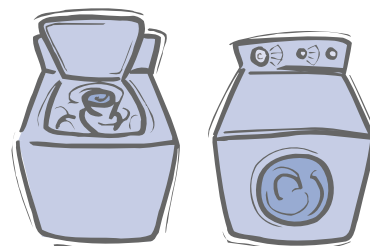
- ☐ 12 commercial size washing machines at \$650 each.
- ☐ Small 40 horse power tractor with mowing deck.
- ☐ Large tractor with harrow.

### Congo

- ☐ 2 complete outside kitchens for \$5,000 each.

*Currently one kitchen feeds all the children.*

- ☐ \$4,000 to complete hydro-electric project.



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# A Personal Message

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Dear friends,

This last week at church was a day I will remember for a long time. When Ken and I began this program for children 26 years ago, we had no idea how far ICC would go reaching out to homeless and abandoned children. In fact, our initial goal was to help as many children in Guatemala as we could. I dreamed of the day when at least 100 children would find their homes in that Children's Village we would be creating. But the reality has far exceeded our dreams. At church last week, we had just a little idea of what God would do for us.

First of all, two of the children, who came to us as newborn twins with little hope of survival, had a part in the mission outreach. They were Robbie and Ronnie Davies, now 19 years old. They just graduated from high school with honors, and are getting ready to go to college. Those of you who have read my latest book, **A Leap of Faith**, will recognize their story. These identical twins came to our Children's Village at The Pines, weighing approximately 4 pounds each. Soon after arriving, our volunteer nurse, Beth Platner, realized that Robbie was desperately sick and rushed him to the little local hospital. The doctor realized he was in critical condition with a blood infection. There was not even a needle small enough to give him a shot into his tiny veins.

"This baby will die if you don't get him into Guatemala City immediately," he told her.

The director called me in Vancouver, and even though we didn't have any budget for that kind of an emergency, I told her, "Charter a plane! Do what you have to do. Don't let that baby die!"

The rest is history. She did get him into the city that day with an ambulance waiting at the airport. When he was ready to leave the hospital, we brought his little brother, Ronnie, into the city. Then with Beth as the first director, we began the Receiving Center in Guatemala City.

Robbie and Ronnie told the audience about their feelings about ICC and about their plans for the future. I was interested to hear Robbie say, "I would like to be involved with ICC some day and help other children. Ronnie's plans are to be a dentist. But he loves music too, and he played a piano solo for the special music. (See photos on back page.)

During the rest of the service, my mind kept wondering back to those beginning days when the future of ICC was still uncertain, and the struggles that Ken and I had. After the last prayer when we rose to go, three little girls ran up to us for hugs. It was Suzie Duncan, who was adopted by Janet and Dave Duncan several years ago. I knew about her life before she came to us. Suzie had

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*Homes For The Homeless*

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*"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40*

two other little girls with her, Vanessa and Vivian, sisters who had been friends of hers back at our Receiving Center in Guatemala, and who had just recently arrived from Guatemala to their new adoptive home with the Duncans.

When Janet picked up Suzie several years ago, she saw how sad she was to leave her friends, Vanessa and Vivian, behind, so Janet had vowed to go back for her if it was possible.

We were hugging these little girls, who remembered us as Mommy and Poppy Fleck, when a smiling young man walked up. The little girls turned and clung to him. James always comes up to give us hugs when we see him. He and his sister, Jill had been two of our first babies to be adopted about 24 years ago. They are now the older siblings in the Duncan family. And then Jill walked up. She is working on her master's degree in special education. She is also married and expecting her first baby. By the time we had hugged Jill, all of this right in the aisle of the church with people leaving all around us, they no doubt wondered what was going on. But many of them know that we have lots of children around the world.

Janet and Dave have taught their children to call us, Grandma and Grandpa Fleck. We have been so happy to continue being a part of these children's lives. Talking to Janet later, I asked her how these two new ones are bonding with the older ones. Although I had already seen their reaction to James and Jill, she told me, "It is so gratifying to see our children all bonding and loving the new ones. Already James had made his place as big brother and they love him. Jill relates to them as big sister on her visits home.

Now thinking again back to the days of our beginnings with ICC, we couldn't know what God had in store, but we trusted Him to guide us and help us to change the lives of many children. There is a promise that God can do more than we could ask or think, and nothing is impossible with Him. But Ken and I realize that we would have failed if it had not been for God's special blessing and for the wonderful support of every member of our ICC Family. Although we are in 17 countries now with approximately 1400 children in our care, we can see that we have only touched the tip of the iceberg.

This world is reeling in violence, pain, suffering, and hunger, and nothing but the return of our Savior will put an end to it. But in the meantime, He has told us to care for His little helpless children, who are victims of all this sin and suffering. If we do it to them we are doing it to Jesus, Himself. In a world of financial insecurity, the safest bank is the Bank of Heaven.

With our love and prayers,

*Aleyn and Ken*