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Home in the Philippines



Mary Rose

The children in our Philippines village range in age from infants to 12 years old. Almost all of them have come to us from the Social Welfare Department because they have been so badly abused. With this kind of background, they need so much more love and understanding.

I will never forget the first time I saw Mary Rose. She screamed in terror every time she saw a person and would always try to hide from people. Returning after six months, I was thrilled to see how love affected her life. Mary Rose ran to me with open arms and a smiling face. She quickly became my little shadow. Now she is such a delightful, happy and fun loving little girl. What a transformation!

The ICC Philippine Village is currently made up of three children's homes, one administration home and a two classroom elementary school. The village is located about two hours north of Manila on land adjoining the Central Luzon Adventist Academy. It is about a half an hour drive to the closest town. Our only transportation is an old Jeep. We are seeking funds to purchase another vehicle before this one becomes no longer road worthy.

The staff and children take real pride in the development of the campus. They grow just about everything: lovely flower gardens, home vegetable

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Buried in mud!

Baby Roclem, a seven-month-old baby boy, was brought to ICC Philippines by the Social Welfare Department. The only information we were given is that he was found buried in the mud and close to death.

“Don't cry baby you've got a family now.”

When Roclem arrived, he was crying continuously so he was taken to the doctor. The doctor suspected he could have had meningitis at one time. They took lab tests and weighed him. Roclem weighed only eight pounds at seven-months-old.

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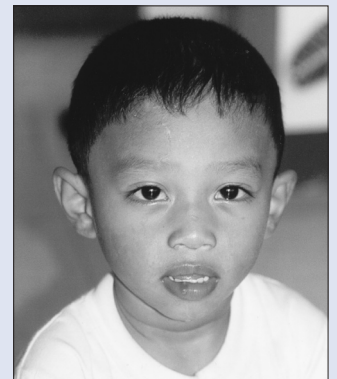
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I need a sponsor. I am 6 years old and live in The Philippines. Please return this coupon to sponsor me each month. Thanks!

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A Personal Note

We have been asked to occasionally reprint one of Alcyon's archived newsletters for those that didn't get to read it in the first printing. Here is one of those special stories which was first printed in June, 1999.

Dear ICC Family,

"Will you take care of my baby?" the young mother appealed to an older woman, who was an acquaintance. "I have a chance for a good job out of the country, and I would send you money to pay for his care."

The two discussed the terms. It didn't seem to matter to the mother that the home was unkempt, animals running around the yard as well as ragged children. She was in a hurry to leave. Apparently, the woman was caring for children of other relatives.

"OK, but don't forget to send the money. I can't afford to buy extra food," the older woman quipped. And little Joshua, only a few weeks old, was left behind as his mother left for what she considered something more important than her child.

But when the money failed to come, the baby became a *persona non grata*. He was given a minimum amount of care, a bottle pushed into his mouth when he cried, and left mostly to the care of the other children in the family. Surprisingly, he survived. By the time a social worker became aware of him, he was over a year old and in pitiful condition. He was sleeping with only a little shirt on him for clothing on the bare ground and tied to a chair with a string around his ankle, something like the way people sometimes tie a chicken. His legs were swollen with infected insect bites and he had sores on his bottom. One eye was infected, and a rash covered his face. His little teeth were worn down with the constant sucking on a bottle.

His case was taken to the court. Efforts were made to find the mother or some relative without success, and he was declared abandoned.

Joshua is just one little orphan that calls our attention to the need of abandoned children in The Philippines. Two missionary families, the Streiflings and the Clayvilles, took Joshua and other children into their homes until a program could be started there. Rick and Sharon Fleck were there recently to meet with these two families and others who are anxiously waiting for ICC to open a home for children. They signed an agreement with the North Philippine Union of Seventh-day-Adventists to work together for orphaned and abandoned children. They also secured a large acreage on mission school property. Filipinos from the USA and other countries are spreading the word to begin a campaign to raise the funds we need to start.

Thank you for your generous response to the needs of children. Remember, when you do it for one of these little ones, you do it for Jesus Himself.

With our love and prayers,

Alcyon and Ken

Since this writing, Joshua has been adopted and is now living in a family of his own.



[Alcyon & Ken Fleck - Founders](#)

TSUNAMI UPDATE



Our 16-month-old

On the 24th of March, the Andaman Islands project began with our first three children. A fourth child, a 16-month-old infant girl will join them when her medical treatment is completed. Our new family is living in a rented home in the outskirts of Port Blair on the main island in the Andaman Islands.

Our new ICC house mother writes, "All of them are very happy most of the time, but once in a while Lydvina looks sad, and we do all we can to make her happy. This morning she started crying for her mother. I put her on my lap and tried to divert her attention to the things around her. She soon returned to a happy mood again."

"Just take my little girls and please save them."

Ri Choric cried and cried the day he was brought to us. He has gotten better since that first day and no longer looks sad at all. He hugs us so tight that sometimes I'm afraid he will knock me down.

The oldest child is Daniel, who is a very gentle, helpful and loving person."

LYDVINA (Five years old) and her baby sister (16 months old) were with their parents when the tsunami struck. Their mother grabbed their other sister, and, as she was fleeing, the wave overtook her and carried them away. Their father grabbed Lydvina and her baby sister in his hands and ran. As he fled with the girls through the raging waters, a tree fell on him. He frantically held the girls as high as he could reach and cried out for help to save his children. Villagers close by tried in vain to lift the tree off of him. He pled with them, "Just take my little girls and please save them. Do not wait for me or we will all be lost." Both the girls were rescued, but, when the villagers came back with help to lift the tree off the father, the waters had covered him.

RI CHORIC (Six years old) lived with his parents on Nicobar, a very remote Island. When the tsunami struck, his mother was swept away. His father held firmly onto Ri Choric's hand and lifted him high up into a tree. When the second wave came, Ri Choric's father was not high enough in the same tree to escape the wave and he was swept away. Ri Choric was found after three days, but sadly both his parents were lost.

DANIEL (12 years old) climbed up in a tree when the waves came and stayed there for two days and nights. He had to wait until the water receded to get help. When he climbed down

from the tree, he was not able to find his parents or any remains of his former home.

Please remember these children in your prayers. They have suffered so many traumas, and they all need emotional healing.

Most of the children we will be caring for are from the Nicobar Islands. These people are a unique ethnic group who have a very strong sense of family and community. They are very poor but would not allow their orphans to be cared for in traditional orphanages. When they heard of our ICC "family" philosophy, they felt they at last had hope for their orphaned children. We have



Rented Home for Island project

been working with the Nicobar community elders and now have a big list of orphans that may join our ICC family.

The tsunami has left teenage boys and girls who are badly traumatized. In some cases, these boys and girls are the only survivors in their families. They have such a huge sense of loss, but they also feel a sense of guilt that they could not save their loved ones. We urgently need sponsors for these children, so they may live their lives in a safe and loving environment.

If you are willing to sponsor one or more of these children, or know of someone who would be willing, please contact our ICC office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Merilyn Beveridge

Philippines - continued

gardens, a banana plantation and an orchard.



Laundry Chores

Today, ICC Philippines has a critical housing shortage. The teachers must live off campus and we have to provide transportation for them every day.

The teachers need to be on campus to help with all of the activities for the children. The construction of a staff duplex will meet this need and will cost about \$26,000.

Marilyn Beveridge

Buried in mud! - continued

The children from Home Two received Baby Roclem warmly. Six-year-old Jennifer, told the crying baby, "Don't cry baby, you've got a family now." The children always wanted to know if he was doing okay.

A week later Roclem had calmed down and was smiling a lot. When the children sang to him, Roclem responded with a joyful expression. He also enjoyed Mom Ken's (his house mother) singing, while being rocked in her arms. Daddy Doods (house father) made a hammock for Roclem. The doctor confirmed that he's had Meningitis but it's now gone. The lab tests also showed Roclem had worms.



Roclem his hammock

Roclem was so skinny from malnutrition it was frightening. With good food, lots of tender loving care, and prayer, his condition has improved greatly.

Today he has no worms and is on his way to a full recovery. The children in Home Two are fond of their new baby brother, always wanting to help Mommy Ken take care of him.

By taking Roclem into a warm, loving home at an urgent time, ICC saved his life. We are very much encouraged to see that Roclem has good eye contact, responds to stimulation and cries when he's not comfortable like any normal baby. He is a blessing!

Marilyn Beveridge

New Administrators for the El Oasis (Mexico) Project

Pastor Mauro Reyes and his wife, Lidia, have accepted a call from ICC to be the new administrators of the El Oasis Children's Village in Mexico. Pastor Reyes just retired from his work with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mexico, even though he is only 60 years young! Lidia is a teacher in Tijuana and will be the director of children's services.

It is interesting that in the early 90's when Ken Fleck was looking for an appropriate site for the ICC project in Mexico,



Reyes Family

Pastor Reyes was the conference president and helped with the search process. Now he and Lidia are dedicating their lives to ministering especially to these precious children.

Welcome, Pastor and Mrs. Reyes, to our ICC family!

We will miss her!

Pearl Nichols, a very active volunteer for ICC, passed away this April and she will be greatly missed by her ICC family.

She loved the children of ICC and had been faithfully calling volunteers every month to invite them to prepare envelopes for the Que Pasa mailing. She also found new volunteers for our mailings. Pearl always had a smile and a cheerful word to say. She was very active in her church, but she always had time for ICC.

Our condolences go out to Pearl's family and friends. Please pray for her family as they go through their great loss.