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NEW ADMINISTRATION ARRIVES IN EL SALVADOR



[Play time in El Salvador](#)

They're coming, they're coming!!! That was the buzzing news on everyone's lips as they prepared for the new administration to arrive. The Hogar Escuela Adventista was preparing for a new phase in its history, and everyone had a part in preparing to welcome the new directors.

Beginning Tuesday September 27, 2005 the new administration began arriving. Tuesday evening Joel and Jenny Reyes along with their children Ashley, Josue, and Benjamin arrived at their new home. They were followed by Trevor and Kama Wilson, and their children Tama and Tifonna, grandmother Marsha... and Cocoa their poodle. ICC was also represented by the President and Director of Children's Services Rick

and Sharon Fleck. Joel Reyes will be the new Administrator at the Hogar, replacing Elmer Duncan. Joel's wife, Jenny, will help with Children's Services. Trevor and Kama Wilson will be the Regional Transition Administrators.

The new administration introduced themselves to the children as they ate meals in different houses, and were given a chance to speak at worship Thursday evening. The children were very curious about the new arrivals and asked a few questions after worship was over... Even Cocoa received a warm reception.



Trevor Wilson says, "We're excited to be here and we are looking forward to getting to know the people and this country.

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We will be continuing to help these children grow up to be successful adults."

While all three families were here, they had a series of meetings to discuss

responsibilities and the first actions the new administration should take. By the

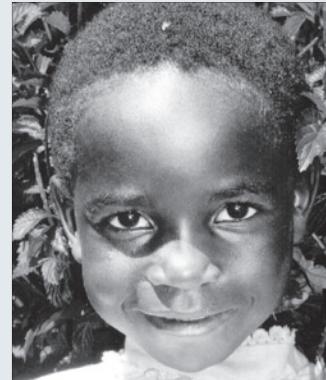
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MANY CHILDREN NEED SPONSORS!

Are you aware that only 1/3 of ICC's children are fully sponsored? Most of our children come to us from devastating situations without notice. ICC provides a home and family for orphaned and abandoned children where there is physical space in our projects to accommodate them. Once we give them that home, we then set about trying to find the financial means for their support through sponsorships. This is always a huge challenge. Over the past few years, ICC's family of children has more than doubled. Yet, we find ourselves in a bind because the amount of new sponsors has not kept pace with the numbers of new children who now call ICC their family. We are in urgent need of help in this area, not only for the financial resources, but also for the emotional bond that our children desire to have with a sponsor who cares about them.

For the remainder of the year, ICC is conducting a sponsorship drive called "**Each One – Reach One.**" We are appealing to our loyal supporters and readers of the Que Pasa to consider 1) sponsoring one additional child for those that have the ability to do so, and/or 2) encouraging a friend or acquaintance to also sponsor a

child. Helping us find others who will sponsor a child in need is vital to our program.

We are happy to provide promotional information for you so that you can share the blessing of sponsorship with others. We can send you a packet that includes photos of children who need a sponsor. We can also send you our latest video, "The Difference that Changes Lives," that features basic information about ICC, children telling their stories and a message from our founders, Ken and Alcyon Fleck. You can share this with others in your church, family or community. We can provide this to you in either DVD or VHS format.

If you have a passion for helping the children and can help us find more sponsors it will be a huge blessing. If sponsoring a child isn't for you or someone you talk to, we also offer a monthly recurring gift option that will benefit the children.

Most important of all, we need your prayers for God's provision, leading and direction in this ministry for orphaned and abandoned children. If you want to help or have ideas to share, please contact Liana St.Clair at (800) 422-7729 or Liana@forhiskids.org.

Rains Damage Crops in Romania

Romania has been recently hit hard by torrential rains. Many of the homes have been flooded in the small town of Odobesti where our children's village is located. Fortunately, none of our ICC structures were damaged, but our deepwater well was affected. The water was so muddy that our director had to search for safe drinking water. She was able to obtain a small amount from the Red Cross.

As well, almost all of our potato crop was lost. This is a serious issue as potatoes are a staple food item for our children. As the law of supply and demand kicks in, the price to purchase them locally will no doubt rise significantly. Please keep this project in your prayers as we deal with the fallout of this natural disaster.

New Administration - continued

time the Fleck's left for home Friday morning, the group had gone over blueprints for possible house renovations, responsibilities of the business manager and communications director (both are missionaries), and also what the individual families would be overseeing.

New Administrator Joel Reyes says, "It is real good to be here. We have had a great reception and we were happy to make it here safely. We have a challenge ahead of us, but it is worth it to be here at the Hogar so that we can make an impact on these children's lives."

Alexis Franklin

ICC HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

ICC Headquarters office - 2711 N.E. 134th Way, Vancouver, WA

Sunday, December 4th - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Join us this special time of year to celebrate what God has done.

ICC Updates from Rick Fleck

Please R.S.V.P. to (360) 573-0429.

This will help us plan for refreshments.

A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

It was during one of the early years of ICC. I was spending some time at the Receiving Center, when a young man came to the door with a little boy. He introduced himself and then his little son, Marvin.

"Senora, I have a problem, and I have been told that this is a Christian organization for children. I wonder if you can help me."

He went on to tell his story about a failed marriage, and his problem of how to care for little Marvin. He had a job, but all of his efforts to provide good care for the boy seemed to be fruitless. He wanted to know if Marvin could stay with us. I explained our program of providing permanent homes for children. In the end he agreed that he would like to give Marvin to us, if he could just know that his boy was in a good home and would have an education.

Marvin became one of our children and was placed in one of the homes at The Pines. He was always an obedient child and obviously had not suffered any bad treatment. But, a little later Marvin's father came back with another request. "I have a friend, a young woman who was involved with an army officer, and then left with a baby. I married her, mostly to give her baby a name, but the baby has health problem. He can't keep food down because of the need of an operation. The mother can't afford this or handle the care he needs. Would you accept this child, too?"

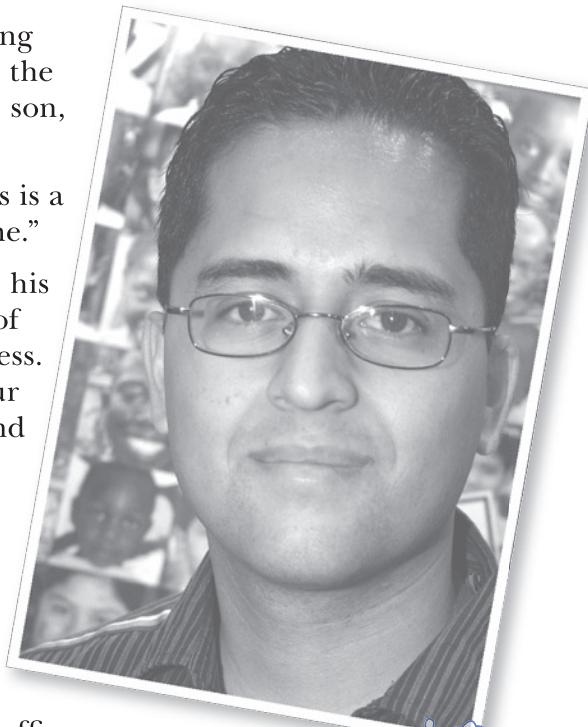
After a medical evaluation, we accepted little Ramon, and then arranged for the needed surgery on a constricted tube leading from his stomach. He recovered rapidly and became a bouncing, healthy baby. But the mother still was not in a situation to raise a child and reluctantly asked us to find a good home for him. Her one request was, "Please find a home where he will have music in his life. His father was a musician." We never knew the whole sad story, but as time went on we could see that Ramon was an exceptional child. He needed a special home.

When the Starenkyj family in Quebec applied for a baby, we realized that this was just the right place for little Ramon, now 9 months old. It takes time and lots of documents for a foreign adoption, especially in Canada, but Daniele and Stefan wanted this baby more than anything in the world. They had suffered disappointments in their efforts to add another child to the little girl they already had. They would do whatever they had to do.

Finally, the day came when it was all arranged. I was in Guatemala, and would bring the baby and meet them in Boston. Ken was already in the US and would meet my plane in Atlanta.

We were happy to meet this lovely professional couple, whose great desire was to raise their children for God. Whenever we gave children for adoption I always made a point of arranging a good transition so that the child would not suffer trauma in the process. After spending some time with them, we could see that little Ramon knew he had it made. He went with them happily. His new name became Philippe Starenkyj.

We heard from the Starenkyjs periodically, and the report was always good. They were thrilled with their little son and loved him with all their hearts.



I met them at a General Conference when he was in high school. His mother told me he couldn't wait to look me up as she had told him the story of how he came to them. I was impressed with this young man, and thrilled to see him and his family. You will be interested to know that music is a big part of Philippe's life. He is the pianist in his church.

Just this last June at the General Conference of SDA's in St. Louis, the Starenkyj family came from Quebec, and Philippe couldn't wait to look for the ICC booth. Ken and I didn't go this time, but Philippe talked to people at our booth and especially to Kent from our office. When Kent came home he told me about his visit with Philippe. "He is really a promising young man, and you would have been thrilled to see him." He brought me a personal note from Philippe, which I will let you share.

"Dear Mommy Fleck,

*I just dropped by here at the stand and wanted to leave a little note to thank you for the wonderful family you found me. I am now in Quebec, Canada. I am 25 years old and just got accepted in law school and in good health. I thank God every day for your wonderful work. I pray He keeps on blessing you and all the team.
Philippe Starenkyj"*

Some of you know that I have been working on another book that you may see soon. It is all about how God, through the years, prepared us for the plan he had for our lives. Everyone of the children who have come to us are a part of that plan, and I always like to tell them that God brought them to us for a reason. He has a plan for their lives.

I'm not sure just what plan God has for Philippe, but I am sure that he will find out. I firmly believe that Philippe, as well as all our other children, were in the mind of God all along. Since these children are so special in their Heavenly Father's heart, whatever we do for them, we are doing for Him.

With our love and prayers,

Alyon and Ken 



Happy
Thanksgiving