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## World Update

### Andaman Islands:

**2 children**

Because of the strong tremors that are still occurring on the island, ICC felt that it was best to bring the children to the mainland and start a new facility.

This year we received wonderful news from Lilly, our administrator of the India project. The father of one of the three children just located his son who was with us and came to get him. They had been separated at the time of the tsunami.

### Brazil:

**18 children**

**219 in daycare centers**

The ICC network is helping with the support of 18 children in a children's village that has three homes. We are also assisting 219 children in several day care centers.

### Cambodia:

**69 children**

The Light of Hope Children's Village houses 69 children in five homes. This project is in need of staff homes as well as additional classrooms for the school program.



Congo

### Colombia:

**27 children**

ICC continues to provide support for 27 children in foster care settings.

One of our young men that we have been helping through medical school graduated this year.

### Congo:

**192 children**

Many of the 192 children ICC cares for in our Patmos Children's Village are war orphans. ICC has found a safe haven for the children on the Island of Idjwi in the middle of Lake Kivu. Construction is completed on the first two homes. The foundations for four additional homes are completed. The younger children are still being cared for in a receiving center in the city of Goma where there is easier access to medical facilities. Our Congo project continues to have some of the most urgent needs as children have to sleep three or four to a bed because of the overcrowded conditions.



Philippines

## *Dominican:*

**83 children**

The Las Palmas Children's Village is home to 83 children in eight homes. This project is one of the longest running ICC programs for orphaned and abandoned children. Yearly highlights include graduations and quite often, weddings, as the ICC family expands.

VersaCare put in a water system this year. We have a water tank elevated on a platform in which our water is stored and purified. The pipes into the homes have been replaced and they now have pure water.

**Dominican**

## *El Salvador:*

**122 children**

In September of 2005, ICC assumed operation of a children's village that is home to 122 children in five homes. This is ICC's latest project for children and we welcome them into the ICC family. Plans are being made to transition the children into smaller family units.

## *Ghana:*

**12 children**

Twelve children have found a home at ICC Ghana where we've been able to open our first home in a rented house. As funds allow we will purchase land and build permanent homes for the children.

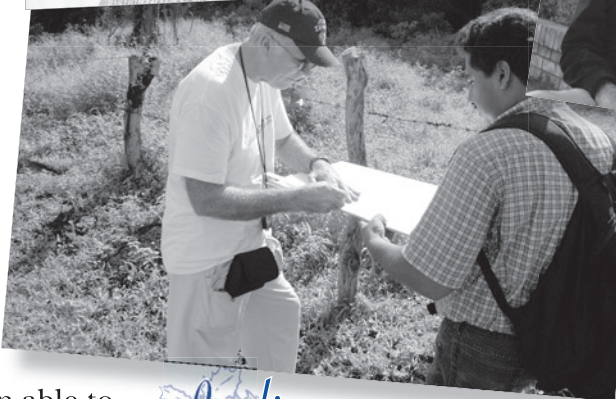
## *Guatemala:*

**143 children**

**30 children in the city center**

The Los Pinos Children's village is our oldest project for children. There are 143 children in 12 homes. Seven of the children are attending university. In Guatemala City an additional 30 children receive loving care at the emergency placement center.

We now have drinkable water for ICAP and Los Pinos thanks to the four new wells that were dug this year. This has been an answer to prayer.



## *India:*

**70 children**

ICC India recently celebrated the first graduation of one of its children. He is hoping to enroll in medical school in the future. In this project, 70 children are cared for in six homes. Fortunately, none of the children or workers was harmed as a result of the tsunami.

**Nicaragua Survey**

## *Myanmar:*

**99 children**

Fifty-four children receive care in the Mitta Gaye Har Children's Village. In addition, 45 children receive assistance in two other parts of the country.

## *Mexico:*

**42 children**

Forty-two children have found a home on the campus of the El Oasis Children's Village in Baja, Mexico. Construction is underway on an educational facility.

We have new administration in Mexico, and we are very excited to have Pastor Mauro Reyes and his wife, Lidia.



## *Nicaragua:*

**28 children**

In 2005, ICC was able to secure and purchase a large piece of land on which to develop a children's village. Up until now, a small receiving center has been home to the 28 children in ICC's care. The children are excited by the possibilities that will be their's in a children's village where there is room to run, play and enjoy life.



## Philippines:

22 children

Three homes have been completed in the ICC children's village near Pampanga where 22 children now reside. A basic school structure has been developed and staff housing is needed for the teachers.



Ukraine

## Sri Lanka:

48 children

In Sri Lanka, the ICC children's village has three homes where 43 children receive care. As with India, none of the children or workers was harmed as a result of the tsunami.

## Thailand:

94 children

The Kirsten Jade Rescue Center is home to 46 children in four homes. An additional 48 children look to ICC for help in refugee centers.

## Ukraine:

10 children

One of our little girls, Anatasia, recently had surgery. She had a tumor in her chin, which was not cancerous. We are excited about this news and are pleased that she is doing well.



Philippines



Merry  
Christmas  
Happy Holidays



Romania

## Zambia:

10 children

Because of some major difficulties at the children's village location in Zambia, we have had to relocate the 10 children to the capital city. Malaria, snakes and land disputes all have created difficult challenges for this project. The situation has stabilized for the children in their new environment.

## Please Remember

**Please remember the children of ICC as you contemplate your year-end, tax-deductible giving plan. This is the most important financial time of the year for us at ICC, and without you, none of this wonderful work would be possible.**

*Thank you!*

# A Personal Message

## The "Eyes" of Christmas

As this year is coming to an end, I think of the winding road that we have traveled over the last 11 months. There have been so many turns and changes that have taken place that it makes me realize that this earth can't go on much longer.

Through our own eyes we have seen the raging storms of the tsunami in Asia, Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast and the many hurricanes and other disasters that have hit in so many places on this earth. We have done our best here at ICC to weather what those disasters have brought with them in terms of financial difficulties for us. As you know, our budgets have continued to drastically increase with these disasters, and our financial abilities have been hit so hard. We know that these difficult times are not over for us, but through all of this, God has miraculously provided for "His kids" through you, His people.

I sent out a letter asking for prayers and financial help earlier this year. Many of you answered that request. Because of you, the projects of ICC still stand in the midst of all of this. Sure, we are still not out of the woods financially, but we have a strong faith that this is God's work for His children, and He won't let them down. We believe in our ICC family that you have the same desire that each one of us has in serving Jesus through taking care of His children. This belief gives each one of us hope.

As I have visited some of our ICC projects, the one thing that has made the strongest personal impression in my life has been the eyes of the children that live in our children's villages. I have seen the eyes of tiny children when they first arrive from devastating situations. Those little eyes are empty and hollow, seemingly without color. Those little eyes are so difficult for me to see.

Then there are the eyes of the children after they have been living in one of the projects for a few months. Those little eyes are ones of wonder, starting to realize that for some reason they do have a place where they can have three meals a day, a bed on which to lay their heads, and clothes to wear so they can weather the cold.

And finally, miraculously, there are the eyes of those who have been living in one of our projects for some time, that now know of the tremendous love that is there for them to experience, a love that reaches beyond all boundaries and now provides them with a hope for their futures, a hope that would never have been theirs were it not for our loving ICC family. These are the eyes that are truly amazing to see! To witness such a change in a child's eyes is a feeling that goes deep into one's soul, and something that is never forgotten. These eyes have changed my life in a profound way.

This Christmas, because of you, these children will hear of the story of Baby Jesus and why He loved each one of them so much that He gave His own life for them. Because of your gifts of love, these special children will feel a warmth in their hearts that many of them have never experienced before. But most important to me this Christmas, those little eyes will now see that their lives are saved on this earth because of you, and that they have the opportunity for the gift of Salvation through Jesus that will save them for eternity. Those are the eyes that I am so anxious to see in the Kingdom. Those are the eyes that will look up at you, and you will instantly know just why each one of us were placed on this earth. Those are the reflections in the eyes of Christmas at ICC this year that each one of us can be so thankful to have been a part of.

God bless you all this Christmas for everything that you have done, and all that you will continue to do to bring love and hope to the eyes of "His kids."

In Grateful Service for "His kids,"  
Doug Congleton, and all of us at the ICC office

