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## CHRISTMAS BASKETS

### A LESSON IN GIVING

**C**hristmas...Navidad...whatever it is called, is not just a time for receiving gifts, but as the children at the Hogar Escuela Adventista have learned, it is also a time for giving.

This past Christmas, the inhabitants of the Hogar, children, parents, and missionaries alike, spent part of their time putting together gifts. But these gifts did not stay "in-house."

With the help of Tia Crisia from House Recepción, and Pastor Trinidad, five families from San Juan Opico were chosen to receive Christmas gift baskets. A family was assigned to each house, and they bought food, made cards and collected items that the children were willing to give away. Then they made baskets to take to the families.

Thirty dollars was given to each house to spend on food and whatever other items could be found in the campus store. At least five children from each house were put in charge, overseeing all of the areas needed. These five were then allowed to go with the student missionaries to deliver the baskets. The reaction of the



ICC children and missionaries

families ranged from words of thankfulness to tears.

"I think this was a great opportunity for the children to learn about service to others," said missionary Amanda Brady.

Poverty in El Salvador can be so severe. Most of the families lived in poorly made homes with tin roofs, dirt floors, and glassless windows. They each expressed their gratitude in a different way.

The Quintanilla family said, "This food will last much longer than one week. Even though we go out to sell things there still isn't enough money to buy the things we need."

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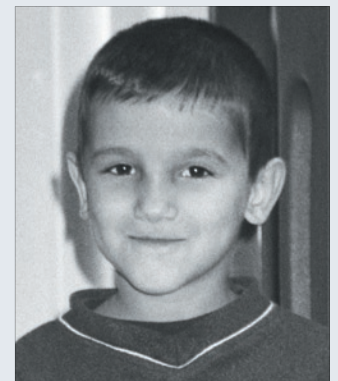
## PLEASE SPONSOR ME!

### My name is Alexandru

I need a sponsor. I am 7 years old and live in Romania. Please return this coupon to sponsor me each month. Thanks!

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# IT CAME FROM CANADA

Last November we brought you the story of one donor in British Columbia, Canada, who decided that his construction supply company would donate a container load of construction supplies to our ICC Nicaragua project. All we had to do was buy a shipping container that would carry these construction supplies to Nicaragua.



Mr. Montieth and the ICC container

This has truly been a multi-national operation. Rob Montieth created the idea and coordinated the solicitation and collection of the donations through his construction supply firm in British Columbia. A donor from the United States provided the funds for purchasing the container and part of the shipping costs.

All of the items sent to Nicaragua came from Canadian donors. Hundreds of donations were made. In fact, we will be able to make a great start on our first home with these donated materials and supplies. Once the donations were collected, the container was loaded by twelve hardy volunteers in Revelstoke, B.C., and shipped out of Vancouver, B.C.

The Construction Container from Canada arrived in Nicaragua the first week in January to be delivered to the children's village a few weeks later after clearing customs. The container will become a permanent part of the ICC Nicaragua project. It will be used as lockable storage for the construction tools and supplies that will be used by mission groups who will be going to Nicaragua to help build the ICC Nicaragua Children's Village.

Our deepest thanks to Rob and all those who donated. Your generosity will truly make a difference for His Kids.

*by: Ken Wilson*

## RADIO INTERVIEW IN EL SALVADOR

October was the "Month of the Child" in El Salvador. As part of this celebration, three staff members of the Hogar Escuela Adventista were invited to participate in an hour-long radio interview. The program, entitled, "Conexión" was part of the broadcast sponsored by Adventist World Radio in the country. Those representing the Hogar were Pastor Trinidad, Administrator Joel Reyes, and student missionary Alexis Franklin. Here is an excerpt from an article Alexis wrote about her experience.

"This was a perfect opportunity to make listeners aware that there is

a children's village in El Salvador, the role it plays in the children's lives, and the need it has for more people willing to do a great work for the Lord. Joel Reyes was able to explain a basic



Adventist World Radio Hosts

day in the Hogar and tell of the great need we have for house parents as well as aunts. He and Pastor Trinidad also talked about the vision that ICC has for the Hogar, and the plans that will be

incorporated along the way. Even I was able to play a small part by telling how much I liked the work, and the responsibilities I have for communicating with our founding organization. Although I have been on the air many times, I was so nervous about speaking Spanish that my vocabulary instantly decreased!

"Was the show a success? By the last break we were receiving calls from listeners for the phone number to the Hogar, on how they could become sponsors for the children, and asking what the qualifications were to become house parents and aunts. Adventist World Radio has been a valuable asset in getting the news out about the Hogar in El Salvador."

## Memorials

### Leona Atkins

By Herb & Lela Franzman  
Mrs. Wilma (Donald) Miller  
Lawrence & Jean Williams

### Howard Burbank

By Pastor Thomas & Helen Ipes

### John Clarkson

By Don & Lillian Wysong

### Alva Downing

By Darlene & Ted Burgeson  
Wilma Land  
Lauren & Colleen Posey

### Arnold & Mildred Duerksen

By Patricia Foster

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By Dr. Dale & Sandra Schmid

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### Vernon Kaiser

By Eleanor Berecz  
Herb & Lela Franzman  
Herb & Anna May Waters

### Mary Kaune

By Lola Marie & Marc Genton

### Charlene Kuebler

By Richard & Cherry Habenicht

### Wanda Mallernee

By Bruce Mallernee

### Pastor Les Martin

By Mr. & Mrs. S. S. Hoopes

### Vida Maxson

By Orla & Ellen Collins

### Van Moldre

By Peter Kaldveer Family  
William & Diane Maloney

### Erwin Remboldt

By Donna Remboldt

### Ben Rue

By Eddie & Lorraine Hamilton

### Clifton Smith

By Herb & Anna May Waters

### Adelle Spaulding

By Dorothy Ramsey

### Hazel Taylor

By Herb & Lela Franzman

### Bud Wallin

By Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smith

### Eileen Whatley

By Don & Lillian Wysong

### Alva Wilkes-Downing

By Robert & Frances Wilkes

### Grace Woodruff

By Herb & Lela Franzman

### Dr. Wiley Young

By Ottis & Dorothy Edwards

## Christmas Baskets continued

Mabel Coralilio blessed the children and missionaries for their kindness. "I thank God for touching your hearts to come out here. Many blessings to you."

The children, as well as the missionaries, were touched as they saw the conditions in which the families lived. The Orellana family had six children living in a very small house with their parents.

The ultimate goal of the missionaries was to teach the children of the Hogar Escuela Adventista this valuable lesson:

"We wanted to teach our children, who receive so much from their sponsors, the missionaries, and others who come into their lives, that it isn't getting gifts that is most important, but making sure we share what we can with those who don't have anything," said missionary Christina Olson, who helped plan the outreach event.

by: Alexis Franklin  
Missionary Student  
in El Salvador

## PROJECTORS NEEDED!

ICC is desperately looking for good quality projectors (not physically too large) for several of our children's villages. There are many educational and spiritual opportunities that we can take advantage of in our projects if we just had a projector. We need one projector as soon as possible for our Dominican Project, and we would love to be able to take one to as many other projects as possible.

If there are any of our ICC Family Members that either have one of these that they would be willing to donate, or they know of someplace that they can acquire one of these for our children, please let us know. Please contact Doug Congleton in our Vancouver office. You can reach Doug at 360-573-0429, or you can email him at [Doug@forhiskids.org](mailto:Doug@forhiskids.org)

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# A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

Vijey, Kandi and Suvarna\* are three little girls in India. Their lives were haunted with serious trouble in the home. Perhaps because of poverty, their father and mother had terrible battles between them. In his desperation one day, their father poured kerosene on himself and lit a fire. He was badly burned, and even though he was taken to a hospital, he didn't survive.

The mother left them alone in the house, abandoning them to fend for themselves. Their old, sick grandmother took them in and tried to care for them, but she soon died of breast cancer.

In India, girls traditionally don't have much value, and the girls were separated among relatives who couldn't give them much more than a roof over their heads. But, worst of all, the relatives lived in separate villages. Vijey, Kandi and Suvarna, not only suffered the loss of their home and parents, but they desperately missed each other.

One day their uncle told Vijey, "Your mother is coming. Would you like to go and meet her and see if you recognize her?"

Vijey was anxious to go and did recognize her, but her mother brought her nothing, and only stayed for a month. As she was leaving she told them, "You won't see me again for a long time." They didn't know why their mother left, they only knew they were abandoned and now orphans. But Vijey, Kandi and Suvarna longed to at least be together.

One day two men, probably family members, brought the little girls to our home for children, called Sweet Home. When they were ushered into the house their faces broke into smiles. At last they had a home, and they soon became part of the family. Our director, Lily, says that the girls are now bubbling with joy, are very obedient and fitting in with their new family.

Children all need the love and security of a home, and that is what they find when they become part of International Children's Care. Every time I hear of a little child who has suffered abandonment and loss, I am so thankful that we have a home where they will find love, security, and where their needs will be met. But most of all, they will learn about their Father in Heaven who is already preparing homes for them.

You can sponsor a child and know what it means to help at least one little lost boy or girl. Thank you for all you are doing for our children!

With our love and prayers,

*Alcyon and Ken*

*\* Names have been changed to protect and respect the identity of our children.*



ICC children and one of the family homes



Alcyon & Ken Fleck - Founders