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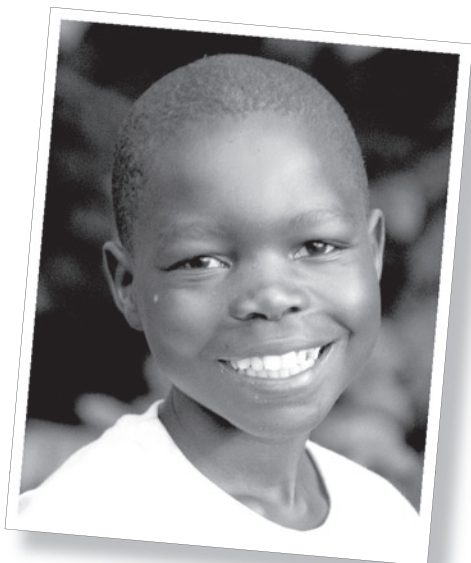
We have some sad news to share with our ICC family. Recently we received news that one of our children in the Congo, Gilbert Safari Gahama, died in the Goma hospital from a congenital heart condition. He was 11 years old. Life is very fragile and this is certainly the case in a country like Congo. We are greatly saddened by this, but we rejoice that we were able to make his life a little better over the past few years. He was given the opportunity to learn about Jesus, which is the most important thing that we could have given him. We look forward to being together with him in a much better home someday. Please keep our Patmos children and staff in your prayers.

Congo Container *Ships in September*

Praise God a long time supporter of ICC has offered to raise funds to ship a container to the Congo. Now we have the task of filling that container. Désiré, our Congo Administrator, has sent a list of items they need. To help us get exact quantities and avoid duplicates you can help us by calling Liana or Jessica at the ICC office or e-mailing container@forhiskids.org. You may want to: (1) ask if we still need specific items, (2) tell us of items you have to send or want to bring to ICC headquarters, or (3) tell us of items for which you'd like to become responsible. Cash donations will be accepted for

this shipment. However please continue to remember our ongoing needs to meet operational budgets for our projects. You may want to consider giving an extra gift to help buy items that aren't donated. On our web site we will have an updated list of items still needed. You can also call for the updates. One item we need for safety reasons is a speed boat that can carry 6 people. Currently it takes 4 ½ hours by normal boat to get to land. A fast boat could get an injured child to medical care in 45 minutes. What a blessing this container will be to these precious children.

Liana St. Clair



PLEASE SPONSOR ME!

My name is Jason

I need a sponsor. I am 4 years old and live in Philippines. Please return this coupon to sponsor me each month. Thanks!

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$_____

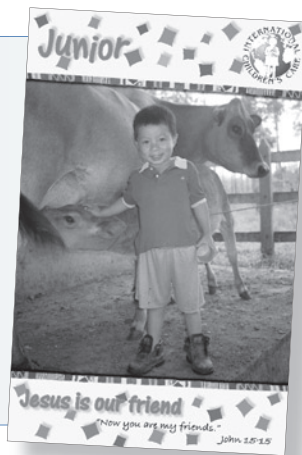
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Sponsorship Department



Youth and Children get involved!

VBS Mission Projects - Your VBS can help the ICC children. We have fun activities that go with the "Fiesta", "Kids in the Kitchen" and "Journey to Bethlehem" themes that your VBS children can do to help the orphans. "Coins for Cows in Guatemala", "Coins for Congo Kids - Mattress project", "Coins for Kid's Spanish Books".

For more information please contact Liana St. Clair at Liana@ForHisKids.org or 1-800-422-7729.



Philippines

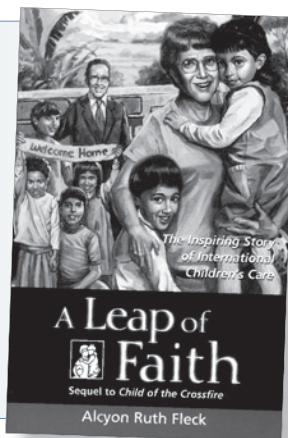
The children in the Philippines have become a lot more settled with the addition of a psychologist and new administrators to our staff. They are able to work with the children one on one, and give the house parents strategies to help the children deal with their tragic backgrounds. A special highlight this year was a beach weekend.

Last year 40 acres of land was cleared for crops and orchards. The children are getting great joy from harvesting the crops. We need to fence this new land and develop an irrigation system for the long dry season.



See you there!

ICC will be at United Youth Congress in Atlanta April 19-22 promoting a "We Care" Campaign in a Box with fun activities that youth groups can do to make a difference for "His Kids!" Tell your youth leaders about ICC. Give them Mrs. Fleck's book "A Leap of Faith" to inspire them.



A BIG THANKS!

Mrs. Elizabeth Fish's class from Livingstone Adventist Academy in Salem, Oregon is a great group of students who wants to make a difference for other children. This is the second year they have done a fundraiser for the children of ICC. This year they raised \$240 for Vaccinations for the Congo children. They've been studying about diseases and vaccinations and wanted to do something to prevent some of our children from getting sick. A BIG THANK YOU to Mrs. Fish's class!



Sri Lanka-Mailapitaya Home

Currently ICC Australia is developing a new water system for this center. The old well collapsed and we are now drilling and constructing a new well. The children have been carting water and bathing in the stream and will be so thankful when the new system provides ample clean water. A volunteer team from Victoria, Australia will construct the administration home at the center this year. We also have another wonderful team of volunteers doing an amazing job fundraising and planning the details for their upcoming trip.



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A Personal Note

I can't count the number of times sponsors have told me that "I know that my \$25 a month is not worth much, but at least I can give that and hope that it helps in some small way." Each time I hear this statement, a smile comes across my face. Whether I am speaking with someone in person, or on the phone, that smile is still there.

It's there because when I hear those words, "my \$25 per month is not worth much," my mind goes to the pictures I keep in my memory bank of our ICC children sitting around a table, where there is plenty of food for them to eat. I think of our children who have a bed on which to lay their heads, clothes to keep out the cold, a home that they can call their own and the deep warmth of love in their hearts. Even beyond that, I have seen a doctor and nurses who physically heal people in their own country. I have met pastors who touch lives every day with spiritual healing of the soul. I picture workers all over our world doing all they can to somehow help other people along their paths in life. I also see that each one of these people has a desire to "give back" to the other children of ICC in appreciation for what they experienced when they lived in one of our ICC projects. I literally see thousands of lives that are now intertwined that never would have been if it were not for "my \$25 per month that is not worth much."

Each time I hear this story, I tell of these things so that each one of you who sponsors a child through ICC will know just how much your money really means, just how much it is really worth. The gift of sponsorships reminds me of the little boy that gave of his lunch to Jesus. It was a day when many people were gathered together. It was a day when most forgot to take any food with them when they went to hear Jesus speak. On that day, a small boy brought his own lunch and unselfishly gave it to Jesus, for Him to do whatever He wanted to do with it. You know the story and you know that Jesus blessed that gift and there was more food than all of those people could eat on that day.

For me, the support of sponsors here at ICC is truly a living example today of the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 people from that little boy's lunch. Through the unselfishness of the few, Jesus is able to feed the many children of ICC, who take that blessing on to others. The lives that are touched through that one unselfish act of sponsorship is amazing! I believe that this is truly a miracle, a miracle that I am so thankful to witness.

That smile will never leave my face each time those few words are spoken. I pray that each one of you will know how vital it is that we somehow find sponsors for the children of ICC. I know that through sponsorships, there can be more children saved on this earth, and again for His kingdom. Without our sponsors, I shudder to even think of where our children would be today. What would have happened to them? Who would have shared with the other lives that have been and are being reached for Jesus? Would our kids have even continued to exist? I am just thankful to all of our sponsors that I don't have to find the answers to those questions.

I do have one question for all of you though –

Now that you know what I know, how much is your \$25 per month REALLY worth?

God bless all of you who give to "his kids!"

Doug Congleton



Doug Congleton serves as the Executive Director of ICC America.



Where's Peter Tripovich Now?

On February 28, 2005, 79 year old, Peter Tripovich commenced his circumnavigational trek around the perimeter of the Australian continent to help raise funds for ICC. Prior to this adventure, Peter spent nine months gearing up by walking several miles each day near his farm in Bamawm, Victoria, Australia.

He is expecting to walk just over 12,400 miles during his 18 months on the road. He plans to travel primarily the highways that follow the coast. He commenced his walk from the Melbourne General Post Office and is currently walking his way to Perth by way of Darwin, Karratha, and Geraldton.

With the help of his dedicated roadie, Ray Price, who's driving the support vehicle Peter is more than half way to his destination. Peter and Ray have seen kangaroos, lizards, wild buffalo and baby turtledoves near a water hole. There is very little traffic, mostly car's with caravans (trailers), tourists passing them and of course the three-trailer road trains (18 wheelers) carrying supplies through the outback.

Some interesting facts about Peter's walk so far:

- He has worn out three pairs of shoes.
- The most he has walked in a day is forty-five miles.
- He drinks about a half-gallon of water a day.
- He is currently walking thirty-one miles a day.
- His average speed is about three miles-per-hour.
- Peter has walked over 6,835 miles.
- Peter's taken about 13,695,000 steps since leaving Melbourne.
- Peter turned 80 years old on February 25, 2006.

What originally began as a personal challenge for a retired farmer became a fund raising effort for the children of ICC when Peter realized, due to publicity he had received during preparations for this endeavor, that his walk around Australia could be an effective fundraiser for ICC. So in conjunction with ICC Australia, the Peter Tripovich Fund was established.

As of February, Peter has raised over \$20,000 for the children of ICC. All donations to the Peter Tripovich Fund go directly to ICC as Peter is footing (get it?) all his personal expenses during this walk-about. To see where Peter is today please visit www.iccaustralia.org.au/peter.



FRUITS OF YOUR LABOR

Children Attending Colleges or Universities

There are 54 ICC children currently attending colleges or universities. Here are the numbers from various ICC locations:

Dominican – 17 students

Colombia – 11 students

El Salvador – 9 students

Guatemala – 8 students

(three others have requested to go but we've not had the funds to send them)

Asia Pacific Projects – 9 students *(combined total)*

