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CONGO ELECTIONS TROUBLE BREWING

Here is an excerpt from a letter sent to us by Désiré, our administrator in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Things have been changing in Congo and for that reason we are afraid of what may happen. On Friday, two airplanes were shot down. One was moving in the direction of Kindu inside the Democratic Republic of Congo, the other was in the direction of Bunia. This plane carried English people and MONUC (United Nations staff in Congo).

Another incident happened in Goma where in four different areas 13 people have been killed by soldiers in civilian clothes. Among these victims were six men, four women and three children. They also took the victims' property.

Our concerns have also been heightened by the rising costs in the market. We are afraid of not being able to afford the prices next month.

For example:

- Food prices are 70% higher.
- 20 liters of kerosene has moved from \$11 to \$19.50 USD.

- 100 kilograms of maize (corn) has shifted from \$28 to \$43 USD.
- Five liters of cooking oil that was \$4.20 is now \$8.50 USD.

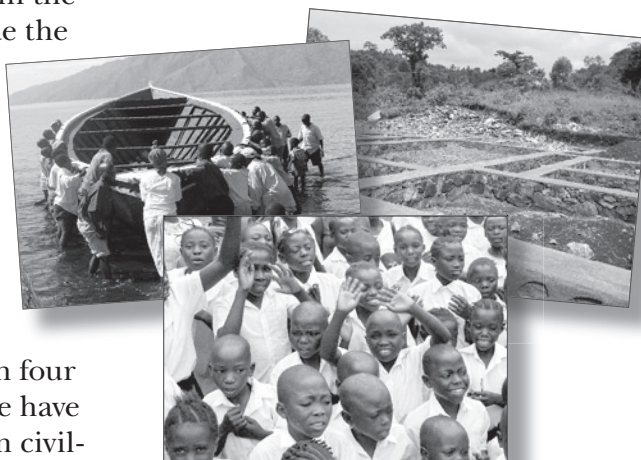
The reason for all this unrest, is uncertainty in the presidential elections that are being held in Congo. Candidates from

Eastern Congo are not expected to win the election so they want to abuse the election process.

We have decided to take the Goma orphans to Idjwi (our main project in Congo), and they will live in the two guest houses until the elections come to their end.

This letter from Désiré is cause for concern. The main Congo project sits on an island in Lake Kivu and can take up to four hours to reach. This island is a much safer place for the ICC children in these troubled times. If you can help us with these higher costs, please write a note on your check for "Congo Needs."

Thank you.



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Hand in Hand

From the President of ICC

Recently we were in Nicaragua visiting our ICC children, and we took them in our new bus, donated from ICC friends in Canada, out to the property where we are starting to build our new children's village.

We spent a restful and pleasant day together with the children. First, we had a church service. The kids led out with songs and a couple of impromptu specials. Sharon told an interesting children's story, and I talked with the children about what it was like across the world in other ICC projects.

That evening, on the way home in the bus, the children spontaneously began to sing songs. They sang about God's love and about a new home in Heaven. As I rode along listening with my hand resting on the seat in front of me, I listened to the words they were singing, and thought about the special meaning they had for these children and for me.

"Put your hand in the hand of the Man..."

Just then, I felt a small warm hand tightly grasp two of my fingers from the seat in front of me. My heart melted as I contemplated "the Man who stilled the waters....the Man who calmed the Sea." As I sat with my eyes closed and thought about that Man, the One who is a Father to the fatherless, the Protector of the needy, the compassionate Friend of the friendless, I felt that at that moment my hand was in the hand of the Man from Galilee.

Rick Fleck



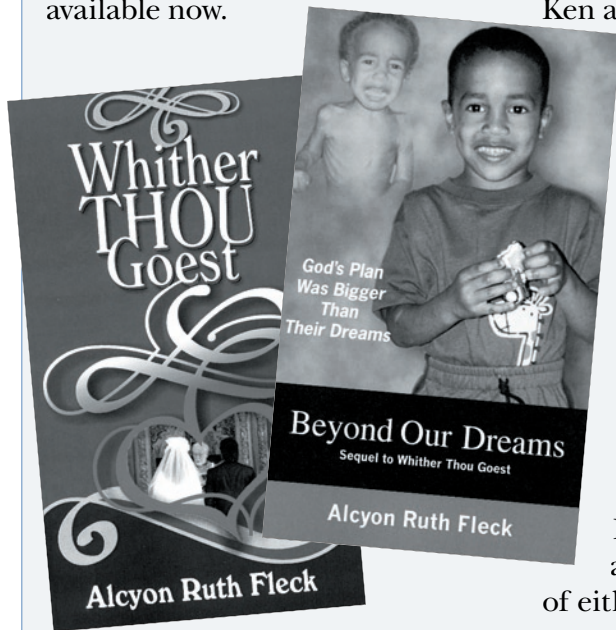
Rick Fleck



A pleasant day together on the new property

TWO NEW BOOKS RELEASED

One of our favorite authors has been published again! Alcyon Fleck, cofounder of ICC, has informed us that her two latest books are available now.



We are offering you the chance to acquire signed, first edition copies of *Whither Thou Goest* and *Beyond Our Dreams*. These two books chronicle the lives of Ken and Alcyon in Alcyon's own words. *Whither Thou Goest* tells the story of Ken and Alcyon from their early childhoods until they left for Guatemala to begin their life together as missionaries. *Beyond Our Dreams* continues telling their story as missionaries in Central America and leaves off just prior to the beginning of Alcyon's book, *A Leap of Faith*.

If you would like to receive a signed, first-edition copy of either one of these autobio-

graphic epics, you can do so by sending to ICC a \$25 donation (for one book) or \$50 (for both books). We are currently filling orders for what will be a limited printing of these first editions of *Whither Thou Goest* and *Beyond Our Dreams*. Don't wait! Call 360.573.0429 and order your signed first editions now! Please note on your check, "First Edition Books." If not purchasing both books, place the name of the book you wish to purchase in the note area.

If you would like to learn more about Alcyon and the books she has written, you may visit her official website!

www.AlcyonFleck.com

WEEK OF PRAYER IN EL SALVADOR

"Who is God to you?" That was the theme for the Hogar's Week of Prayer lasting from March 6-11, 2006. Led and organized by this year's student missionaries, the Week of Prayer was aimed to teach the children more basic and original ideas about who God is.

"We wanted to stop assuming that the children are grasping the bigger more complex ideas about God, and take it back to a more simple understanding, so that they can know what we have known all our lives," said Katrina Donovan, a student missionary from Minnesota.

Many of the children coming to the Hogar have no religious background, and this year's mis-

sionaries wanted to make understanding God as simple as possible. The week's topics included God as our: Shepherd, Protector, Friend, Guide, Shield, and Master.



[Hogar's week of prayer](#)

The programs were held every night at 7:00 p.m. and had a song service, a special music, a mini drama or skit, and a message.

Although the programs lasted no more than 30 minutes each, every part of the program impacted someone. Many of the children commented on how much they liked different aspects of the programs, and the missionaries count it all as a success!

"Even though some of the children may not have understood the messages of the speakers, they were able to receive something from the dramas that were performed each night," said student missionary, Jessica Rivera from Tennessee.

The Week of Prayer is just a part of this year's efforts to make better and more enriching programs and activities for the children at the Hogar Escuela Adventista.

Learning to Sew

Lilly Kaligithi, director of ICC's Dews Sweet Home village in India, is making sure the children learn practical skills that can assist them in becoming self sufficient. She is sending some of ICC's girls to sewing and embroidery classes in the local town. She reports that she is "pleased with what they are doing."



Class in session

Dominican Dental Supplies

ICC recently received a donation of dental supplies for the small dental clinic at the Las Palmas children's village. Rick and Sharon Fleck were able to take these supplies to the project during their recent visit.

The donor was the Hayden Family Dentistry Group from the Eugene, Oregon, area. This family has been a major donor of the El Salvador project. They decided to reach out and help the Dominican with these supplies.



Dental Supplies

ICC Australia Divides and Multiplies

Don and Marilyn Beveridge have been directing both the project management and fund-raising aspects of our ICC Asia-Pacific office since its inception. This has become an increasingly larger task as our programs in Southeast Asia have grown and expanded under Don and Marilyn's care. In consultation with Merilyn, we have come to understand that it would be wise and more efficient to separate the responsibilities for project management and fund-raising into different components.

Recent developments have made this possible and it is our pleasure to inform you that Don & Merilyn's son, Dean Beveridge,

is assuming the responsibility as director (CEO) of ICC Australia and as ICC Asia-Pacific Regional Advancement Director. He will be responsible for the Asia-Pacific region in general, but will initially be working primarily in Australia as he coordinates the fund-raising efforts there.

Through the years, Dean has been very supportive of the work of ICC. He has indicated in

the past that, at some point, he would like to work with ICC. Since Dean recently sold his law practice, this has enabled him to pursue an opportunity with ICC. Dean's tenure began on April 1st and he is already busy making and prioritizing plans. Please join us in welcoming Dean to the ICC team.

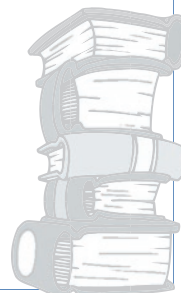


Dean and his wife Christine

Student Studies

We have students studying for the following degrees:

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- Biology / Chemistry
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- Computer Business
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- Electronics
- ESL / Theology
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