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## Partnering with Maranatha

**Part-ner** (párt•nr) – *noun*.  
A person that is united or associated with another or others in an activity or a sphere of common interest.

**part-ner-ship**  
(pártnr•fip) – *noun*. A relationship between individuals or groups that is characterized by mutual cooperation and responsibility, as for the achievement of a specified goal.

In 2005, ICC had the pleasure of joining in a partnership with Maranatha Volunteers International to operate Hogar Escuela Adventista, a Children's Village in the country of El Salvador.

This village is providing families and a community for orphaned and abandoned children.

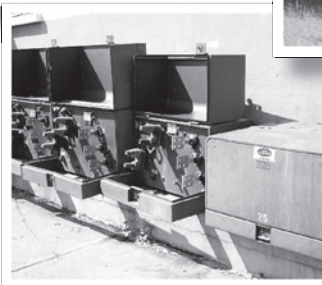
Hogar Escuela Adventista is home to 120 children, all of whom require the care and supervision that any child would need. Imagine maintaining a family that size. Consider the housing, schooling, feeding, clothing, transportation and medical expenses you would have to provide for them. Not only these basic budgetary demands, but at the same time being responsible

to sustain the emotional and intellectual needs of the children. ICC and Hogar Escuela Adventista have all of these issues, plus many others, with which to contend.

Without the partnership of the loving, selfless, continued generosity of people like you who sponsor children at Hogar Escuela Adventista and who contribute to the monetary demands of this project, it would not be possible to continue this program. Sponsorships are an integral part of aiding ICC in providing for the children.

Sponsorships though, are but part of the monetary structure needed to maintain and operate a project of this size. While Hogar Escuela Adventista's operating budget has not increased since ICC began administering this project, inflation and the cost of living within the country of El Salvador

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## PLEASE SPONSOR ME!

### My name is Blanca

I need a sponsor. I am 10 years old and live in El Salvador. Please return this coupon to sponsor me each month. Thanks!

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Sponsorship Department



## Partnering with Maranatha *continued*

are increasing and will require ICC to adjust the operating budget of Hogar Escuela Adventista to compensate.

This is why general contributions that help support expenses at Hogar Escuela Adventista outside of child care are also vital. These contributions are what help us maintain and improve the children's homes. General contributions help keep the project's support vehicles in good repair and provide supplies for our medical clinic and the campus farm. Did you know that none of the children's homes have fire extinguishers? We need \$117 purchase fire extinguishers for each of the homes. There are 28 of our children who need eyeglasses. We need \$840 to provide glasses for these children.

Right now, our large John Deere tractor, our farm implements for the John Deere, our Kioti tractor, our backhoe, our large riding lawn mower and our Ford Bronco are all in need of repair. The

main well motor, which furnishes water for the entire children's village, is barely pumping and needs repair. We need \$20,000 to return these vehicles and the well pump to proper working condition.

Unfortunately it is easy to become lost in the minutia of the day-to-day operations of a project like Hogar Escuela Adventista and become distracted from the purpose of this Children's Village. ICC's goal and vision for Hogar Escuela Adventista, as it is for all of our Children's Villages, is to keep these orphaned children in the arms of a loving family and community so when they leave our care they are intelligent, independent, self-sufficient, contributing members of society.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who support the children of ICC. We would also like to ask those



who are considering supporting "His Kids" to prayerfully consider what you can do to support ICC. Should you choose to support these children or want further information, you can contact International Children's Care at (800.422.7729). You may also visit ICC's website at: [www.ForHiskids.org](http://www.ForHiskids.org).

*by Ken Wilson*

## CONGO CONTAINER UPDATE

**T**hank you! The Congo Container Match offer of \$5,000 has been completely matched. What a blessing to be able to purchase needed supplies that haven't been donated for the container with these funds. If anyone else wants to offer a match, we'll gladly accept that offer!

Sewing machines were listed on the needed items for the Congo container. We have received all the electric machines we need. Thank you to those who donated! Our Patmos Children's Village

has no reliable electrical supply on campus outside of a small generator, and yet, it is necessary for creating hand-made clothing for the children and staff. So we could use two more non-electric treadle sewing machines in good working condition.

There are still many needed items on our list. For an updated list visit [www.ForHiskids.org](http://www.ForHiskids.org) or call Liana or Jessica at ICC at (800) 422-7729 or e-mail [container@forhiskids.org](mailto:container@forhiskids.org).

*FYI:* The June 5, 2006 issue of TIME magazine has an excellent cover story describing the devastating effect the DR Congo's civil war (1997-2002) and its aftermath have had on the DR Congo and its citizens. This report will give you a good overview of the conditions ICC faces while working in the DR Congo.





# A New Kind of Love

From the President of ICC

One of our greatest joys when visiting a project is to spend time with our “graduates” – kids who are out on their own. We just got back from a visit to the Dominican Republic, and we were able to visit with several of our kids who are independent.

Yasmil and Cesar invited us over for dinner one evening. Yasmil was one of our first girls to come to Las Palmas. Now she is married to a fine young accountant, and she has two lovely children, Byron and Abigail. We were anxious to see Abigail who was born just a month before.

We enjoyed the evening together, talking about stories of the past and dreams of the future. But Yasmil finally said, “The real reason we invited you over tonight is that we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the help you have given us.”

Yasmil is one of our teachers at our Las Palmas School, and she teaches Spanish at the secondary level. She told us that she has had many opportunities to go to other places and earn more money. A friend told her that she could get her a much better job because of her high qualifications and years of experience.

She told the friend, “Whatever I am, I owe completely to ICC, and I can never pay them back. The least I can do is offer my services to the best of my ability in this place. I will never leave until they fire me!”

Then she said to me, “That friend has never bothered me again about another job!”

She continued, “I learned so much at Las Palmas about life. One of the things that I learned here, especially from Mommy Fleck, is a new concept about love. She had a special way with me. She might scold me one night, but the next day she was all hugs and kisses as if nothing ever happened. I couldn’t hardly comprehend that kind of love! My family had always disciplined with anger and resentment.”

She had a bright smile as she went on, “Tia (Aunt) Gladys, the administrator when I was little, was the same way. The day after she scolded me, I would ask, ‘Aren’t you angry with me?’ And she would reply, ‘No! Why should I be angry with you? I love you!’ That kind of love was totally new to me.”

But then I could see that she was brought back to the present. “Even now,” she said, “the director of the school, Dr. Letty, treats me in that same way – a love that is totally free of anger and resentment. I think I have finally understood! Now I am trying to use that same love as I bring my own children up to know Jesus and His perfect character.”

Does your donation make a difference? You bet it does! It made all the difference for Yasmil and now to her children. They are the next generation who are benefiting from the difference that a real changed life can make – and ICC, through your support, is still making a difference to these young lives every day.



*Rick Fleck*

**Rick Fleck** serves as the President of ICC.



# "WE CARE" CAMPAIGN

**D**o you know a youth leader who is looking for a way to get their youth group involved in something fun where they can make a difference and grow closer to God and each other? We have a new video designed for Youth Groups that explains "in a box" how to help ICC children through a "We Care For His Kids" campaign. It is full of activities that work and are also fun. Tell youth and youth leaders to visit our website, under getting involved – Youth, and contact Liana for the video. Youth are making a difference! You can too!

*See you there*

ICC will be at the ASI Convention in Dallas, Texas Aug 2-5, 2006. Our booth number is 634. If you're planning to be at ASI, please come by the booth. We'd love to visit with you.

## SIGNIFICANT DONATION MADE BY

*8-Year-Old*

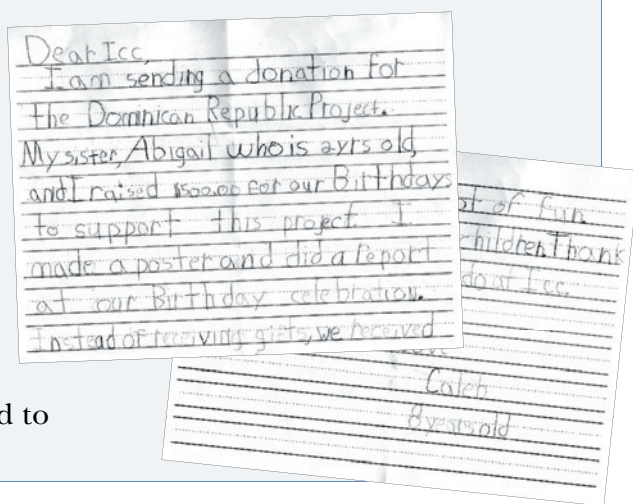
**O**ur third-grade benefactor Caleb discovered ICC in a somewhat roundabout way but none-the-less was deeply affected by what he learned.

Caleb's mother, Shelly, was the first in their family to learn about ICC while viewing a 3ABN TV interview with Maranatha Volunteers International about the Hogar Escuela Adventista orphanage in El Salvador. Shelly was moved by what she heard and visited the website given during the interview. This forwarded her to ICC's website as, last October, ICC assumed the day-to-day operations and management of Hogar Escuela Adventista.

After visiting the website, Shelly called ICC and spoke to Liana St. Clair, ICC's assistant development director, and asked many questions. She wanted to

know which country had the greatest needs.

Shelly related to Caleb and his sister what she had learned about ICC. It was then that Caleb decided that he wanted to raise money to help where it was needed most for ICC instead of receiving birthday presents for his 8th birthday. After his birthday, Caleb had \$500 to donate to ICC. We here at ICC want to gratefully acknowledge Caleb's compassion and thank him for his wonderful gift to His Kids.



## Children helping Children!

Many of your churches are having VBS this summer. For mission project ideas contact Liana St. Clair, our Asst. Development Director. We have several ideas of little projects your VBS children can help with. We have posters and stories of children for you to share to raise awareness about "His Kids," that go with the Fiesta, Serengeti, or Bethlehem themes. We also have a video, "The Difference that Changes Lives," that can be shown in your church to raise awareness, help us find sponsors for the children, and make your mission project successful by involving the whole church. Call Liana or e-mail [Liana@forhiskids.org](mailto:Liana@forhiskids.org) and we'll be happy to send that out to you.



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