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ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD!

Janet and Paul Edgren have been a blessing to ICC and our Congo village. We received this letter recently from Janet and thought we should share it with our ICC family.

Late last year I traveled to the ICC project in the Congo. This was my second trip there. On each of these two trips I brought all I could carry for the children: clothes, supplies, medications, etc. With almost 200 children there I realized it was impossible to supply their needs in this manner, one suitcase at a time. I went home and thought about a way to get their needs supplied faster.

The answer was to ship a truck-sized container to them. The cost I found out would be \$12,000 to get the container there after it was filled. It was near Christmas, so I wrote a few of my friends asking if they would like to help. I got a good response and was encouraged. However, it was still a long ways to the needed total amount. My husband came up with the idea for a raffle: 3,000 tickets at \$5 each. Give away \$3,000 in raffle prizes and have the needed \$12,000 left.

My husband has a friend who is a graphic designer. She agreed to design the tickets and said she wanted to donate her services.

Then, the second miracle happened: they said they wanted to donate the printing costs!

My husband and I worked on a list of people who we thought would help us sell the tickets. Soon we had numerous people selling tickets and telling people about the work of ICC. Knowing they had only a short time to sell the tickets many miracles happened with these people. God touched hearts and lives and the funds started coming in.

I was amazed by the people who purchased

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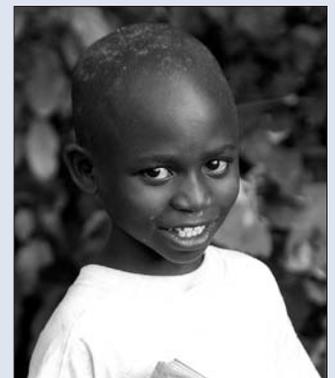
PLEASE SPONSOR ME!

My name is Japhet

I need a sponsor. I am 9 years old and live in Congo. Please return this coupon to sponsor me each month. Thanks!

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Questions & Answers regarding

With Rick Fleck, President of ICC

Q How is the ministry of ICC funded?

ICC is the link between people who desire to relieve the suffering of others and the children who have suffered the loss of one or both parents. Our ministry is limited by the funds that we receive from the generosity of donors. Praise God, we have many loyal and faithful donors, and some of them have been supporting this program for many years.



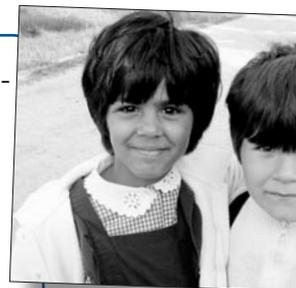
Q What are the challenges ICC faces in trying to locate sufficient funds to care for the children?

One of the main differences of ICC compared to other charitable organizations is that we are committed to the on – going daily care of the children. Not many organizations are willing to commit to this type of service. We have to provide a monthly budget for each of the children’s villages, so we depend on loyal donors who are in this for the long-haul. We have so many awesome donors – people who faithfully send their donations *every* month, and have done this for years! These people are so incredible in their faithfulness – I am certain the Lord has a special crown of life prepared for them.



Q How would you describe the current financial situation of ICC?

Since 1995 we have been raising funds in Europe to help meet the increasing costs and to be able to help additional children. These efforts have been very successful, but during the last year our European offices, especially Germany, have struggled to provide the same level of funding. This year alone, our income is \$500,000 less than budgeted, and that is having a huge impact on our ability to support our projects. Fortunately, donations in the USA remain strong, but they are not able to make up for the deficit from Europe.



Q What factors have created this situation?

Ever since the tsunami in December of 2004, it has been increasingly difficult to raise funds in Europe. Other disasters, such as the Pakistan earthquake and Hurricane Katrina, have put unusual demands on charitable funds. Many people are “tapped out” by requests from many organizations trying to bring relief to the people affected by these disasters. Also, the economy of Germany has been in a slump, and pensioners (retired people) have heard that their retirement income will be frozen or even decreased. Because of their fear, many of them have decreased their giving, and charitable organizations operating in Europe have been affected.



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Q A Is the quality of care for the children being affected?

We are doing everything we can to keep up a high quality of care. However, our administrators are having to hold the line so tightly that we fear that quality will definitely be affected.



Q A What are possible outcomes in the near and distant future if this problem is not corrected?

As painful as it feels to me personally, we may have to reduce the number of children we care for by asking the government to place them in other institutions. To further complicate the problem, in some countries there are no other institutions, so the children literally have nowhere to go. But ICC has a commitment to quality care, and we must operate within the resources that we have.



Q A What is being done to remedy this crisis?

We are working hard to get the word out about ICC, and every day more people are joining our family. We are asking our sponsors if they would be willing to raise their monthly pledge. We are also working hard in Europe to make adjustments in our fund raising to bring those efforts back to their previous successful levels.



Q A What can donors do to help out?

ICC is a faith-based ministry, and we encourage our ICC family to earnestly pray for God to provide the resources that are needed to continue to help these children. We need more sponsors and people who are willing to make a monthly pledge. One way that our current sponsors can help is to tell others about ICC and help us find more sponsors.



**All things are possible
with God continued**

tickets and by the people who helped us sell them. Our neighbor next door, who is a dental hygienist, said: "Give me some tickets, I want to help." She went to dentists she knows and sold them tickets.

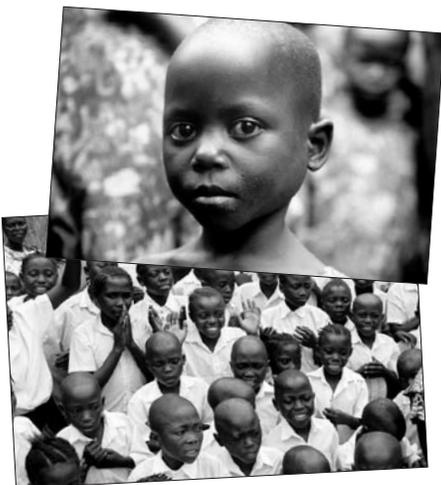
Every day was not always so easy. There were the dark days with no sales. So when I was discouraged I talked to God about it. He would then show me another miracle and I would be amazed by how He answered my prayer.

It amazed me at the commitment of those who know little or nothing about the work of ICC. They stepped forward and gave of their time and money. Nearly 90% of the funds raised came from these people!

I love how God works when you have an idea and desire to serve Him. I have always believed *All things are possible with God!* He has showed me this time after time.

So thanks to my husband, friends, a great Redding community, and God who cares so much, the container **will** be on its way to the Congo after August 1st. I wish each of you could be there to see the eyes of the Congo kids as their needs are supplied.

Janet Edgren



Children of the Congo

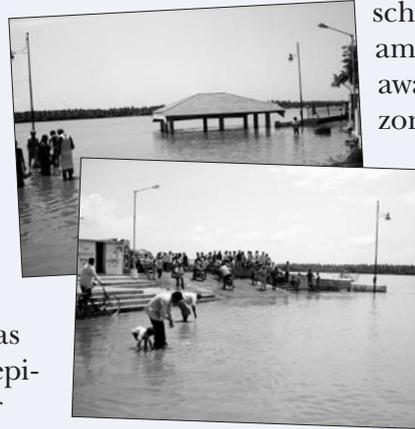
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Prayer Request

At the time of this writing Merylyn Beveridge, ICC's Asia Pacific regional manager, is at the ICC project in Sri Lanka. She was scheduled to travel to India but had to put off that trip because there is an outbreak of a strange virus near the project. It's called chicken guniya and produces high fever, joint pains and vomiting. Lilly, the Sweet Home administrator, was worried that an epidemic may occur which happens during the rainy season.

Flooding is also causing concern at the project. The region where Sweet Home is located has received more water than usual this rainy season. Travel is almost impossible with water flowing over the roads.

As a result of all the problems in India, Merylyn has remained in



Flood damaged areas

Sri Lanka where there is a civil war going on. Here is an excerpt from a message Merylyn sent... "Now the fighting is escalating with the Sri Lanka jet fighters dropping bombs in the north. One such bombing hit a girls school killing 42 girls. I am thankful that we are away from the main war zone and will keep my head down. Last week a suicide bomb went off on the road between here and Kandy (about 15 kms away) and killed a top police officer. I will be glad to leave here soon

but I am sad for the people that must remain and suffer through all this violence. The route to the airport is not safe but I know the outcome will be fine. Eternity with God is a blessed hope and assurance when traveling in unsafe areas."

Please pray for Merylyn, and the children in Sri Lanka and India.

OUR DEEPEST Appreciation

to all of you who have and are contributing to the gift fund for the Congo Container which will ship out the 3rd week of September. We will continue to accept donations until just before the container departs this month. If you are planning to provide items from our list, please make arrangements to do so as soon as possible.

The children and staff members of our Patmos Children's Village in the DR Congo will be very thankful for these much-needed items.

To see a list of items still needed please visit us at:
www.forhiskids.org/CongoContainer



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