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## ICC Romania Opens Third Home

**A**t ICC Romania, a dream has been realized with the opening of the third children's home. This marks the culmination of a transition between housing the children in the receiving center and placing them within the warm and loving confines of children's homes.

The official opening for this third home was held on November 12, 2006. After various dignitaries spoke at the event, the guests filed into the home and were treated to several songs sung by the children's choir.

Kent Greve, ICC's assistant to the president and former director of ICC Romania, attended the opening and made the following comments:

"On the night before the opening I was walking past the receiving center. Many of the rooms stood silent, dark and void of the happy sounds of children that for several years had filled the halls and rooms of that place. In a way it made me feel sad, for my wife and I had worked hard at establishing the center for orphaned and abandoned children.

"The sadness didn't last for more than a moment as my eyes turned toward the three children's homes, each with their porch lights shining in the night. Then, I could hardly contain

the joy when I thought of all the children now safe and secure within those homes.

"I clinched my fist and exclaimed, "Yes!" This is good. This is the way it should be. The children now have a home a mom and a dad. And what a difference is being made in the lives of these children. In my interaction with them, I could tell they were happy, contented, well adjusted and thriving in these homes.

What a blessing it is for them, and what a blessing it is for ICC to realize this dream of providing homes for orphaned and abandoned children in Romania."



Four children from the New Home

The children sing for the event

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# THE PUMPKIN WALL

**F**our children from Bismarck, North Dakota raised pumpkins this summer to raise money for the DEWS Sweet Home orphanage in Narsapur, India run by International Children's Care. The kids, Cassie and Carrie Haveman, and Brianna and Justin Wiley, with help from their parents, planted almost 90 hills of pumpkins at Dakota Adventist Academy (DAA). After watering and weeding some more, they harvested nearly 150 pumpkins.

The children sold the pumpkins along the roadside, door-to-door, and at the academy. They also made presentations at two local churches, appealing for donations for the orphanage and giving pumpkins as a thank-you gift.

"The amazing thing," says Cheryl Wiley, mother of Brianna and Justin, "is that people

thought it was such a neat project, they would give money and didn't really care if they got a pumpkin or not!" At the DAA Fall Festival, the group collected



The growers



Planting the crop

\$60 in donations, but only "sold" 10 pumpkins!

Inspired by Cheryl Erickson of Cleveland, ND, who raises pumpkins to build churches in India, the kids decided to send

their money to India. When they found out that ICC had an orphanage in India that needed help with its garden, it seemed like a perfect fit.

"We learned that they needed a brick wall around the orphanage to help keep the snakes out," says Justin Wiley. "We really wanted to try to raise enough to build the wall, but that would cost \$500. My mom thought we might be able to raise half of that."

When all the money was counted, they had \$500! "We planted, watered, and weeded, but it was God that gave the increase," says Valerie Haveman, mother of Cassie and Carrie. "It's amazing how much He blessed us!"

"We're kids helping kids," says Cassie Haveman. "Our pumpkins will help kids in India grow bananas! I think that's great!"

# HEAVENLY SOUNDS IN THE OLD CHURCH

**O**n November 25th Internationale Kinderhulp (IKN), in the Netherlands, organized a concert for the benefit of the children at the Patmos Children's Village in the DR Congo. This concert was in cooperation with ICC Belgium who invited a Romanian choir from Brussels to sing for this event. The concert took place in Zwijndrecht, Netherlands, in the "Oude Kerk - Old Church," a protestant church built in the 17th century. The 40-person choir, under the direction of Iosif Suci, echoed their heavenly sounds within the walls of the "Oude Kerk."



Romanian Choir from Brussels

This concert was part of the campaign "A House for a Child." This campaign, initiated by IKN, focuses on raising the funds necessary to build one or more houses for ICC's Patmos Children's Village in the DR Congo. The children are living in crowded conditions, and to improve this situation, IKN is partnering with the Dutch organization, "Yes I Care," trying to gather the necessary funds. This concert was a first initiative.

Thanks to the beautiful voices that echoed through this beautiful church, the concert attendees went home with a warm feeling.



# A Personal Note

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Dear ICC Family,

I would like to relay to you from the children a very Happy New Year! Many of us never thought this old world would make it to 2007, but here we are – and we are still taking care of God’s children each and every day of the year. We are trusting God to provide every day for these children that He has entrusted to us. Thank you so very much for your generosity in helping to save these lives for His kingdom.

Sharon and I recently visited Nicaragua and Guatemala, and I just want to share some highlights with you about that trip. Our visit to Nicaragua was to attend the elementary school graduation, and to check up on the construction at our new facility. I’ve included some photos of the children during that happy moment. They have a graduation for the first-graders and the sixth-graders.

The first home is nearly finished, and the second home is underway. We inspected the first home, and we made a few minor adjustments that we will implement in the next home. The home is well-made and will be a wonderful home for a lovely family of children. A group is coming at the end of January from Redding, California to work on the second home, so our administrator Felix is making sure the foundation is finished by then.

The main event in Guatemala was the wedding of our child, Mayra. But she’s not a child anymore! She’s all grown up, and she married Mike, who is a pastor and teacher. What a joy for Sharon and me to walk Mayra down the pine-needle covered aisle outside by the trees at Los Pinos. This is really what ICC is all about. And that is why you send your support each month to help these kids – to come to that point where they are able to live on their own and lead productive lives.

As you look at these pictures, imagine that you were there playing and laughing with the children. Because these children love you and are constantly asking me to let you know how much they appreciate you. They want you to know that your sacrifice to help them means the whole world to them.

So, from Mayra and Mike, and from Alejandro, Marcos, Marisol .... and all the hundreds of children around the world in the ICC family, Happy New Year, and may God richly bless you and your family today and each day of this year.

In His service,

*Mike Fleck*



Elementary graduation  
in Nicaragua



Mayra and Mark



Second home under construction  
in Nicaragua

## Prayers For Our DR Congo Project

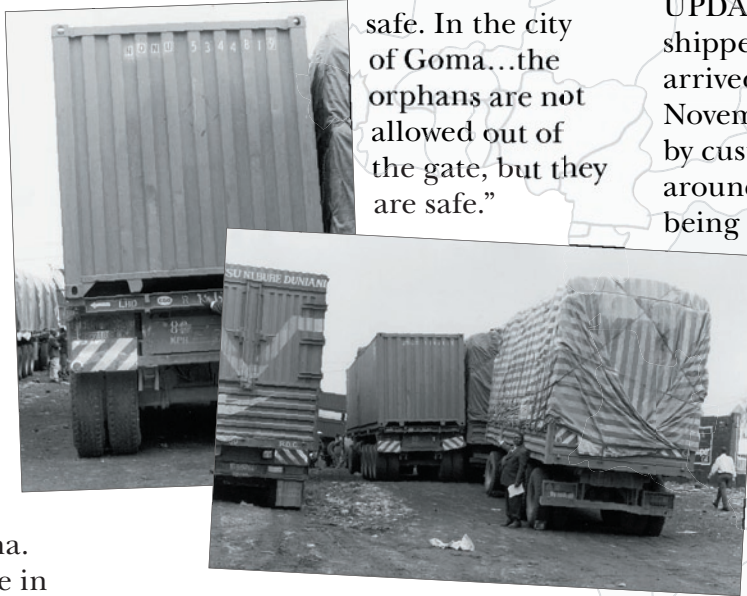
**N**erve wracking would be the best word to describe the current situation surrounding our children in the DR Congo. Fighting once again became part of the daily life of our children in Goma and the unrest has impacted our children at the Patmos Children's Village.

Troops loyal to renegade general Laurent Nkunda attempted to take over the town of Sake (about 30 miles from Goma) and advance on to Goma. UN troops repelled this attack.

We received this report from our people in Goma. "There is a lot of damage in the village of Sake. Troops have come from Bukavu and they are

guarding the island of Idjwi, which is quiet and safe for the moment (The island of Idjwi in Lake Kivu is where our children's village is located).

"The orphans on the island are nervous but safe. In the city of Goma...the orphans are not allowed out of the gate, but they are safe."



The container at customs

As of "press time" the situation in Goma has settled down and life is returning to "normal." We are asking that you, along with us, would please hold our children in the DR Congo in your prayers.

UPDATE: The container we shipped to the DR Congo arrived in Mombasa, Kenya on November 20th. Held there by customs due to the unrest around Goma, plans are now being made to transport the container overland to our people in Goma. If all goes well the container should arrive soon. Please pray for the big red metal box as it takes the last part of its globe-spanning journey.

## One Church - One Child Project

**T**hanks to the help of two of our donors a special mailing went out in November to every English speaking Seventh-day Adventist Church in the United States. We have many children who need sponsors or support. If every CHURCH family in North America supported ONE CHILD with a \$25/mo sponsorship – then every CHILD would be fully sponsored and we could save the lives of a few hundred more children. Five people in a class bringing \$1.25 each week could sponsor a child. If every CHURCH family fully supported or even half support ONE CHILD at \$100 or \$200 on a monthly basis, we could literally save thousands of more lives. Twenty-five members who gave

\$2 each week could save the life of a child! Please check with your Sabbath School Superintendent to see if they received their packet and encourage them to request our free DVD, brochures, posters to share with your church adults, youth and children's ministries. You may also request these promotional tools. Imagine, if every CHURCH cared enough to get involved to save more than ONE CHILD what God could do! The work of ICC is an ongoing mission that will not be finished until all pain and suffering have passed away. Many more children need the love of a family! We can only do this with your help. Can you help us spread the word? Will you please pray for this project?

## PROJECT Needs!

The El Salvador Project is in need of tuition fees, new uniforms and school supplies. ICC is working to keep cost down by buying in bulk and buying earlier. Most of the uniforms are being made by the project itself at a reduced cost but some items can not be reproduced on campus. The total for ICC is:

\$5,713.26 for tuition  
\$4,300.00 for uniforms  
\$3,422.50 for supplies  
\$4,643.00 for textbooks

For a total of \$18,078.76

We are asking if you maybe able to help us with these additional costs to the El Salvador project. If you can help please make the check to ICC marked El Salvador school funds.