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## ONE CHURCH

# - One Child Project

In November 2006 ICC launched a One Church-One Child Project Appeal to 4,500 Seventh-day Adventist churches in the United States to raise awareness about the children in our care. We sent a letter to the Sabbath School Superintendent of each of these churches sharing the touching story of Dernai from Thailand and telling how ICC builds and maintains children's villages and provides families for orphaned children. We shared how ICC was founded in 1977 by Mrs. Alcyon Fleck and her husband, Pastor Kenneth Fleck, a Seventh-day Adventist Pastor, after a devastating earthquake struck Guatemala. Now in 18 countries, over 2,700 children's lives have been saved and brought into a family. Over half of those children are now grown. Many are teachers, pastors, nurses, business owners and more; making a difference in their own country. Currently over 1,100 children are in ICC's loving care.



### *Why did ICC launch this One Church - One Child Project?*

We have hundreds of children who are not fully sponsored. Some people have not been able to continue sponsoring. European donors have not been able to help as much. General donations haven't made up the difference this past year. Thousands of Adventists don't know about ICC! We've welcomed these children into families and still need to provide for them through their childhood. Every month we have people from

third world countries begging ICC to start a children's village in their country. We have to say "No," because we don't have the necessary funds. It's a shame! But wait... Jesus is calling us to save His Kids!" God's people in these churches can help!

### *What is the One Church - One Child Project?*

If every Seventh-Day Adventist CHURCH congregation in North America committed to sponsoring ONE CHILD with a Shared Sponsorship of \$30 per month (increased Feb 2007 for the first

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## PLEASE SPONSOR ME!

### **My name is Suthep**

I need a sponsor. I am 14 years old and live in Sri Lanka. Please return this coupon to sponsor me each month. Thanks!

\$30    \$60    \$\_\_\_\_\_

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# One Church - One Child Project

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time since 1978 from \$25 to \$30) we could provide a loving Christian family to all of the children currently in our care and save the lives of a few hundred more children. If only five members brought just \$1.50 each week, as a church or a class they could sponsor a child! They would receive a picture of the child and progress reports at least once a year and could write to the child.

## *What does it cost to provide everything that a child needs?*

To provide everything a child needs including shelter, food, clothing, Christian education, medical and especially a loving family with a mom and a dad it costs an average of \$240 a month depending upon the country. What if every CHURCH congregation could fully support a child or even half support ONE CHILD? We could save the lives of thousands more orphaned or abandoned children who would learn about Jesus for the first time. Twenty-five members who gave \$2.40 each week could fully support a child at \$240/month! We have many children who only have one \$30/month sponsor who need more support. Sponsorship starts at \$30, \$60, \$90, \$120 and up to \$240/month. Do you know of anyone who would be interested in making a dramatic impact in the life of a child?

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!

## *What has happened since the launch?*

It has been exciting to receive phone calls, internet inquiries and e-mails from churches who have approved all the adult classes to sponsor a child. Some churches are sponsoring one child, others are sponsoring 4 or even 6 children. Just in February alone 60 new sponsorships for children were set up, thanks to the response to the One Church - One Child project! Many churches have requested our ten minute video to share with their church. Over 25 Children's Ministry and VBS leaders have jumped on board and ordered VBS Kids Helping Kids posters for the VBS Mission Project "Meals for His Kids!" Two conferences have requested info to share with all of their VBS leaders. Eleven churches have requested the We Care Campaign in a Box for youth groups with tons of ideas for fun ways to get involved! We've only heard from a fraction of the churches so far. What about your church?

## *What Can You Do?*

Is your church involved in the One Church - Once Child campaign? If so, please let your church leaders know that you support this initiative. If your church is not involved, contact the Sabbath School Superintendent or Pastor to see if they received the initial mailing. If they haven't, please let us know and we can send another copy.

## **GET INVOLVED** *make a difference!*

- ✓ "Share the Vision" volunteer to raise awareness with church, school, organizations or your community – Free Video available! Brochures downloadable!
  - ✓ Organize a fundraising event – auction, dinner, yard sale, bazaar, be creative!
  - ✓ Tell a friend – pass out flyers, email your friends, post it on your website.
  - ✓ "Kids helping Kids" – A children's ministry and VBS mission project. Free posters are available with stories of lives changed.
  - ✓ "We Care for His Kids" A fundraising campaign in a box - including a 25 hour prayer vigil and fast for your youth group. Raise funds through car washes, bake sales, sponsored events and much more. Free DVD available!
  - ✓ Sponsor a child individually or in your Sabbath School class, Sunday School class or small group – Starting at just \$30/month up to \$240/month provides food, shelter, education, medical care and a loving family
  - ✓ Make a donation - \$10, \$100, \$1,000 – any amount – every dollar makes a difference in a child's life! 90 cents of every dollar goes directly to children's programs!
  - ✓ And many other ways...
- God wants your help in saving the lives of "His Kids!" Please give them the chance that they deserve. If you don't who will?

# A Personal Note

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Dear ICC Family,

I am looking at a picture of a little four-year-old girl in our ICC Children's Village in India. We will just call her Annie. She is a darling little girl, but the look on her face still reflects the sadness and yes, fear, that she obviously felt before she came to us.

She lived with her mother and father in a forest area, surrounded by hills. They needed to cross a stream to reach their field where they raised the food to use and sell for their livelihood. There had been floods, and the rivers were overflowing. It was treacherous for them, but they found a place they thought they could cross. As the father waded out into the stream, a large rock came rolling down the hill, hitting him on the head and killing him instantly. His wife was terrified and devastated. Going back to her village where she had left her little girl, she was inconsolable. Not only did she suffer the grief and trauma of the accident and losing her husband, she was left with no way to earn a living to support herself and little Annie.

Instead of recuperating from the tragedy, she fell into a depression that led to her total mental collapse. Fortunately, someone in the village had heard of our facility, Sweet Home, and brought the little girl to us. The director said, "She looks so innocent, she hardly speaks a word." No one can imagine the fears and pain of a little child, who can't really understand why her world suddenly fell apart. She suddenly lost the two people who were her only security.



It reminds me of so many times when I was given a child who had just suffered that unspeakable loss. I especially remember one little boy who had lost his parents in the war in Guatemala. I was called to the military hospital and took him back to our center with me. In the car, he was sitting as close to me as he could, and seemed quite brave. But when I tucked him into bed that night, he began to sob uncontrollably. All I could do was sit there with him rubbing his back and trying to comfort him. Tears were running down my face too.

Even though nearly all our children come to us with backgrounds that we can never really know, and they react in different ways, the pain is always very evident. The good news is that they have found a safe haven, and they soon begin to feel it. They seem to have a lot of resilience, and when they know that they are now safe – no one will hurt them, and they will never be hungry again – the tears and sad eyes turn to smiles. Sometimes, just to be sure, they hide food under their mattress.

During this last year, even during my hospital stay for hip surgery, I would lie there and remember the rewarding life that Ken and I have had. How could I wish for any better memories! There are hundreds of children who are now our children, and many of them still call Ken and me Papi and Mommy Fleck. But the most rewarding part is that they have also learned that God is their Father, and is preparing them homes that will be forever and that His son, Jesus, is coming back to take all of His children home.

You, our ICC family, have made this possible with God's help. I wouldn't trade this life for anything in this world!

With our love and prayers,

*Alyow and Ken*

# El Salvador Container

## *Ships in September*

**P**lease help support our current container project. Our task is to fill a 40 foot long container with needed items and ship it to El Salvador. Joel Reyes, our El Salvador Administrator, has sent a list of items they need. This list can be found at our website: <http://www.ElSaladorContainer.com>.

To help us get exact quantities and avoid duplication please call Liana or Jessica at the ICC office or e-mail us at [container@forhiskids.org](mailto:container@forhiskids.org).

Here are some questions that will help us avoid duplication: (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. However, please continue to remember our ongoing needs to meet operational budgets for all of our other projects as well. You may also 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.



## Third Annual "We Care" Campaign

Bill Zeimet and his youth group at the Forest Park SDA Church in Everett, WA, are kinda like the Energizer Bunny. They keep giving and giving and giving...

Last month, Bill and his kids kicked off their third annual fund raising campaign for ICC. Already they've held a prayer breakfast, a bowl-a-thon and a loose change drive. They will have a twenty-five hour prayer vigil and fast on March 23rd and 24th for ICC's projects around the world. Liana St. Clair, ICC's assistant development director, was the keynote speaker for the prayer breakfast. Her presentation shared stories and pictures of children whose lives have been changed through ICC.

What started as a local fund raising effort has grown into a nationwide program that youth groups can utilize to conduct community outreach programs while at the same time supporting the children of ICC.

The "We Care For His Kids" Campaign is a ready-made resource that will show your youth group fun ways of raising money that will make a significant difference in the lives of orphaned children. The program gives you everything you need to get started. If you would like to conduct a "We Care For His Kids" Campaign with your youth group, please contact Liana by phone at 800.422.7729 or by email at [Liana@forhiskids.org](mailto:Liana@forhiskids.org)



## Leaving a LEGACY

**T**here is a New IRA Donation Provision. As a provision of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, those of you who are over the age of 70.5+ years now have the authority to make donations of as much as \$100,000.00 per year from your personal IRA to a charitable organization. These donations can be made without incurring any taxable income on those donations.

If you would like more information about this new provision or if you would like to make a donation to ICC based upon this new provision, please contact Karen Wecker or Doug Congleton at 800.422.7729.



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Contact Doug Congleton at ICC for more information on how you can become part of the "Legacy of Love"

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