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Golfing for ICC Families



Yvette Loughlin couldn't shake the feeling that she needed to do more than just give her own money. As a supporter of ICC, and after visiting the child her mother sponsors in Guatemala, Yvette decided to create a way that would allow her to significantly increase her support of ICC's programs.

Yvette herself put it this way; "A few years ago, my husband and I sponsored a child who lives in an orphanage run by International Children's Care (ICC). We wondered how these children were being cared for and how our financial support was impacting their lives. Two years ago we had the chance to visit the orphanage in Guatemala. The trip proved to be life changing for us as we discovered that these children desperately depend on our help and that the work being done by ICC was outstanding. We immediately sponsored several more children in Africa, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic. However, the needs of the orphanages are significant-we wanted to do something more. Thus, the idea to hold the charity golf event was developed."

The Loughlin Charity Golf Open was held on September 8th, 2008



Yvette and her mother (right) visit their sponsored child.

at the Indian Hills Country Club in Northport, NY. It is dedicated to James J. Loughlin Sr., who passed away just a few days before the tournament, this event raised over \$50,000 dollars for ICC. Jim and Yvette invited their friends and colleagues to participate and had nearly seventy players at the scramble format tournament.

This event not only raised funds, it also raised awareness of ICC. Yvette was interviewed twice for the Long Island Record and was also interviewed for the Long Islander News. Reporter Danny Schrafel of the Long Islander News had this quote from Yvette in his article; "It's a charity that is very close to me," she said. "I went [to Guatemala], and I was so

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A Personal Note

Story about Rosibel* in Salvador

When ICC took over the facility for abandoned children in Salvador, not all the children had been registered with the Child Protection Service of the government. Because of that, some children had no security or assurance that they could stay.

Five-year-old Rosibel had been found in an abusive situation. She was the bread winner, in a sense, because she was forced to go out on the streets every day and beg to find her own food, and then turn her earnings over to her mother. Even though her new house mother at the children's village was kind to her, and she wasn't hungry anymore, she still felt compelled to sneak food and hide it.

In describing Rosibel's problems the house mother commented, "Whenever a visitor comes around, Rosibel goes up to them and puts on her sweetest smile and begs for money.

"'You don't need to beg anymore, Rosibel,' I tell her. 'If you are hungry or if you need something, just tell me. You are our little girl now, and we love you.' And I give her a hug. Actually, she is a sweet child and seems to love to be with me."

In spite of her deprived background, Rosibel was a smart little girl, and she learned to trust the house parents and knew that they loved her. She loved to be with the house mother and liked to help her cook, especially making tortillas.

Time went by. She was becoming an attractive young lady. Her biological mother would come to see her occasionally, but Rosibel didn't want to see her. Sometimes she would just go to the gate and say, "Hi," and then run back to the house to join Mommy Yanny, as she called the house mother, in the kitchen.

On one of those visits, her biological mother went to the social worker and said, "I want to take Rosibel home." She still had legal custody.

The girl yanked her hand away from her and ran away, crying and screaming, "I don't want to go with that woman!" She ran to her room distraught.

But Mommy Yanny followed her, wrapping her in her arms. "I love you, Rosibel, I'll do all I can to protect you."

At the office, the counseling team tried to convince the woman that it would be a bad idea to force Rosibel to go home.

"But things have changed at my house," she insisted. I've married a good man and he is providing for us now." After much discussion, she finally left without Rosibel, but remarked, "I'll come back for her later."

The directors and house parents began to pray for Rosibel. They knew they had no custody papers to stop the mother from taking her. They could only pray and hope. But about a month later the woman returned, determined not to leave without her daughter. The director of our facility went to Rosibel's house to talk to her about the inevitable. Immediately, there was chaos. Rosibel ran to her room and locked the door, crying uncontrollably. Mommy Yanny was crying too. She had promised this little girl that she would try to protect her.

Finally, talking through the locked door, Mommy Yanny convinced the distraught girl to open the door. She sat on the bed beside her trying to convince her that her mother really loved her, but she felt she was lying, and for a moment she hated herself for doing it. She had been a house mother for ten years and she couldn't remember a time when she wasn't happy with her role. But, suddenly she wished she were somewhere else. Suddenly, she hated her job.....

Together they cried as they packed her things. Mommy Yanny also packed some food to take with her. "Don't worry, my dear, I will come to visit you."

Writing this story to me, Joel, the director, said, "The next day the house parents were all upset with me and the administration team. They couldn't believe we had done all we could for Rosibel. About a week later the house parents came to me, 'We want to go and see Rosibel, and see how she is. Will you give us permission?'"

"I agreed, but with the admonition. 'Don't allow yourselves to get involved. If Rosibel has to stay there it's better to help her adjust.'"

"They accepted the advice, but on returning from the visit they had a worried look on their faces. They wanted to talk to me. 'We are not asking you to get involved, but Rosibel is in great danger, and we think we can do something about it. We want your take on it.'"

"They went on to explain, 'Rosibel is not going to school. With her mother's permission we went to the nearest school to try to register her. We met the principal and explained, but he was horrified. "If I were you, I would do all I can to get that little girl out of that house as soon as possible any way I could. Right now we are investigating possible sexual abuse to one of the other children in that house. We suspect the father or older brother..."

Next month I will tell you the rest of the story about Rosibel. But she is just one example of the traumatic lives that many children experience in this world. And ICC is doing all we can to help them. Pray with us that God will help us by impressing hearts with the needs of these children.

With my love and prayers,

Aleyon



El Salvador campus



Rick & Sharon visit the children



The children help in the washing

** Name has been changed to protect privacy.*

Memorials

Lois & Jeff Wilson

By Ardith Trubey

Lorraine Phillips Mem Found

By Louis E. Phillips

Louise Kern

By Harriett Bos

Mabel & Jesse Trubey

By Ardith Trubey

Marcia Stanton

By Herb & Lela Franzman

Marcy Shaffler

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Margaret Simons

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Mariposa West

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Marjory E. Wall

By Elizabeth Wall

Mary Wesson

By John & Norma Lee Priel

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James & Gina Strawn

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By Lois Ritter

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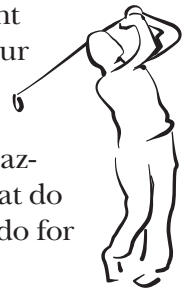
By Don & Lillian Wysong

Golfing for ICC - continued

moved by the whole experience that I wanted to do a little something more than just give money. We sponsor some children, but my husband and I were wondering what can we do to raise more money and awareness."

The inaugural Loughlin Charity Golf Open was by all accounts a success. On behalf of the children of ICC, our office staff wishes to offer up a BIG "Thank You" to Jim and Yvette Loughlin for their outstanding efforts on behalf of "His Kids."

Each one of us has our own circle of friends, family and associates. We have people we know from church, people with whom we work and members of our families. You can raise awareness for the children of ICC simply by talking to people you know about the child you sponsor and how that child has affected your life. You could, as Yvette and Jim Loughlin did, organize an event (large or small) in your local area to raise money for, and awareness of, the amazing work of ICC. What do you think you could do for "His Kids?"



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