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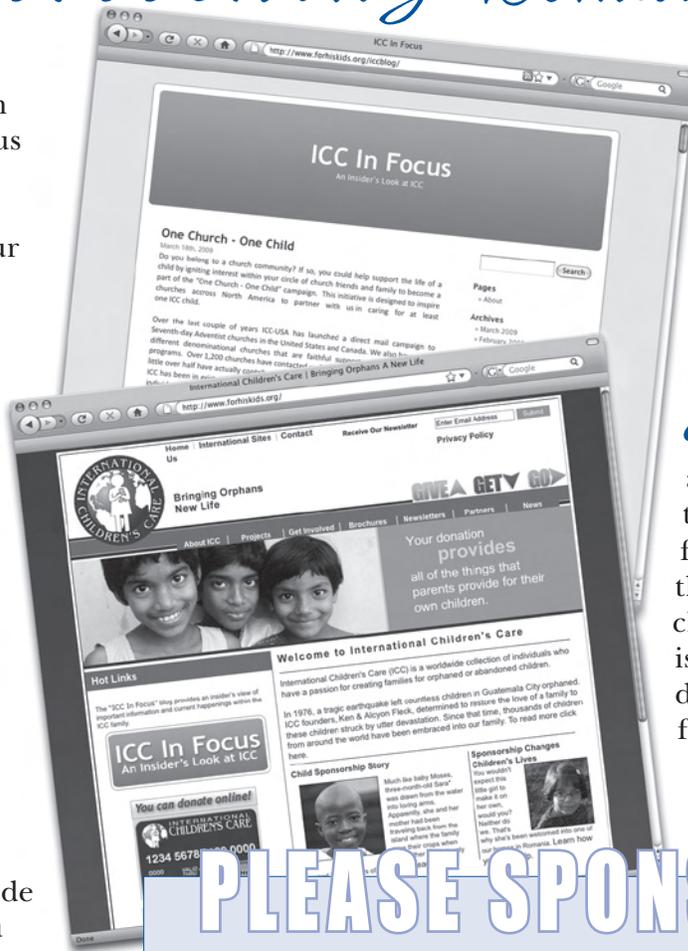
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INCREASING YOUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT ICC *While Stretching Donations*

Like many of you, ICC is facing an uncertain economic future. Thus far, God has blessed us with resources needed to provide for the care of our children throughout the world. He's never let us down in over 30 years of service, and we continue to trust that He will help us weather the economic storm that rages around us. ICC continues to make every donation stretch as far as possible. One way that you can help us in this endeavor is to "go green" with ICC. We're trying to find ways to do more communicating through the use of computers for those who prefer that mode of communication. If you have access to a computer and the Internet, you can keep informed about ICC by following a few simple suggestions:

1. Set up a recurring donation. For an even more efficient way to make your recurring donations (including sponsorship contributions) why not set up a recurring payment



with your credit or debit card? In this way, you don't need to worry about writing checks or even going online to set up a one-time gift. Call the ICC office at 800-422-7729 and ask to set up a recurring monthly donation.

2. Make donations online. More and more ICC supporters are giving their donations through the ICC website. It's fast and secure and eliminates the need for you to send a check through the mail. Here is the link for making online donations: <https://www.forhiskids.org/donation.php>

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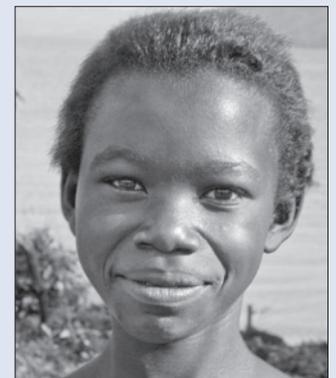
PLEASE SPONSOR ME!

My name is Diane

I need a sponsor. I am 11 years old and live in Congo. Please return this coupon to sponsor me each month. God bless you for helping me have a chance.

\$30 \$60 \$_____

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Daniel's note has a drawing of a shepherd standing at the entrance to a sheep pen with sheep inside. On the outside it says "We love you a lot." He says, "I thank you because of how you have helped us and also because you have cared for us and because you have come to this home to help with everything. We love you all very much. And thank you because you are helping to donate money so we can eat and so we can be well. Thanks for everything you give us. Daniel."

The letters go on and on. These kids depend on us and look to us innocently expecting that we will continue to supply their daily needs.

Frankly, it won't be that way much longer for them unless some more ICC family members step up and help us to meet this need. We are putting this in God's hands, and I know from past experience that when God gives us a task He also provides the means. So we are trusting in Him to help us meet the needs in El Salvador. Wouldn't you like to work with Him and with ICC to meet this need?

In Christian Love,

Rick Fleck



Rick signing the Memorandum

3. Read the "ICC In Focus" Blog. This blog provides the most up-to-date information regarding our projects and partners. Find the blog at the following link: <http://www.forhiskids.org/iccblog/>.

4. Subscribe to the ICC e-mail newsletter. Did you know that ICC prepares a monthly e-mail newsletter called "The Informateur"? This newsletter contains articles of interest regarding the work of ICC. As well, there are important links where you can make an online donation and view the latest Que Pasa. To sign up, use the following link: <http://www.forhiskids.org/>. Just fill in your e-mail address in the box at the top right corner of the ICC home page.

It's our desire to keep you, our ICC Family informed and

engaged in this wonderful mission. Please know that we will continue to publish the Que Pasa for those who wish to continue receiving it. The above mentioned items are other options we have available. We always look for ways to enhance our ability to get you the information you desire.

God bless for all that you are doing for the children of ICC.



ICC e-mail newsletter

Seed Potatoes Given Free Ride

On the 16th of February, a Dutch company named HZPC from the little town of Joure, Netherlands, donated 5,000 Kilograms (11,000 pounds) of seed potatoes to the ICC Dutch office, Internationale Kinderhulp (IKN). A further blessing occurred when the Van Wierden Transportation Company delivered the seeds free of charge.

These seeds will be transported to the ICC children's village in Romania where they will be planted in early March. At the end of this summer, ICC Romania hopes to reap a bountiful harvest. Part of the harvest will go for the project's food program and the other part will be sold at market.

Besides the agriculture program in Romania, construction is also underway for a commercial bakery. Throughout all of our ICC projects are ongoing efforts designed to help our projects become more self-sufficient. Primarily this is being accomplished through agriculture and small industries such as bakeries. If you share our belief that this is important and wish to support this initiative, please contact ICC HQ at (800) 422-7729 for further information.



A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

I'm writing to you from our children's village in El Salvador, and I'd like to share with you a little history about this project and bring you up-to-date with the current situation.

In 2005 Maranatha Volunteers International (MVI) asked ICC to take over their orphanage located near San Juan Opico in El Salvador. At the time we let them know that ICC was not in a position to take on the financial responsibility of another project of this size. But MVI felt strongly that money would not be a problem with this project, that there were many donors that were supporting and would continue to support this project if ICC were to take it over. They encouraged us to bring ICC's many years of experience to manage this project and deal with some of the administrative issues they were experiencing with this campus.

ICC took this project over in late 2005. We sent Joel and Jenny Reyes from Oregon to manage the project, and we visited the project many times in order to provide training and to try to turn the project into an ICC children's village.

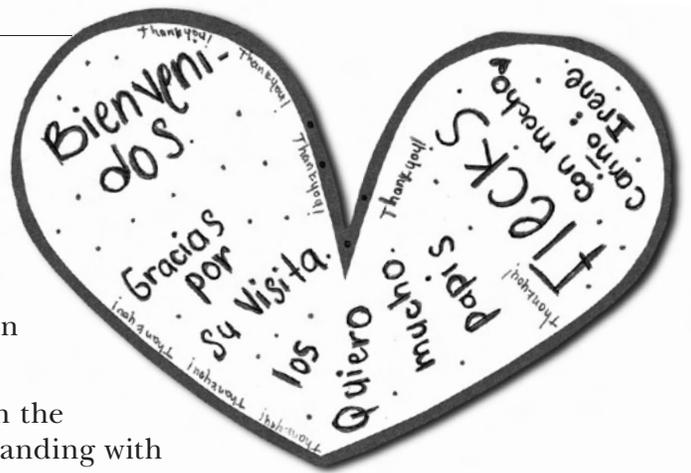
The ISNA, which is the government department of child protection, has told us that they are very happy with the way ICC has managed this project and that this project is now one of the best child care facilities in El Salvador. Recently an emissary from the Korean embassy visited our Hogar Escuela Adventista (HEA) Children's Village. He told Joel Reyes that in his many years of supervising similar child protection facilities in the Asia Pacific region and in Central America, he has never seen a project to equal this one. He really liked the concept of family that is the ICC model.

Despite this apparent success, there is another side to this story that is troubling. ICC has not received the financial support for this project that was expected and needed. As a result, we have been sending about \$10,000 per month more to this project than what we receive in donations for this project. Because of the economic situation, we do not have the extra funds to continue funding this difference.

There are two main reasons for this shortfall. One is that some of the folks who were supporting this project did not continue their support after the transfer from MVI to ICC. Many of the sponsors continue their faithful support of the children, but there used to be many donors who would send extra funds from time to time so that all the operating costs could be covered. But that is no longer the case. MVI gave us the names and addresses of the donors, and we have written letters to them, and yet we find this project with much less support than MVI was experiencing.

Another factor has been that the Adventist Church in El Salvador actually owns this project and all the land on which it is located. We had not been able to get the legal authority from the Church for ICC to operate this project like the Church has done in all the other projects that ICC operates around the world on Church property. This has made it almost impossible for us to get donations from businesses and other affluent people in El Salvador, because the Church in this country is not able to give a tax-deductible receipt for donations. This has greatly hampered our ability to find the support needed to continue operating this project. And the lack of legal authority has made it impossible for us to develop the project and find additional support from donors in the USA and in other countries.





Many have been praying especially for this project in El Salvador. The staff here have been fasting and praying the last few days to ask God to make it possible for this project to continue and that none of the children will have to leave the safety of this place.

I'm happy to report that on this trip I signed with the president of the Conference a Memorandum of Understanding with the Adventist Church here in El Salvador which will now open up many possibilities for this project to be able to move forward.

Joel and Jenny Reyes and their three children are moving back home to the USA soon. They had originally thought they would give us two years of service, and that has extended to nearly four! We are very thankful to this family for their sacrifice and hard work in getting this project to where it is today.

Our new administrator, Jesús Flamenco, has been Joel's assistant for the last year, and we are confident that he will be able to carry the project forward successfully.

We have asked Jesús and his team to reduce the budget from \$28,000 per month to \$18,000 per month. They were already operating on a highly restricted budget here, and it will mean a great sacrifice for them to make this adjustment. But the staff here have pledged that they will stay, even if they get no salary as long as there is food to eat.

I would like to challenge you, our ICC family, to step up to this challenge and help us find new additional monthly funding for the El Salvador ICC project. These children have been dependent on this home for most of their lives, and they have nowhere to go that is safe for them. They are looking to the ICC family for protection right now. If we can get pledges of funds from our ICC family, we can avoid making as much of a drastic cut in the budget here in El Salvador.

During our stay here the last few days many children have slipped Sharon and me notes, and we have been reading them together. Actually, we are here just as representatives for you the ICC family, so these notes are really meant for you.

Here's a note from Claudia (translated into English): "I'd like to write you to thank you for the help you give to each of us. I thank God because there are people with big hearts and because, thanks to you we have everything we need and nothing is lacking. I want you to know that I will for the rest of my life be thankful to you for taking over the care of all of my brothers and sisters and of me. Thanks very much. With love, Claudia."

Lemus wrote: "Thank you for giving me everything. Thanks for giving me school, food, utilities, for the school uniform. You are very special people for everyone and more special for God, and God loves you forever, and we will never be separated from the love of Christ. Thanks for everything, Lemus."



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