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GOD'S HAND *in hard times*

These past many months have been difficult for so many people. We have all heard of the recession that has been going on, and we have also heard from some of the recovery that they feel is either starting to happen now, or is "just around the corner."

Here at ICC, we also know about and feel the economic situation restricting our financial ability to provide for the children. Some of you have been wondering how all of this has affected ICC. We want you to know that God continues to bless ICC and all of our projects. This is not to say that we have not been affected, because we certainly have been. It has been a rough financial road, but we know full well it is one on which God is with us, and He continues to show that He is with us every day.



It is such a blessing for those of us in the ICC family to bear witness to His leading in this wonderful work in this difficult economic time. ICC is not, and never has been an organization that has large sums of money left over at the end of each month. Actually, our staff prays diligently each day of every month for God to supply the daily needs for the children. And you know what? Somehow, God does just that for His kids.

For us, serving here at ICC is a little like being one of the Israelites in the desert. You will remember that almost every morning they rose from their sleep to find manna on the ground to supply their need of hunger. Here at

ICC, it is very much the same. We come to the office each day with an excitement to see just what God has in store for His kids on that one day. It is amazing to us to see that somehow, in some way, there is just enough to take care of what our children need, even in these difficult economic times. What a blessing it is to each one of us that serves here to see God work in this way for His kids! We want you to feel that excitement with us, so I am telling you this so that you can know that God is with His work here at ICC.

You will read on the back page of this issue of *Que Pasa* where we continue to have needs that are beyond our "normal" daily

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God's Hand - Continued

expenses in the projects. There is the pickup truck needed in Guatemala, the van for the children in Zambia, and the tractor for Nicaragua. There are always needs like this that take "extra" funds to provide for the "extra" needs. We also know that in His time, and in His way, God will take care of those needs as well, He always has. It is through each one of you that He blesses the children of ICC every day. With each one of us giving what we can every month, His work for His kids will continue in these tough times, and beyond.

Thank you for fulfilling your part of this amazing work at ICC by giving of your finances so that the children of ICC can continue to have a hope for their futures.

As always, we stand together with you, waiting to see what miraculous things God has in store for His children.

Doug Congleton

TRACTOR ACCIDENT

We received an emergency communication last week from the administrator of our children's village in Nicaragua telling us that, apparently the holding brake on our tractor failed and the tractor took a short, self-induced drive over a large, bolder-strewn embankment and came to rest at the bottom in the condition that you see in the picture. Thankfully nobody was hurt.

This tractor is vital to our project in Nicaragua. It serves as our 'heavy equipment' as we finish construction of the children's homes. It hauled water, tools and construction materials, moved

Zambian Transport Unsafe

We no longer have a safe vehicle in which to transport our children living at our project in Zambia. The current vehicle needs an engine overhaul, a new carburetor, new tires, and new brakes. The cost of this mechanical refurbishment is far in excess of the value or usefulness of this vehicle rendering it unworthy of these repairs.



We need your help in raising funds to acquire another vehicle. Our goal is to raise \$8,000 to purchase a used van.

Please consider making a contribution towards a safe and useful vehicle for our children in Zambia. Please mark "Zambia Van" on your donation.

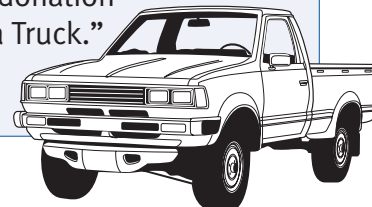
Supply Truck Forced to Retire

Worked to death would be the best way to describe our supply truck at the Los Pinos Children's Village in Guatemala. Recently Sharon and Rick were visiting Los Pinos and they had an opportunity to look at our truck and it was decided then that it needed to be retired and replaced.

Joel, our administrator at Los Pinos, has been using his personal vehicle as a stop-gap to cover for the worn-out truck but

it can't always carry the needed cargo from Guatemala City. That, and his vehicle is not designed to haul heavy loads of supplies over the country roads in Guatemala.

To purchase another truck will cost \$18,720. Please consider donating so we can replace our faithful, yet no longer able, truck. Mark your donation "Guatemala Truck."



Our address is: P.O. Box 820610, Vancouver, WA. 98682-0013.

You may also listen to a podcast describing the tractor situation in Nicaragua in greater detail. To listen in, go to our website ForHisKids.org. Click on the Podcasts button to navigate to the Podcast directory.



A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

A few weeks ago, attending Alumni Weekend, I walked into the University Church in Walla Walla. The first person I saw looked familiar. Could that be Gary Patterson? I hadn't seen him for years since he lived and worked on the East Coast. But he recognized me too. Gary was the Honored Alumni of the year and the speaker for the Sabbath service.

"Alcyon, I just finished reading your book, *Whither Thou Goest*, the one that tells about you and Ken, when he was the song leader for my dad's Evangelistic meetings in McMinnville. In fact we found the book in my dad's things after he died. We passed it around to the family so we could all read it. I must have been about three years old back then, and I don't remember a lot about it, but Dad and Mom often talked about you and Ken."

"Yes, you and your sister were pretty young then." I told him. "Maybe you remember when I stayed in your house and went to the beach with you."

My family lived in Salem, Oregon and I had just come home from working in California. The folks had heard about Elder Patterson's meetings. A friend, Ken Fleck, a theology student, was spending that quarter as the singing evangelist. When he heard that I was home, he called, hoping I could come to the meetings.

That was the beginning of our courtship, and Claris and Glen Patterson were involved. We had gone to the meeting at Ken's urging. At the close Glen asked me to wait until he finished greeting the people. Then he said, "Our meetings are about over and we are going to the beach for a couple days. I think Ken would be happier if you were along!"

It was arranged and it was on the beautiful moonlit beach in Rockaway, Oregon that he drew a huge heart in the sand and wrote I LOVE YOU! It was the first time he said it, but not the last. In fact, at every anniversary of our sixty-six years of marriage, we would go back to that beach, when it was possible, and there would be another huge heart in the sand.



[Our early years](#)

Glen and Claris were our dear friends, and he officiated as we repeated our vows at our fiftieth anniversary.

When we began International Children's Care, they encouraged us, and Claris became one of our most faithful donors of beautiful handmade clothes for children. At the Gladstone camp meetings she would bring a stack of little dresses and shirts, and we always called them the Sabbath clothes, they were so well made and attractive. The little children who came with not one decent piece of clothing could march into Sabbath School feeling so good in their new outfits. I remember Glen telling us how many she had made and



[Our fiftieth anniversary](#)

it was several hundred. I think she sewed for ICC until she couldn't do it anymore, and I am sure that she will have her reward in heaven for the loving hours she spent for our children.

There were others who made beautifully crafted quilts for our children's beds, and I think I can honestly say I don't remember buying blankets. We had so many of these lovely soft quilts.

One of these is Marian Rohloff, who lives near my sister, LaBreta Dietrich, in Redding, California. Marian not only sewed for us for years, but she was a staunch supporter of International Children's Care. When her family was preparing a party for her 80th birthday, she asked them, "Please tell everyone to bring a gift for the children of ICC instead of a gift for me. That would please me so much. She saw to it that any friend she had the address for would receive an invitation to come and, if not, to send a gift for ICC. She was so thrilled to count up the money that amounted to about \$1,000. Marian's husband died suddenly a few years ago, and though she misses him terribly, she didn't slow down in her enthusiasm for helping the children of ICC.

It is people like Claris and Marian whose love for Jesus and his little children has prompted them to spend hours and years at their sewing machines for our children. We know that what we do for these little ones, we are doing for Jesus Himself. It is these self-sacrificing people who have supported this program through the years and have helped to make it what it is today in countries around the world. Hundreds of little children have been given a life and learned about the homes that Jesus is preparing for them, and about the One who died so that we can all go to live with Him.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to everyone in our ICC family, who has made this all possible, and I can hardly wait to see the children that run up to us on those golden streets because of what you have done.

With my love and prayers,

Aleyon



Shows off ICC in her church



Marian receives a ICC Appreciation Award