



QUE PASA

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In Recognition of Sponsors

The year was 1940. The German air force had tried to rattle the courage of the British people with heavy bombing campaigns. In response, Britain's finest airman fought valiantly to repel the attacks.

During the battle, Sir Winston Churchill visited the operations room of one of the RAF's facilities. Afterwards, he was so overwhelmed by emotion that he told one of his generals, "Don't speak to me. I have never been so moved."

A few days later, Churchill roused the House of Commons when he uttered these words,

"The gratitude of every home in our Island, in our Empire, and indeed throughout the world, except in the abodes of the guilty, goes out to the British airmen who, undaunted by odds, unwearied in their constant challenge and mortal danger, are turning the tide of the World War by their prowess and by their devotion. Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few. All hearts go out

to the fighter pilots, whose brilliant actions we see with our own eyes day after day..."

That speech was given 69 years ago this month, and

it serves to remind us of a special group of ICC family members – our child sponsors and monthly donors. Every supporter of ICC is vital to this ministry. We know that this work would not continue without our entire faithful family of supporters. Today, we want

to focus on the role of child sponsors since this is an area of tremendous need right now. The personal involvement that child sponsors give to ICC children is invaluable because it provides not only financial assistance, it also gives the children a positive sense of wellbeing through their personal attachment with their sponsors. What a blessing God has given to the children of ICC through child sponsor's "undaunted" and "unwearied" support. Child sponsorship and

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PLEASE SPONSOR ME!

My name is Lorenia

I need a sponsor. I am 4 years old and live in Mexico. Please return this coupon to sponsor me each month. God bless you for helping me have a chance.

\$30 \$60 \$_____

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Sponsorship Department



In Recognition of Sponsors - Continued

monthly donations are the integral parts to make it possible for ICC to meet the constant challenges of providing homes and families for orphaned and abandoned children. While relatively few in number, our child sponsors are a critical source of support to ensure that our children have loving mommies and daddies to care for them, and that all their other needs are met. We are reminded again that "so much" is "owed by so many to so few." The gratitude of every home within ICC goes out to our child sponsors who are helping to turn the tide of the desperate life of the orphaned and abandoned child.



As you are well aware, there is an economic conflict that is raging in the world today. Sadly, it is taking its toll on our child sponsors. Some have lost jobs. Others have experienced unexpected medical expenses or are having to care for the needs of loved ones who are ill. Then there are some who have stopped their sponsorship and haven't contacted us regarding the reason. We will miss the financial support of all these individuals, and we encourage them to keep praying for the children of ICC. If

you continue to sponsor a child, please accept our gratitude and recognition of the significant

contribution you make for ICC's children. Without the combined effort of all our sponsors and donors, this program for children would not be possible.

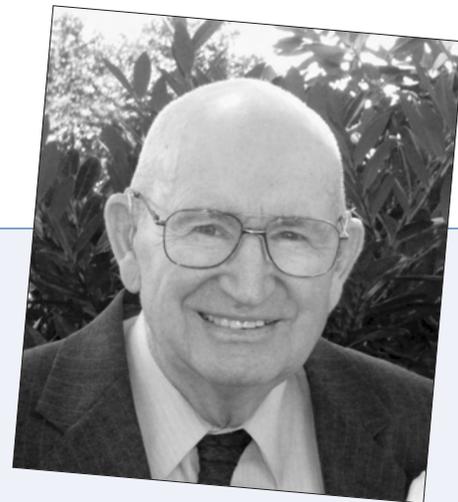
Right now ICC desperately needs to recruit reinforcements to the ranks of child sponsors. Can you help us find more people to join us in this struggle for the lives of orphaned and abandoned children? If you're a regular reader of the *Que Pasa*, but are not a child sponsor, please contact the ICC office today at 800-422-7729 to inquire about this special program. Won't you please join us in this battle?

An ICC Champion Is At Rest

Last month, ICC lost a treasured family member. Jim Bechtel passed away in Walla Walla, Washington on July 10, 2009. It was with great sadness that we received the information of Jim's passing. Jim devoted his life for the betterment of others, and ICC Guatemala was one of the benefactors of Jim's kindness on many occasions. Our hearts and prayers go out to his wife Lavonne and the Bechtel family at this time of great sadness. The following is an excerpt from the eulogy at Jim's memorial service that was held on July 18th in Walla Walla.

James J. Bechtel was born in Michigan September 24, 1931 to Floyd and Marie Bechtel. He was the fourth of six children. He attended Columbia Academy

where he met his wife Lavonne Bovee. They were married after graduating from academy. They both attended Walla Walla College where James received his teaching credentials. He was soon deployed to South Korea where he worked as a dental lab technician. Spare time was spent visiting orphanages during the war, which inspired his life-long commitment to service in mission work with children. Upon honorable discharge from the service in May 1955, he returned to the Walla Walla valley to further his education. They soon accepted the challenge of starting up education facilities in Honduras, Belize, Guatemala and El Salvador. Their family of four children had many adventures growing up in the traditional Central American culture



helping with medical and dental services. Jim had a knack for fixing things and creating industries from scratch. There were many long caravans of supplies and equipment, sleeping under trucks and many flat tires. The projects always went on. Jim was ordained as a minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and served as administrator/principal of the schools that he helped established. Even after retirement Jim returned to Central America as often as he could. Service to God was the greatest passion of his life.

A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

Raja*, nine years old, and Pratap*, his brother, eight, lived in a tribal area in India. Their home was at the foot of the mountains, and their parents worked all day in the fields at the top of one of the hills.

One morning, while it was still dark, their father was heading up to their fields when an elephant attacked him and trampled him to death. Not aware of the tragedy, his wife went to take him food. When she found his mangled body she went into shock and did not return home. The children waited for their parents in vain. Finally, after two days they found someone to go and search for their parents. The mother was taken to her brother's home where she remained, still suffering from the trauma of the tragedy.

The children lived with their uncle until arrangements were made to bring them to the ICC village, called Sweet Home. In spite of the trauma in their lives of losing both parents and the home they had always known, they have adjusted to their new home.

Now they have a Christian home where they have learned about Jesus and the home He is preparing for them. They enjoy the spiritual activities and are doing well in school. There are special activities such as cricket.

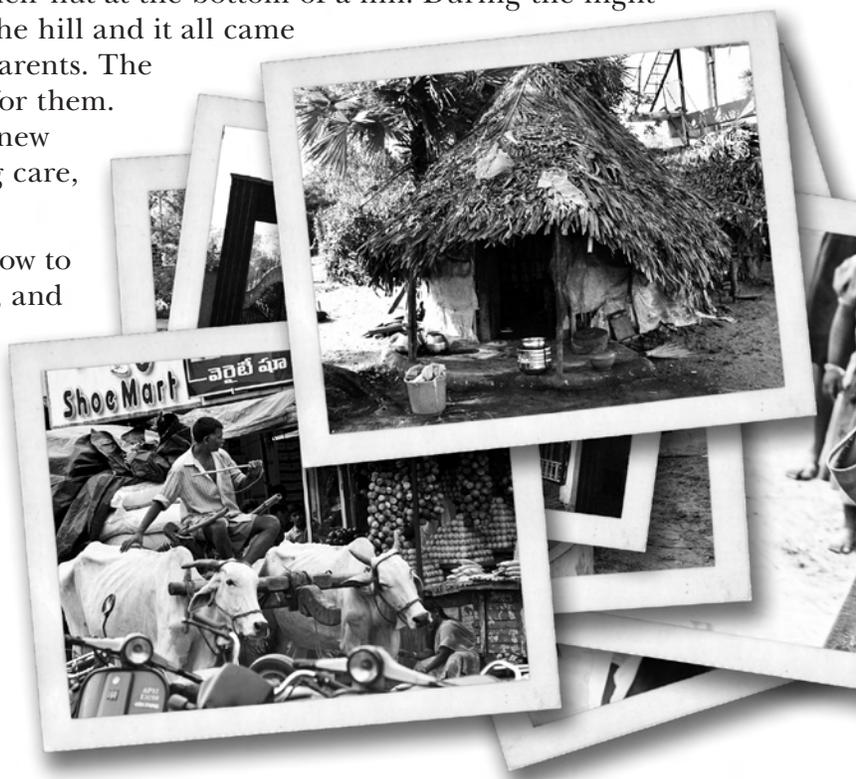
Children who are brought to our facilities around the world are victims of tragedies. That is the reason they are there, and each one has a story.

There are two other little brothers who came to our Sweet Home village, after losing their parents in one night. It was during a time of floods. Fortunately, the boys were visiting their grandparents that fateful night.

The father and mother were sleeping in their hut at the bottom of a hill. During the night the heavy rains loosened the mud and rocks on the hill and it all came down on their hut, crushing it and killing both parents. The grandparents were too poor and too old to care for them. Madhu* and Miland* have adjusted well in their new ICC home where they are surrounded with loving care, school, and their needs are supplied.

The house parents of these homes know how to help these children deal with their grief and fear, and they soon feel loved and accepted. Those who have been hungry won't be hungry any more, and they soon learn that they don't have to be afraid. This is their home, and they are secure.

When I think of the small beginning thirty-one years ago, and now nearly a thousand children are in our care worldwide, I thank God for blessing our humble efforts. This type of a program isn't the cheapest way to go, but the results are the best. Children aren't just another name in an institution. They are part of a family and



[Outside of Sweet Home in the surrounding area](#)

**The children's names have been changed to protect their privacy.*

operate that way. They aren't treated as second-rate orphans as is true in many institutions. But each child is a child of God and treated that way.

I have often seen children who have just come. We never know all that has happened to them, but you can see the fear and uncertainty in their eyes. They don't know what to expect. But it isn't long until that look changes to one of smiles. Love and security is the best remedy for the tragedy they have experienced, whatever that is.

To provide all of this for the children, we need sponsors for every child, and many of you, reading this, are no doubt sponsoring at least one child. Thank you for your dedication and generosity to enable us to make International Children's Care what we planned for and what God wants for His little children who have been victims down here on this planet. And we thank you for the assurance that we have a dedicated and supportive ICC family that we can count on to help us care for the children.

[On campus photos of Sweet Home life](#)

With my love and prayers.

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