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HOW ARE MY DONATIONS SPENT *at an ICC Children's Village?*



Feeding our children around the world

Here at ICC, we are always happy to answer this important question. The reason we are is because these donations are actual "life-giving" donations. They are gifts that are sent in by people who have, or may have a personal relationship with ICC and its children. The children of ICC have nowhere else to turn in life other than to their ICC Family for help. It is the sponsors and donors who provide the finances to keep the children taken care of on a daily basis. Where do you think the food, housing, education, medical care, personal needs, clothing and shoes come from? The majority of it comes

from those sponsors who give on a monthly basis for the basic needs to keep a child alive at ICC. It is those sponsors that the

children look to in order to ask questions about life and if they have a future.

Other donors have a large part in providing for the children as well. Here at ICC, there is no one project that is fully funded by sponsors alone, so other donors pitch in and help to make up the difference. There are many other costs in a children's village as well that they help to provide. We have needs like propane for warmth and cooking, electricity for light and power, materials for construction, campus staffing, gasoline for vehicles and buses, farm equipment needs, other food items, the list goes on and on. These are daily needs that

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PLEASE SPONSOR ME!

My name is María

I need a sponsor. I am 9 years old and live in Nicaragua. 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



Small change =
BIG CHANGE!

Occasionally, ICC sends out specific letters for financial help in certain areas that are most pressing at the time. This past month, we sent out a letter to Mexico supporters asking for help with the monthly budget expenses that are currently not always met due to financial constraints.

Well, I want to let you know that a lady in one of the churches decided that she was going to do something about that need. She went to her Sabbath School Class and presented her desires to help. Well, to make a long story short, the class decided to support the children of El Oasis on a weekly basis! They now take up an offering each week of loose change and bills for those special kids.

Perhaps your Sabbath School Class may want to do the same kind of thing. It is my prayer for the children of El Oasis that some of you will get inspired to talk with your class and just see if it is possible for them to support the children in this amazing way. It does not have to be lots of money each week. Remember – “Small change = BIG change!”

God bless you for considering this blessing that will work both ways!

Doug Congleton



Upcoming Event

Watch for date, time and place.

Please plan on attending our third “Circle of Hope” fund-raising event in November 2009. This free event will raise awareness about the ICC ministry and our need for general fund donations.

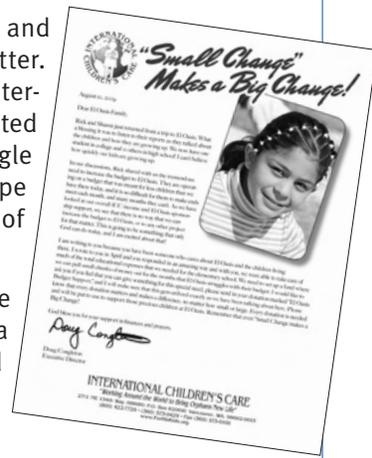
Supporters of ICC in the Portland, OR, Vancouver, WA, area, are urged to attend. We will publish the date, time and location on our website and in the October Que Pasa. Please bring a friend so you can share the vision of ICC.

If you would like to reserve seats or are seeking further information, please contact Liana St. Clair. Liana’s phone number is 360.573.0429 ext. 2021. Liana’s email is: Liana@forhiskids.org.

ICC endeavors to inform donors of the programs and needs of ICC’s children in as cost-effective a manner as possible. ICC news and information is shared digitally on the web (www.forhiskids.org) as well as through monthly e-newsletters. For those who prefer printed information, we also produce and send out our monthly *Que Pasa*.

However, it’s not possible for us to cover all the news and needs of ICC’s projects for children in a four-page newsletter. So, for those ICC supporters who have shown a special interest in specific ICC Children’s Villages, we have recently started preparing and mailing out special letters that feature a single Children’s Village and its specific needs. In this way, we hope to keep our supporters better informed about projects of special interest to them.

If you have not received any of these letters and would like to receive them, or would like to receive letters related to a specific project or projects please contact the ICC office and speak to Doug or Liana, and they will be happy to ensure that you receive the information you request.



How are my donations spent? - Continued

loving and generous people continue to give without fail to the children of ICC. What a blessing it is to witness this tremendous unselfish gift each month. This reminds me of what the Bible says when it talks about “give and it shall be given unto you.” I am one of the sponsors as well as a donor at ICC and I know first-hand how much of a blessing my family has received because of those gifts. I just love how God makes this a blessing for everyone!

If you are considering becoming a donor to the children of ICC, or a personal sponsor to a child, the time to act is now. ICC children need you and are hoping for your support for that “life giving” gift of love. Please consider helping out in any way that you can so that these special children can have life today, and a hope for their tomorrows!

Doug Congleton

A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

Guatemala is a fascinating country with its blending of Spanish and Mayan cultures, its diverse topography and eternal spring where fresh fruit is available throughout the year. Guatemala is also the birthplace of ICC where over 30 years ago, Ken and Alcyon Fleck responded to the desperate need of children who had lost their parents in a devastating earthquake that struck Guatemala City. Since then, through the partnership ICC has had with its donors around the world, hundreds of Guatemalan children have become a part of the ICC family. Many owe their lives to the quick and effective attention given them by ICC care-givers. How rewarding it is to see grown children of ICC preparing themselves for lives of service in this world and for eternal life in the world to come.

But what about the people of Guatemala? Are they interested in helping the orphaned and abandoned children in their own country? I recently visited that country and was pleased to see first-hand the work that is being done to support the needs of the children in their own country.

For the past several years, Anabela Alejos has directed ICC's work at the Guatemala City Center. Because of her busy schedule managing the operation of the center, Anabela told me that she had not been able to work at raising funds on a full-time basis.

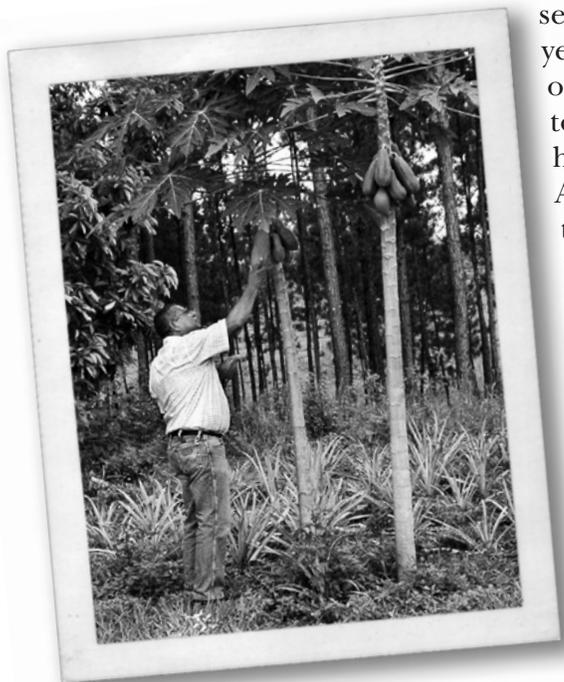
"I was just trying to make friends with people," she said.

And make friends she has. Anabela shared with me that there are over 70 people in Guatemala that are giving cash donations to support ICC's work for the children. In addition, several companies donate food supplies that are used at the ICC Los Pinos Children's Village in Poptun. This amounts to several hundred pounds of food each month. Over the past few years, the children's village director, Joel Carpio, has depended on these donations to supplement the budget funds that are sent to him from ICC each month to operate the facility. All this has been possible with a little friendship-making on the part of Anabela. In spite of the fact that we are temporarily not able to care for emergency cases for the government in that center, the staff are dedicating themselves to raising funds to meet the needs of the many children in ICC's care in Guatemala.

I was also impressed by the wonderful cooperation that exists within the ICC family in Guatemala which consists of the City Center team, the Los Pinos Children's Village team and the local country board. ICC staff and members of the board gathered one evening to discuss the future of ICC's work in Guatemala. The Vice-Chairman of the board spoke with passion about his desire to see ICC's work prosper. At one time, he was the doctor for our children at the City Center and his support throughout the years has not wavered. A newly mar-



Anabela with Sharon

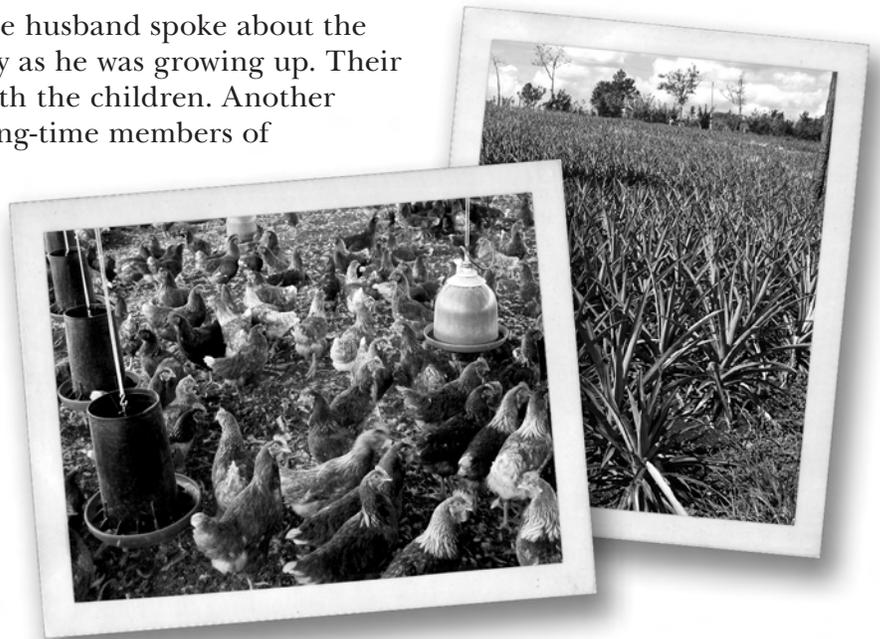


Joel picking a papaya

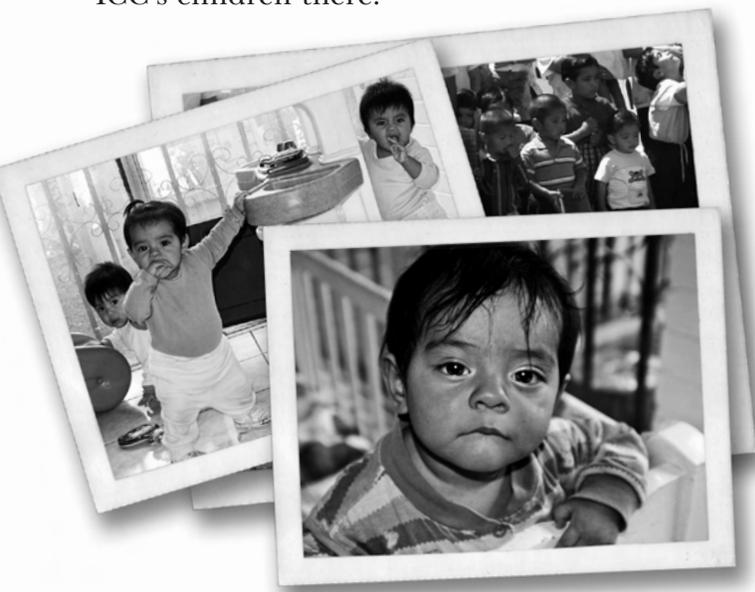
ried couple is also part of the board. The husband spoke about the impact the City Center had on his family as he was growing up. Their family would visit the center and play with the children. Another couple who attended the meeting are long-time members of the board. The husband explained that they didn't have any children of their own. He said that their work with ICC has had a big impact in their lives. There was solidarity in the room that evening. These ICC family members from Guatemala are determined to meet the needs of the children and to work together to soon open up the doors in Guatemala City to again help with emergency cases where children's lives are at stake.

After my visit, it's clear to me that people in Guatemala do care about the orphaned and abandoned

children in their country. What's more, our Guatemala ICC family is dedicated to promoting the work of ICC even further within their country. Anabela has excellent ideas and plans to expand her fund-raising efforts behind just making friends. She has a dedicated team of helpers. Joel and Sonia Carpio at the Los Pinos Children's village will continue to find ways to cut costs and develop industries that will help provide income. Yet, in spite of these efforts, our ICC family in Guatemala will continue to depend upon the support of their ICC family members around the world. They simply can't do it alone. That's why your support and donations at this time are so much appreciated and so much needed. Thank-you for continuing to give a helping hand to our ICC family in Guatemala who are doing their best to care for ICC's children there.



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In His Service,

Kent Greve
International Development Director

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