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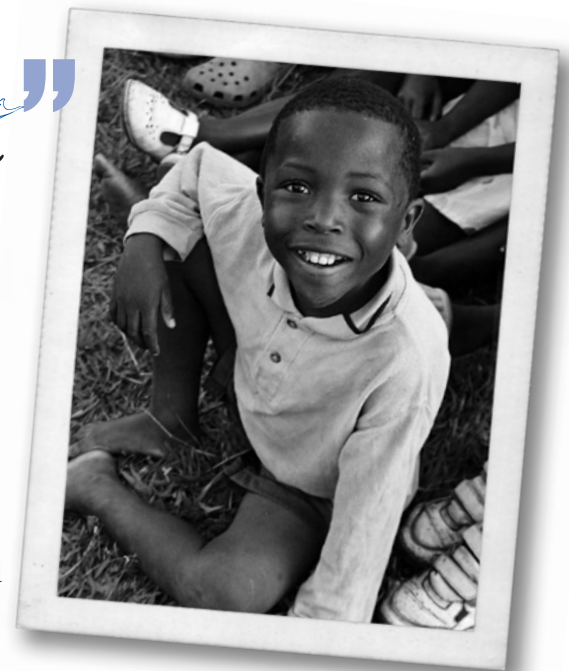
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# "THANKS — Giving"

**G**od has blessed so much even in times of trouble like we have all experienced these past two years. I hear from many of our ICC Family, and some have shared their troubles with me as we have been on this journey with our difficult economy. My heart has gone out to our children in the projects as I have spent time with them, all the while knowing the financial constraints that are on ICC, just like so many others in our great family.

In spite of all of this, there are so many things to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. Even through the difficult times we have had, we still have a roof over our heads, food on our table, the love of our families, and the great ICC family is still marching on. Truly, God has richly blessed!

As I think about this Thanksgiving, I realize that it is not only a time to be thankful, but it is also a time to give with a thankful heart. I am praying with my friends that this year-end in our ICC Family will be the best one that we have ever had financially. I remember a friend telling me that "your worst day can turn into your best day in the blink of an eye." I have found that statement to be so true, especially when it comes to serving God and doing His work. Yes, we have been in some tough times, but it seems that the economy is turning for the better now. It seems that we have all "weathered the storm"



and now need to go full force into the future with a renewed faith that has been tempered by the fire. Each one of us is here at ICC for a time such as this. Together, we can make a monumental difference.

I pray that this Thanksgiving, each one of us will look at all of the many blessings that God has poured out into our lives and that we will now give back all that we can to prepare His children for the harvest that is ahead, the harvest that is now just beyond the bend. What a harvest it will be!



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## **“Thanks – Giving” - Continued**

Please join with me and make sure that your year-end giving plan includes the children of ICC. Together, we can make this year turn into the best year-end ever for His kids. These children depend on all of us to do our part to provide a future of hope and love for their young lives. Please, let us each one make this the best “Thanks-Giving” time ever for the children of ICC!

God bless all of you, and Happy Thanksgiving!

*Doug Congleton*

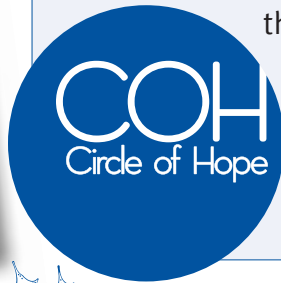


# Circle of Hope Breakfast Fundraiser Event

**Y**ou are invited to attend ICC’s third “Circle of Hope” awareness and fundraising breakfast. Come for a delicious free breakfast and program with stories of our children, updates about our projects, and the most recent videos of our children. Sunday, November 15, 2009 at 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Meadow Glade Seventh-day Adventist Church Fireside Room, 11001 NE 189th Street, Battle Ground, WA.

Children who have found themselves completely alone or in abusive situations have found a safe loving home in the ICC family because of people like you. God has truly blessed the lives of these children. We are so thankful for every donor and sponsor! If you would like to attend and bring others or have questions please RSVP to Liana@forhiskids.org or call Liana St. Clair at (800) 422-7729 or (360) 573-0429 to reserve a seat. (Limited seating)

If you are unable to attend but would like to become part of the Circle of Hope, we have provided a pledge form with this Que Pasa. Simply fill it out, mail it in and we will take care of the rest. If you have already made a pledge and want to extend it, note that on your pledge form. If you would like to receive or share our latest DVD which includes videos presented at this event, check the appropriate box on your pledge form. We deeply appreciate your prayers for the success of this event and for the children it will benefit.



## ICC Board Member Passes away

**S**aturday afternoon, Oct.17 we attended the memorial for Donna Strawn at the Meadow Glade Seventh-day Adventist church. She lost her battle for life after heart surgery. Donna and Al served on the ICC board for many years. Not only that, but they made many trips to visit our facilities. They had a special interest in our children in Columbia, not only going there but sponsoring some of the children.

Ken Fleck had served as the coordinator for that project, and Donna and Al often accompanied



**Donna in the Dominican**

him on his periodic visits. We will miss Donna and our prayers and support will follow Al in his great loss. Our ICC staff and board members will not forget the contribution that this couple made for the children of International Children’s Care.

## Wills TRUSTS

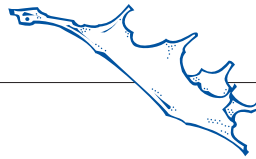
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# A Personal Note



Dear ICC Family,

It was Thursday morning at the regular worship of ICC. Rick had called me, "Mom, tomorrow morning at worship I am going to bring some interesting news. You may want to come." I knew that it would need to be something pretty special for Rick to say that, so I was there.

After the opening exercises, Rick began. "We had some bad news the other day from the Salvador project. As you all know, with all of our problems in taking over another orphanage program, we didn't need any more."

"Our director began by telling me, 'I was walking toward the office the other day and I noticed one of our boys walking with a limp. I asked him what his problem was and he told me, 'Last night water began dripping onto my bed. I moved to the other side, but it dripped there, too. To get away from the water I got into a cramped position, but I had to sleep crooked, and now my back hurts.' That was bad news, so I got help and we went up on the roof and found out that the roof was leaking. Not only that but we began to check all the houses and buildings and found that all of the roofs will have to be replaced. It is going to cost a lot, and I know we don't have that kind of money, with our budget as tight as it is right now. What do you suggest?'"

Of course this kind of a problem needed immediate attention. Rick discussed it with Doug Congleton, and this problem was put to the top of the list of needs that demanded immediate attention. Their first response was to pray about it and then to wonder what could be done. But they didn't have to wonder long. Doug received an unexpected call from one of our strong donor groups, Bob Coy from VersaCare. They had already done some spectacular things for us in the past. Of all things Bob Coy wanted to know, "What are some of your most urgent needs?"

Needless to say, Doug felt a thrill go through him, "This has got to be another one of those miracles in answer to our urgent prayer." He went on to tell him about the roof problem.

"Just send us some proposals of that or other needs," Bob said.

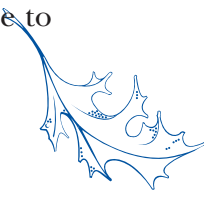
It didn't take Doug long to get those proposals in the mail. The next Monday morning, Bob called Doug. "We voted to send you the money to repair all of the roofs." And then he continued, "There will be more funding for some of the other needs you mentioned."

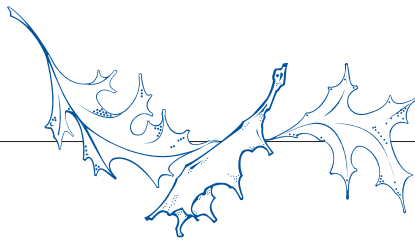
During the 32 years since ICC started, we have experienced many miracles that have given us the assurance that this program for homeless children had to have been designed by God in the beginning.

But that wasn't all. Lydia, from El Oasis Children's Village in Mexico, shared a thrilling experience of God's power for them. Through a donation from our Netherlands office, El Oasis was able to



Watermelon Harvest





develop an agriculture industry on their farm with watermelons, corn and beans. A few years before, the watermelon crop had been extensively damaged by a hail storm. Now, this new crop had already been pre-sold, when word came that Hurricane Jimena would be passing through their area. It was time to pray! The storm was drawing closer, but all they could do was to keep praying. As before, the hail began to fall on the campus. Would their crop be ruined again! When the storm finally passed, the administrators ran out to check on the watermelons. The ground all over the campus was white clear out to the watermelon patch! When they reached the field they saw that the hail had stopped right at the edge of the field. No watermelons were lost. At worship this was shared with the children. "God sent His angels to protect the crop." The watermelon crop was to have furnished the funds for the children's entrance fees into school.

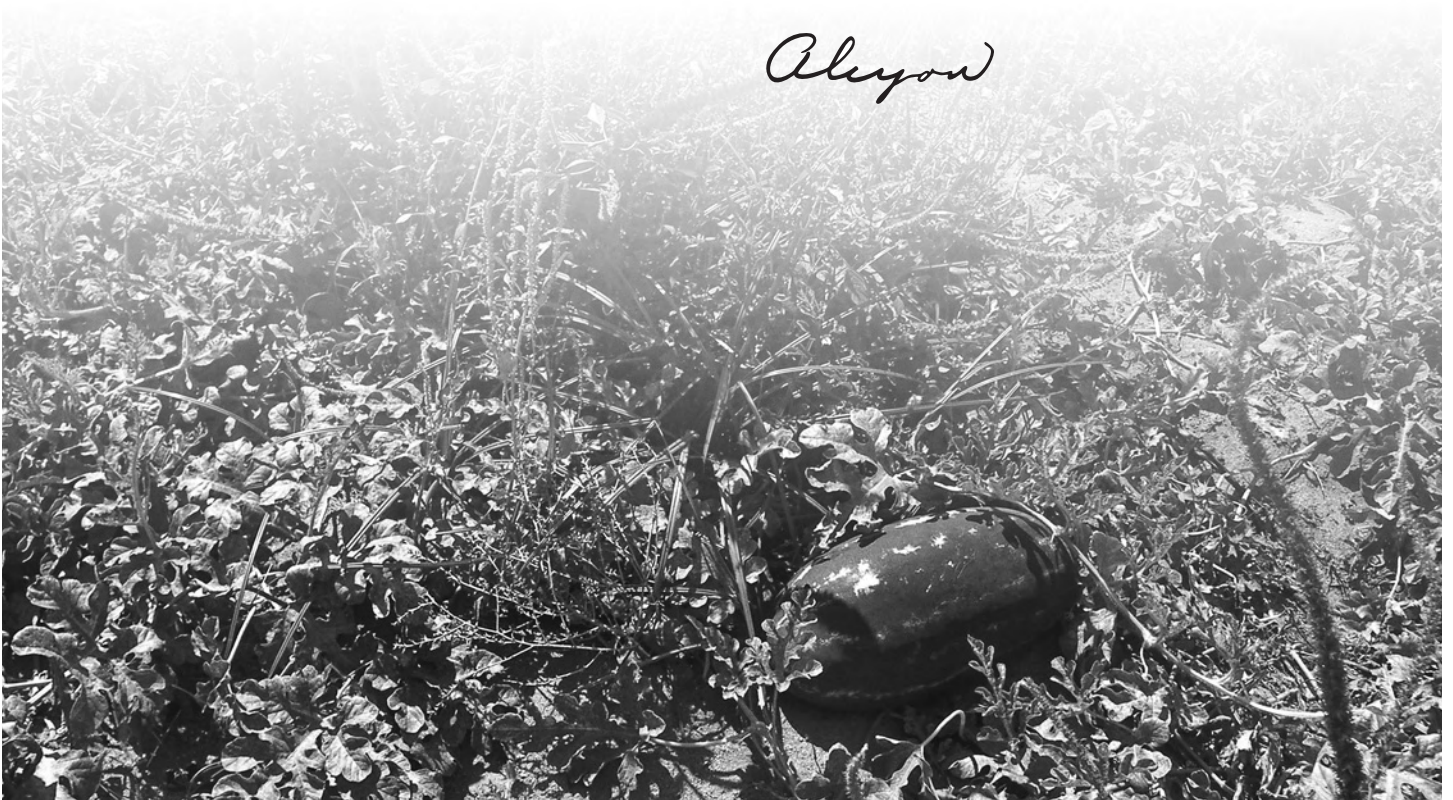
When the semi truck came to load the watermelons for market, there were tons. The semi couldn't hold them all. They had to load a pickup, too. The watermelons brought \$2,500 for the children's school expenses. And our children had another evidence of a loving heavenly Father who cares for them.

We are praying now that God will again show His power in bringing enough new sponsorships to make it possible for us to send the budgets to every project in ICC and provide the care for our children. Thank you, dear ICC Family, for all you have done in the past. We are counting on you! You can be an instrument that God can use for the children.

In thinking about how God has given us more miracles to show that He continues to be with us, we are counting our blessings this Thanksgiving season.

With my love and prayers.

*Aleyon*



# CIRCLE OF HOPE

## PLEDGE NOVEMBER 15, 2009

### Yes! I would like to become a member of the Circle of Hope:

- Gift of Hope: Pledge support for children at \$500 per year for 5 years
- Gift of Love: Pledge support for Christian education \$1,000 per year for 5 years
- Gift of Joy: Pledge support for a mom or dad \$2,000 per year for 5 years
- Gift of Faith: Pledge support for a family home at \$5,000 per year for 5 years

### I would like to contribute in other ways:

- I would like to pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 years to help the children.  
*(Circle one)*
- I want to make a one-time gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- I want to make a one-time gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support Christian Education.
- I want to become a child sponsor. Please contact me.
- I have other thoughts to share. Please contact me.
- I would like ICC's most recent DVD to share with others.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment:

- My cash or check is enclosed, made payable to International Children's Care
- Please charge my credit card \_\_\_\_\_ one time \_\_\_\_\_ auto each month

Visa MC DIS AMX# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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