



# QUE PASA

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## GUATEMALA CONTAINER

*April ship date!*

**A**s you have read in recent issues of Qué Pasa, we are planning to ship a container of much-needed supplies to our Los Pinos Children's Village in Guatemala. Regarding what has been said about best laid plans, we have been beset by red tape which has delayed our shipping date for the container from late November of last year until this April.

Having been victorious in wading through the red-tape, we can once again go forward with our intent to ship this container. Our current itinerary is to have this giant corrugated-steel gift box on board a cargo ship and on its way to Guatemala in the third week of April.

We are asking for the help of our ICC family in providing funds as well as tangible items for this effort. Our donors have already supplied the funds to pay for the shipping of this container, but ICC also needs to purchase the container itself at a cost of \$2,500. Much-needed supplies for the children and the project are still needed.

Your participation in this effort is greatly appreciated and a blessing to the children. In fact

it would be impossible for us to do this without you. We are accepting funds and/or tangible items to help us fill the container with all that the children need.

Please send your donations to ICC HQ marked "Guatemala Container." A list of the items that are needed by the children can be found on our website at the following link:  
[www.ForHisKids.org/container2009.php](http://www.ForHisKids.org/container2009.php).

Thank you so much for all you do on behalf of "His Kids." We know that your participation with this container will bless the children but we also know that you could well receive the greatest blessing of all!



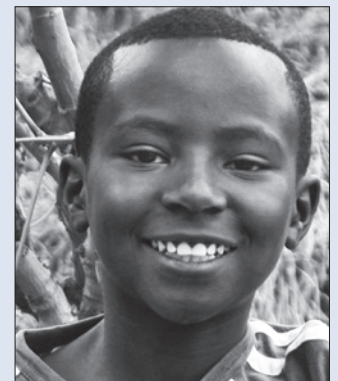
## PLEASE SPONSOR ME!

### My name is Yves

I need a sponsor. I am 9 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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# Truck Needed for Nicaragua

If you have ever traveled in a 'third world' country, especially if you have driven in a 'third world' country, you have discovered that what we take for granted as basic roads would be considered major highways in these parts of the world. This combined with the fact that vehicles in these countries are often utilized for many years with the 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it' credo, Félix, our project administrator in Nicaragua, has struck upon a unique idea for a campus industry.

The main entrance to our property borders a primary road for that region of Nicaragua. We regularly see trucks and cars stranded along this road in need of tire repairs. And the nearest town is quite a ways away. This has given our project administrator the

idea to start a tire repair business as a campus micro industry. A tire repair business would also create local income for the project. Micro industries and local income are vital aspects to the success of all our projects.

This is just one way that the Nicaragua project will utilize this



The Toyota Hilux

pickup. So, we are asking for your help in acquiring a diesel Toyota dual-cab Hilux pickup for our project in Nicaragua. Preferably one after the year 2000. The cost for this need can range from \$10k for used, to \$22k for new. There are many needs that this truck would provide for on our campus as you can imagine.

If you choose to help, please send your contribution marked "Toyota of Nicaragua" to ICC HQ's P.O. Box 820610, Vancouver, WA. 98662-0013. If you would like to donate by credit card you can reach us at 800.422.7729 and be sure to mention that your contribution is for the Nicaragua pickup truck. Our children in Nicaragua appreciate any help you can provide for them. And as always, thanks for all you do for "His Kids."

## FLOODS RAVAGE BAJA MEXICO

Eight inches of rain. In three days. We all heard how the El Niño storms of last month brought heavy rain, snow and flooding to most of California. Well those same storms also hit the Baja Peninsula of Mexico. Baja experienced severe flash flooding with major roads simply washed away. Power is also out to many areas due to damage of the distribution system. These storms have had two significant effects upon our El Oasis Children's Village.

First; Highway 3, the only road that goes to the local town of Valle and to Ensenada has been washed out in multiple locations. The city

roads in Valle have also suffered damage. As you might imagine, this puts quite a burden on our ability to procure supplies for the children's village. Fortunately Highway 3 is a major trucking route in Baja, and the Mexican government has placed a high priority on its repair.

Second; The Adventist school COVATRI in Valle that our children have been attending was closed due to property damage from the flooding. The large concrete and iron gate to the school grounds was washed away in the floods. Consequently both our children



Highway damage

and the children from Valle were unable to attend school for a period of time. Please keep El Oasis in your prayers as well as COVATRI.

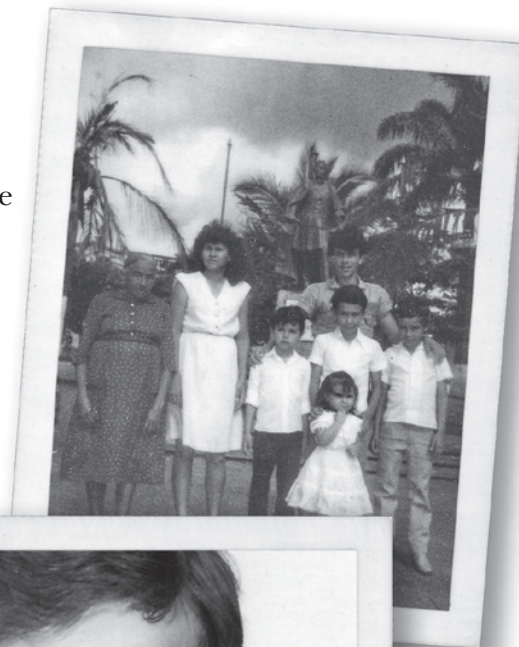
# A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

When the situation in Colombia made it necessary to close our receiving center, Ken and I felt we should still sponsor some children there who had lost their parents but had a grandmother or someone who could care for them with some financial help. Ken took this project on, and it required visits to Colombia to visit the children, supervise the funds that ICC sent, and supervise Rosibel Garcia, who would act as the local director of the program. One of these families that we were helping was the Torra family.

The parents of this family found themselves unable to support their six children, Cesar, Myriam, Raul, Jairo, David and Sandra. The father went to Venezuela, thinking he could find work, leaving the mother to find a way to feed and care for her children as well as the grandmother. The older children were attending the Adventist school, but Elvira, the mother, was finding it impossible to keep them there.

Then one tragic day she went by bus to her work, but when she stepped out of the bus at her stop, the driver started up before she was completely out, and she was killed, leaving her family devastated and with no support. The children found themselves to be orphans since their father had never returned. Grandma, who was 75 years old and frail, took in washings as she could to try to keep food on the table. Cesar and Myriam took on the role of parents instead of going to school. Raul and Jairo tried to sell vegetables in the market to earn what they could. Myriam, now as mother of the family, tried to give each child a responsibility. They barely existed.



[Jairo at ten years old](#)



[Jairo with his wife](#)

A year or two later they heard that a pastor from the US wanted to visit them. After the service at the church that Sabbath, the pastor came. In a letter I received recently from Miriam and Jairo, they said, "That day when the pastor came was the day that changed our lives. He not only brought us love and comfort but made arrangements for us to go back to school. This was the day we saw the face of Pastor Kenneth Fleck for the first time. We knew that day that we now had someone to be a father figure in our lives, who not only gave us financial but emotional support. We went to school and studied hard because we now had someone who believed in us. We were proud to say that we had a 'Padrino' (sponsor) in the United States. We waited every year for the visit of

Papi Fleck who would bring us treats or clothing, and we now had someone who cared about us. Now we can see the difference that ICC has made in our family. There are two pastors, a nurse, an administrator, and a future engineer.”

Cesar and Raul are Adventist pastors and recently received special honors at a large gathering of leaders, especially in the field of religious liberty. Myriam and Jairo are employed by ICC. Jairo is the business manager of our Salvador Children’s Village and Myriam is our nurse at The Pines in Guatemala.

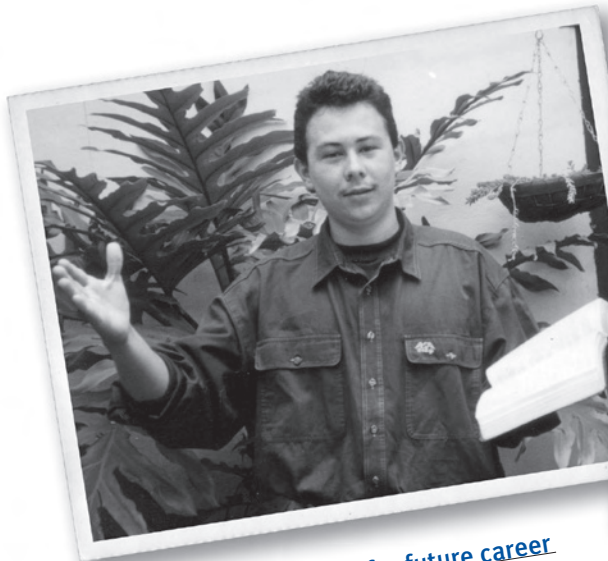
I remember when Ken would come back from his visit to Colombia each year. He really had all those children in Colombia on his heart. ICC is showing children around the world that God is the Father of the fatherless. It is with His blessing that we can continue to make a difference in the lives of hundreds of children. You, our ICC family, are the ones with hearts of love who have helped us through the years, and whom we are still counting on to rescue and care for God’s children down here on earth.



Cesar, Rosibel, and Raul

With my love and prayers,

*Aleyon*



Raul in 1995 practicing for future career



Pastor Fleck with the Torra family