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What do sponsorships actually do?

This is a great question, and it is one that we are thrilled to answer here at ICC. When you realize that it only costs an average of about \$300 per child, per month to have a full life at one of our ICC projects, I stand amazed at how low that figure really is. I have two sons of my own, and I know that the cost is way more than double that amount just to give them a Christian education! How ICC is able to feed, clothe, educate, provide medical care and fully support a child for this small amount of money each month is nothing other than a miracle in my eyes. Those of you who currently sponsor a child know of the amazing need that we have to just try to come up with that \$300 per month to take care of a child, and you also know of the enormous blessings it is to the child to be able to live in an ICC village.

All of your sponsorship money is spent providing that life in a children's village with the basic needs that exist. As I mentioned above; food, clothing, education, medical care, and the list goes on. All of these things are provided through sponsorship to the children. Without sponsors,

who knows what would happen to our children.

ICC operates what we term as a "Share Sponsorship Program" whereas caring people can share in sponsoring a child for the minimum donation of \$30 per



month. Wow, that is less than the cost of one tank of gas in your car! What an amazing thing it truly is to help to take care of a child for a whole month for that amount. I know that my wife and I are more than happy to give up a tank of gas or a meal out each month in order to provide something as life-saving as sponsorship is. What an amazing difference this makes in the life of a child!

ICC is currently looking for even more caring people who will be willing to commit \$30 per month, or more, to save the life of a child, and to provide hope for their future. Our children

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PLEASE SPONSOR ME!

My name is Isabel

I need a sponsor. I am 15 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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need more people who are willing take this on. Many of you already do this, and the children are so thankful for your generosity. Thank you for what you consistently do for them.

ICC needs your help to find more sponsors. Perhaps you are one of these people that we are looking for. We are including a coupon that can be filled out by those of you who are willing to take this desperate need to heart, and become a family to an orphaned or abandoned child who needs you so much. Please fill out the coupon and send it in to our ICC office right away. Be a part of saving the life of a child in need. I shudder to think of where these precious children would be if there were no caring sponsors to provide for their lives. Where would they be, or worse yet, would they be?

God bless you for caring enough to answer "His call."

Doug Congleton

Behind The Binary Curve

A number of the desktop computers we use here at ICC HQ in our daily work are well behind the modern technology curve. They just don't have the processing power or storage capacity needed to effectively and efficiently handle the duties to which they've been assigned. These PC's were adequate six or seven years ago but no longer.

We would deeply appreciate your help in acquiring (or even the parts for) at least three new, or 'newer, mildly used,' computers for ICC HQ. Should you choose to help out these are the specifications we would really like to have in each of these computers.

First, processors with a minimum clock speed of two gigahertz; preferably faster dual-core processors. Second, a minimum of one gigabyte of RAM. Third, hard drive storage capacity of at least one hundred and twenty gigabytes. Fourth, a CD-DVD RW optical drive would be very nice. Fifth, a network card capable of handling a full-duplex gigabyte ethernet connection.

We are willing to accept either funds and/or direct donations of hardware that meet the specs. This is a very important need for ICC. Our older computers do affect our ability to efficiently carry out our daily duties in serving "His Kids." Please consider what you can do to help us with this urgent need. If you would like to help, please mark your donation "Computers," and send your check to: PO Box 820610, Vancouver, WA. 98682-0013. If you have a computer to donate, please call ICC HQ at (800) 422-7729.



You Can't Fish With That!

As was recently discovered at our Patmos Children's Village in the DR Congo, mosquito nets make lousy fishing nets. Yes, a few of the children attempted to catch fish with the mosquito netting that protects them while they are sleeping. Needless to say the netting did not fare well and no fish were caught.

The netting is used to protect the children from mosquitoes infesting them with malaria. Besides this, all the nets are at the end of their effective life. The problem is that we have no replacements for the netting that

was ruined. Consequently we have had an outbreak of malaria among the children at our Patmos Children's Village.

We need your help in purchasing more mosquito nets so as to prevent further infestations by the malaria-carrying mosquitoes. A concerned donor has already contributed to this project. An additional sum of \$600 will help to satisfy the current need. Please contact us here at ICC HQ if you can help! Call us at 800.422.7729 or write us at: PO Box 820610, Vancouver, WA. 98682-0013.

A Personal Note

Dear ICC family,

Sharon and I recently visited our El Oasis Children's Village in Baja California, Mexico. We had the privilege of visiting with the children in their homes and with the families. One evening we visited for a while with one of our couples who are Mom and Dad for a group of our children. We were thrilled as we heard their story and how God has directed in their life.

Chuy and Veronica had a comfortable life. He was working in construction, and she had a small store where she sold groceries and household items to people in the community from her home. But Veronica said, "There was something missing in my life. I wanted to do something for the Lord - a ministry. People told me I was ministering to the community with my store, but I wanted to be more involved in winning souls. I thought we should be out doing Bible studies or something like that."

Chuy told me, "We actually lost a lot of money with that store, but I believe it was what God wanted us to do. We gave many people credit so they could buy the things they desperately needed, and most of them were not able to pay us everything they owed us."

He continued, "One time we went to the Adventist youth camp for some meetings, and from that day I thought that would be the ideal job - to be the caretaker for the camp. It was beautiful there, and I longed to be able to live and work in that place."

About a year later, Chuy was contacted by the conference and asked if he would be willing to substitute as the camp caretaker for a month while the caretaker was on vacation. He jumped at the chance, and they both really enjoyed their time there. Later he learned that the caretaker was about to retire, and he was given the opportunity to apply for the job.

The day finally came when he was offered his "dream job" as the youth camp caretaker. It was such a beautiful place, and he believed this is what God wanted them to do. But that same day he was contacted by his pastor who told him, "My father is the administrator of a children's village in Baja California, and they are looking for a couple to be house parents. Would you be interested?"

Although Veronica liked the idea of living at the youth camp, something stirred inside her when she heard about the opportunity to be house parents for orphan children. So Chuy and Veronica began to pray that God would help them decide and would lead them to make the right choice.

One day Chuy said, "I think we should pack up and go." Veronica thought he was talking about going to the camp - his dream job. But her heart jumped when he continued, "Are you willing to be a mother to 12 orphan children?"



[Chuy & Veronica with the children](#)

"Oh yes I am!" she exclaimed. "I really feel that God wants us to minister to children."

Chuy and Veronica have been house parents for the ICC El Oasis Children's Village now for over three years, and as they sat and talked with us about "their" children, we could feel the warmth of their love and the sincerity of their mission. "We know that we are missionaries here," Veronica said. "God has given us a real ministry. I know that our real reward will be to gather these kids around us when we all meet in God's kingdom some day."

Chuy reflected for a moment and then said, "One day, a few years before we came here, I was standing in front of an orphanage waiting for a bus. Suddenly I saw a small child about two years old toddling out toward the busy highway. I ran over and picked him up before he could get run over. I took him into the orphanage. No one seemed concerned about him. No one had missed him. The one man who was looking after all the kids mostly seemed annoyed when I told him where I found the little boy.



"Right then I felt something stirring in my heart. I whispered a prayer to God that if He would allow me to have money someday, I would like to be able to help to support an orphanage to give better care for children. Little did I imagine the future God had planned for us! I don't have much money, but look at the beautiful children that God has trusted into our hands to give them love and a family!"

It is families like this that make a real difference in the lives of children who have lost their own families. ICC is all about providing families and sponsoring families. Thank you so much for your part in helping these children who have lost everything. Now you have helped them to find a new family and, even more importantly, to find that they can be part of the family of God.

In His service,

Nick Fleck



[At play in the yard](#)