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CIRCLE OF HOPE ON THE ROAD

ICC has been having what we call a "Circle of Hope Event" for the past few years. These amazing events have always been in the Vancouver area for those that can attend, and they have been close to our office. We have had so many folks in attendance comment on what a blessing it was for them, and it got me to thinking; "Why don't we put this event on the road so that many more people can be a part of this special happening!"

Well, I am announcing right here in this issue of "Que Pasa" for the first time that ICC is going to start a "Circle of Hope on the Road." This is a wonderful event that is a fundraiser for the children, but it is far more than that. It is a rare opportunity for you to hear, see and feel what the latest happenings are at ICC and in the lives of the children in our care. And best of all, it can come to a location near you!

Joel Reyes was our administrator of the El Salvador Children's

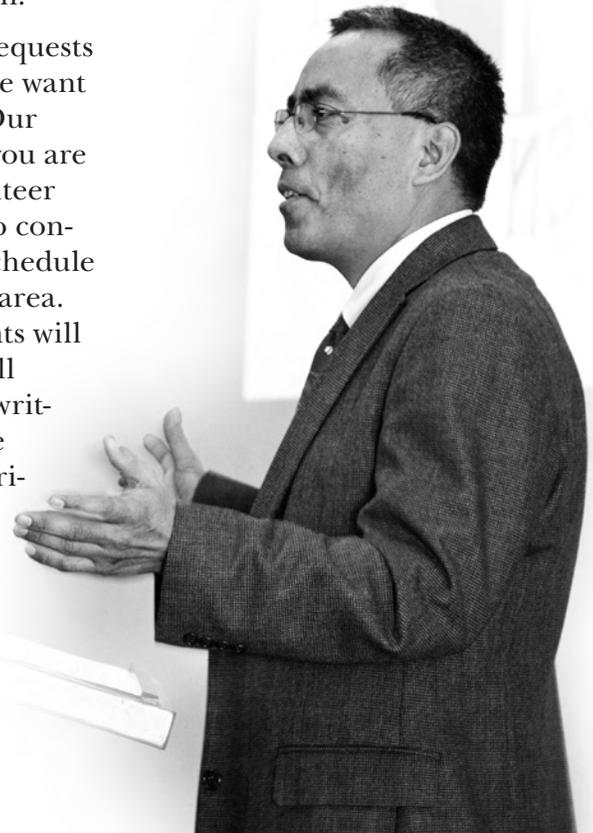
Village for the past four years, and he is now coming to ICC as our director of P.R., and he will be the guest speaker for these special events. Joel shared in doing this event with us this past November, and I am confident that you will really enjoy his presentation.

As of today, I am taking requests for locations where people want this event to take place. Our calendar is limited, so if you are willing to do a little volunteer legwork, then you need to contact me to see if we can schedule this special event in your area. My plan is that these events will start in September, and all dates are open as of this writing. So, please contact me ASAP if you want to experience the children of ICC in a very meaningful way. You can make a huge difference for the children of ICC as well as receive a huge blessing by sharing in God's ministry for His kids!

You can contact me by phone or mail right here at the ICC office in Vancouver.

God bless!

Doug Congleton



Joel Reyes at "Circle of Hope"

Become a Family Member!

From the beginning of this wonderful ministry, ICC created individual child sponsorships as a way to provide financially for the personal needs of the children in our care. These child sponsorships have proven to be a wonderful experience for both the sponsor and the child that they so lovingly support. The personal relationship that exists between many of them is an amazing blessing for both. ICC is so thankful for all of the children's sponsors who care enough to make a tremendous difference in this way.

As we have gone through the years, we have come to find that there are many other expenses that are incurred in our project families that the child sponsorship dollars don't cover. We have the salaries of the "moms and dads," the fuel to cook the families food, the electricity to power the home, the gasoline to take a sick child to the doctors; you can imagine all of the "extra" costs that come into play for a family the size of the ones that ICC has in our homes.

Well, we are announcing a new sponsorship program where you can sponsor a family in their home! We have discussed this with some of our staff in the projects and they are excited about it. ICC has now finished the implementation of "Family Sponsorships." This is in addi-

tion to our current sponsorship program that is still so vitally needed for our children. A Family Sponsorship is a program where you can provide the financial support to project families and their homes. We are starting these sponsorships at \$30 per month, or any amount above that per month, until that home's expenses are met. Your money will provide for the daily needs of that home and the family that lives in it. Many of our donors have said that they would like to sponsor a child, but they don't feel they have the ability or time to write to the child. Well, with Family Sponsorships, you won't have that concern.

Our ICC families would love to welcome you in as a member of their home. This is something that anyone can do. When you sign up as a Family Sponsor, you will receive a nice packet of information explaining how this works, including a photo and an

introduction to the family you will help to sponsor. Then twice a year you will receive an update of some kind about your family. This might be a progress report on one or two children in the home, a letter from a child or from the family, or maybe a home-made card from the family to you. You can feel free to send letters to the family if you choose to do so.

This can be such a blessing for both sides of this need, just as our child sponsorship program is. You too can really make a tremendous difference here with this program by providing those "extra needs" that exist also in all of our ICC homes. An amazing blessing is waiting for you if you decide that you would like to participate in this special project of love!

If you would like to become part of a new family, please contact our sponsorship department here at ICC or, after June 1, you can go to our ICC website and click on "Family Sponsorship," and take care of it that way. It will only take a few moments of your time and you will have a whole new family to love!



A Personal Note

From Railway Platform to Graduation Platform

The railway station was full of life that day in India. People were hurrying to catch trains. Some were caught in the embrace of a loved one. Still others slowly moved away from the tracks towards destinations unknown, perhaps even for them.

Mr. Raj also made his way across the train platform determined to make it through the mass of people. Suddenly, from within the crowd something caught his eye. What was that small boy doing? The child had a look in his eyes that was more mature than his years.

Being a teacher of children at the Flaiz Adventist School and possessing a compassionate heart, Mr. Raj motioned to the boy. Soon he was by his side, and Mr. Raj knelt low to speak with him.

“Hello. What is your name?” asked Mr. Raj.

Shyly the boy replied, “My name is Timothy.”

“What are you doing here in the station all by yourself?” Mr. Raj inquired.

“I stay here. I have nowhere else to go. I work cleaning the trains, and people sometimes give me some money. I sometimes find food to eat that people have left.”

Soon the story began to fit together like a puzzle, but with some missing pieces because Timothy didn't know the names of his parents, his family name or the name of his village. The train station had become his home, and he had lived this life longer than he could remember.

Mr. Raj knew that ICC's Sweet Home Village was set up to care for children like Timothy. He also knew that the director, Lilly Kaligithi would find it in her heart to take Timothy and mother him as her own child.

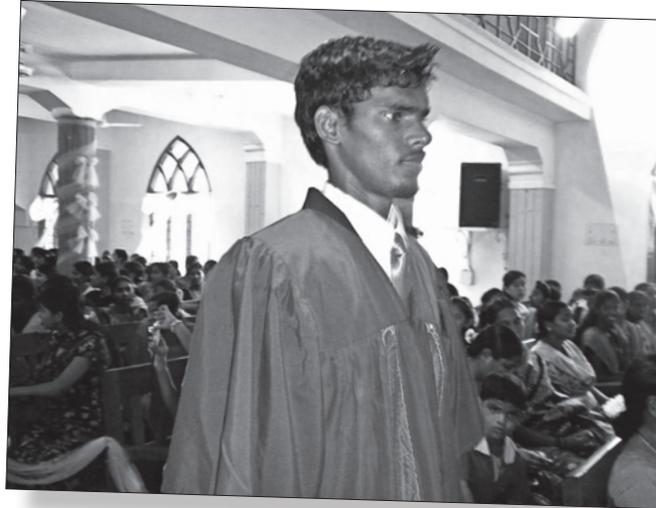
“Would you like to live in a real home, Timothy?” asked Mr. Raj.

Timothy enthusiastically nodded, his unbelieving eyes wide with surprise. And soon they were making their way to the Sweet Home Children's Village.

Timothy's encounter with Mr. Raj that day had nothing to do with chance. It was a divine appointment. Over the years, Timothy has grown and developed into a fine young man under the watchful care of Lilly and the staff at the children's village. He has thrived within a loving home environment and has done well in his studies at the Flaiz Adventist School where Mr. Raj served as president. Timothy is another example of the positive impact ICC continues to have on children around the world.

When Sharon and I have visited the Sweet Home Children's Village over the years, we have been impressed with this slender, tall, shy boy, who is now a young man, and I've enjoyed talking with him and listening to him tell me about his dreams for the future.

Recently, Timothy had the privilege of standing on a far different platform. This time, it was a graduation platform. Instead of begging for people's sympathy, he had earned their respect and had been selected by his peers as class president. We are very proud of Timothy, and we know God has a plan for him!



Timothy at graduation

Here is an excerpt from the speech he gave during the graduation exercises.

Respected Guests of Honor,

It's my great privilege to stand here on behalf of the graduating class of 2010 to thank you for joining with us in this graduation program...

Today I am standing here all because of God and my benefactor our president, Mr. T. Christian Raj. If he had not brought me, I would not be standing before you. Even though I don't have a father and mother, he considered me as his own son. I cannot forget what he has done for me.

I am very thankful for my mom, Mrs. Lilly F. Kaligithi, my dearest mother, for the way she led me and my brothers and sisters in Sweet Home. She led us in the fear of God. We cannot forget what my mom has done for us. It's not an easy task for anyone to take care of children as their own children. All the parents know how much they have to struggle for their children to come up in their lives. Because I stayed with my mother more than 12 years, I know how much she has struggled for us. On behalf of my family of Sweet Home, I want to thank my mom Mrs. Lilly Kaligithi for showing such great love and care towards us. I take this opportunity on my graduation day to thank my mom from the bottom of my heart....

For those of you who continue to support the work of ICC, this testimony is for you as well. The ministry of ICC is a shared partnership in preparing orphaned and destitute children for a place of service in this world and ultimately a home in Heaven. Thank-you for your ongoing prayer and financial support that continue to provide homes, families and opportunities for children like Timothy.

We urgently need more sponsors and donors right now. This is a very difficult economic time for individuals and organizations. If you can help us find others who have a heart for children like you do, we will be happy to send them information about this ministry that God set up to help children around the world.



ICC graduating students from India

In His service,

Rich Fleck