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\$200,000 MATCHING GIFT TO LAUNCH "ALCYON'S ANGEL FUND"

We have an exciting surprise to share. One of our children's strongest supporters has a passion for ensuring that the children's needs are met on a monthly basis. She understands that sometimes ICC experiences "lean" months when funding is not adequate for the needs of the children. Because of her commitment to the children of ICC, she will donate up to \$200,000 as part of a matching gift program that will provide for the direct care of ICC children! We have consulted with her and are launching "Alcyon's Angel Fund" which will help us facilitate the matching gift program.

This fund is named after ICC's founder, Alcyon Fleck, who is known for her passion and expertise in caring for orphaned children and for the fact that, in all the years of working with ICC, she and her husband served as volunteers. As the name conveys, the Angel Fund provides for the care and guardianship of ICC children.



We believe that this is a real Godsend and miracle for ICC at a time when the world is experiencing so many financial problems that have also affected this ministry for children. When

there is an emergency need, Alcyon's Angel Fund will now be available to provide for the children.

Alcyon Fleck believes so strongly in this initiative that she is personally giving a sizeable donation. That donation will now be doubled. What a blessing this is going to be for the children of ICC! If you would like to join Alcyon in supporting this fund, please mark your donation accordingly. We will keep you informed on the progress of this fund.

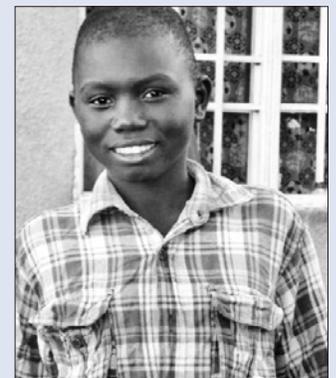
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BAJA 1000 RACE

When is the last time you drove your car at 180 miles per hour across the scorching, dusty desert? Every year in the fall, hundreds of hard-core off-road enthusiasts gather in front of tens-of-thousands of fans to see who's the fastest across 1,036 miles of raw, untamed desert between Ensenada and La Paz on Mexico's Baja Peninsula.

For two days prior to the start of the event the race teams gather in Ensenada, Mexico to prepare for the running of the most famous off-road endurance race in North America. Fans are allowed to wander the streets of Ensenada looking at the race vehicles and visiting hundreds of vendor booths set up along the 'street' section of the course.

ICC was able to have a vendor booth at this year's Baja 1000 due to the generosity of Malcolm and Joyce Smith and SCORE



International. Malcolm and Joyce Smith, through Malcolm Smith Motorsports, have been the premiere suppliers of off-road gear for off-road enthusiasts since 1970. SCORE International is the sanctioning body for the Baja 1000 under the direction of Sal Fish.

Malcolm and Joyce Smith administer the Malcolm Smith Motorsports Foundation which has been a big supporter of ICC's El Oasis Children's Village in Baja, Mexico. The Smith's especially support our educational needs at El Oasis. At the press event for the race teams on

the day before the race, ICC's Doug Congleton presented a plaque to Sal Fish, director of SCORE International, in honor of his efforts on behalf of ICC and El Oasis.

Our vendor booth at the Baja 1000 sold items generously donated by Malcolm Smith Motorsports. The proceeds from the sales supported our educational needs at El Oasis. SCORE International donated the space for the booth. The booth was manned by Doug Congleton, ICC's executive director and Daniel Ixcot, ICC's development director in Mexico.

Van Donated To ICC Netherlands

De Mijl Vastgoed BV is a Dutch company that has supported IKN (ICC Netherlands) for many years. In particular they support our home building projects in Nicaragua and the D.R. Congo. They have also provided IKN with 2,153 square feet of warehouse space at no cost.

Their latest gift to IKN is a new van. IKN really needed this new van because our original van had become old and worn. With this new van IKN can pick up

clothes, toys, food and building materials which will be sent to the ICC Children villages.

IKN deeply appreciates the wonderful support given to IKN by De Mijl Vastgoed BV.



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A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

“Did you know there are some abandoned children at the jail here in Alajuela?” a friend told me one day. She knew that I had a special interest in orphaned and abandoned children. I had visited the large government orphanage in nearby San Jose, but I had never heard of keeping children at a jail.

It wasn't far to the jail from the Adventist University in Costa Rica where we lived. Ken was helping to organize a much-needed industry for the students. The next day I found my way to the jail where the children were sitting on some rough benches in a room near the entrance. I couldn't imagine why they would be there so I found the matron of the jail and inquired, “What are those children doing here?”



“Well, I've been told that they were found alone, sleeping under a tree,” she answered. “I think the social worker is trying to find out who they belong to before putting them in the orphanage in San Jose.”

I wondered what facilities for children they would have in a jail. They looked so frightened and dejected, just sitting there together. “Could I speak to the social worker?” I asked.

“I'll see if she is available,” she answered, and soon another younger woman came. “Can I help you?” She asked.

“I'm interested in knowing about these children. Why are they here?”

She verified the other woman's story, but wondered who I was. Seeing that I was an American, why was I interested?

“Well, I am a pastor's wife and have a special interest in abandoned children. I have been able to help some homeless children.”

She became interested and told me that she would appreciate any help I could give. “First of all we have to see if we can locate their mother or a relative. However, they have been here a few days, and we haven't found any clue as to who they are.”

“I'll come back in a day or two,” I told her.

I told Ken about the children, and, knowing me, he knew I would follow up on what happened to them. That night I couldn't get to sleep thinking about them. Where would they sleep and what would they get to eat? Jails don't provide the right food for little children.

The next morning I went back and asked to talk to the social worker again. “Would you let me take them to my house for the day?” I asked her.

“I think that would be great for them. There is nothing for them to do here or any place for them to play. I'll ask them if they want to go.” The oldest boy was eight, the next a girl, seven, another girl, five, and a little boy three.

To see the smiles on their faces and their eyes lighting up, there was no question of what they wanted to do. Coming into our house, I let them feel free in our living room while I went to the kitchen to make a meal for them. I wished I had some toys but I didn't. The oldest of the group, Luis, told me he

had been to school and could read. The only book I had in Spanish was Steps to Christ, so I gave it to him and he immediately sat down to read it. I learned later that He read it over and over.

When dinner was ready I helped wash them up and set them around the table, just like I would any guest. They were awed, I'm sure, but their manners were amazing, considering that they probably were sitting up to a table for the first time. It was obvious that Luis had learned to care for his siblings. It was also obvious that they were really hungry, not only the way they dived into their food but they were thin and pale. I sat at the head of the table with them, and about that time Ken walked in.

"Well! What do we have here?" he asked with a big smile. He wasn't surprised, knowing that he might find an extra child or two at our house any time.

"We have company," I responded and introduced each child to Papi Fleck. I put another plate at the end of the table, and from then on Ken took over making them feel very welcome. When they had eaten all they could hold, Ken spent the rest of the day playing with them. I heard a lot of excitement in the living room. At one point Ken was at the piano playing a lively march and the children were marching around the room, having a ball.

We hated to take them back to the jail, but we let them know we would see them again.

Next month I'll share the rest of the story and how it continues today. There's even a part you can play. Until then, please know that we continue to count on your prayers and financial support. May God bless you for all you do for His children.

With my love,

Aleyou

Cargo of Blessings

Here's an updated list of needs to our Guatemala container that ships this Spring:

- ▶ Money for the cost of purchasing a 40' container (\$3,000.00).
- ▶ Customs and overland shipping charges in Guatemala (\$3,100.00).
- ▶ Items on the "Container Needs List" that you will find on our web site at (<http://www.forhiskids.org/container2011.php>).
- ▶ Your prayers for the success and safety of this latest shipment (This is so important).



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Thank you so much for your generosity.