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“For His Kids”

In May, Sunnyside Adventist Church in Portland, Oregon, presented a special concert. The night was filled with beautiful music, but there was more than just music for your enjoyment. There was also the opportunity to see and here the stories of people that the church had chosen to honor that night, which was truly an inspiration to those in attendance.

One of the honorees was Alcyon Fleck. Alcyon was chosen because they said that they wanted to honor those who had made tremendous differences in our world for others who needed help the most, the children.

The speaker told the story of the terrible earthquake in Guatemala in 1976, and how that disaster killed thousands of people and left hundreds of children without their families. They told of how Alcyon made the decision to answer the call from God to take care of the orphaned children of Guatemala.

As we listened to that special story, it was obvious that those in attendance were moved by this amazing story. As they invited Alcyon to go up front and they presented her with a beautiful



Founder of ICC Alcyon Fleck

bouquet of flowers, you couldn't help but feel what Alcyon must have felt, even in a small way, as she spoke about those special children. Alcyon's love for the children of ICC was obvious to all in attendance that night.

After they told the story, the orchestra played a song as a short slide show of the children of ICC was presented. The slides were amazing and the music was so appropriate to what we

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were witnessing. As I watched that scene take place, I couldn't help but think of the lives of the thousands of other orphaned children in this world that need the help of ICC. Those kids deserve to have that same hope for their young lives as well.

As we witnessed what one committed lady has done with her passion for His children, it made me think of how all of us together can make huge differences for so many more lives by helping ICC continue to do the work that Alcyon started.

I know that all of the staff at ICC have committed their lives to save the orphaned children of our world because of the example that Alcyon has given to us. Won't you please stand with us to save those lives for today, and for eternity?

Doug Congleton



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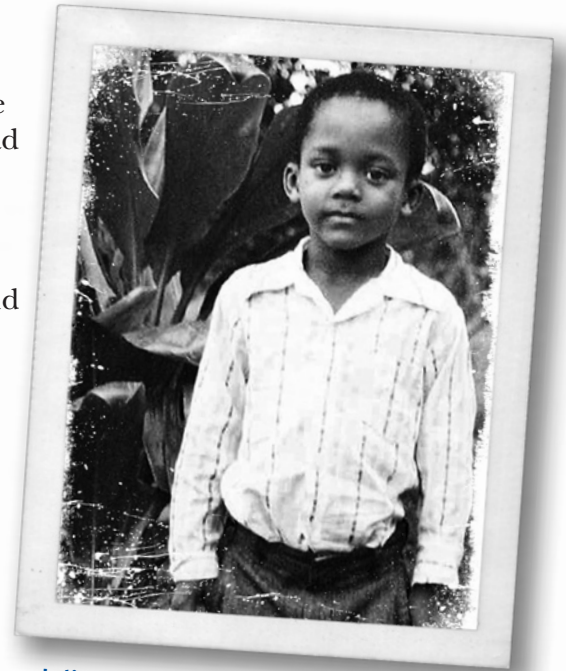
By Mr. & Mrs. Ed MacKenzie

“THE GIFT GOES ON”

Tears flowed freely down Julio’s face as he replayed recent events in his life. Questions flooded his mind. “Why did mama have to die? Where have they taken my brother and sister? Will my head and body ever stop aching? What will happen to Papa and me?”

Julio had tried to be brave when he found out Mama was sick. He was use to illness. His papa had been an invalid for a long time, and Julio had done as much for him as an eight your old boy could do. Mama had to be the strong one in the family. She had kept the five of them together until she had taken ill and the doctors couldn’t do anything to help her. Now she was gone, and Julio’s older sister and brother had been taken away to live somewhere else. To make matters worse, Julio’s head hurt from high fevers. At times, convulsions gripped his little body. Would he ever get well?

In time, Julio did get well and his life took a decided turn for the better. After his fever subsided and he was fully recovered, authorities from the government decided it was in Julio’s best interest to re-unite him with his sister and brother who were then living at ICC’s Las Palmas children’s village. How happy Julio was to be with his siblings! Though he missed his father, he soon adjusted to his new family that included a mama and papa and many other children that were now his brothers and sisters, too.



Julio at age two



Julio in his younger years

The Las Palmas children’s village is specially designed to care for children like Julio. House parents receive training on how to nurture children who have experienced family traumas. The children’s village school accommodates children who have fallen behind in their studies or who have never attended school. The village church and spiritual life are instrumental in helping the children learn about the God in Heaven who loves them very much.

Julio enjoyed his “growing-up years” at Las Palmas and eventually graduated from the school on the campus. In December of 2010, he completed a degree in accounting from the Adventist University that is located nearby.

Soon after his graduation, Julio shared a personal testimony. Here is an excerpt of what he wrote:

“I came to the children’s village when I was only 8 years old. The mission of this institution was truly fulfilled in my life. I received an integral upbringing that

IN THE LIFE OF JULIO

has allowed me to have a very different life. I obtained basic and intermediate education right on the Las Palmas campus. Then I attended the Dominican Adventist University to study accounting.

I feel very satisfied to have finished my studies. This has made my life very different. If I had not had the opportunity that ICC gave to me, things would be very different in my life today.

Now I have very clear objectives and goals in my life. I am thinking seriously of continuing my professional preparation, studying for a post-graduate degree this year so that I can get a masters degree to have the competencies necessary to continue having better opportunities. Another of my goals is to get married and form my own family. When I have my own children, I hope to train them in the same principles that I learned at the Las Palmas Children's Village...

I am very grateful to ICC for being there in my life to help me, and not only me but also so many others who need it...

Believe in what you are doing every day because only in Heaven will you see the real and complete results of your great work.

To all my sponsors that in some way gave a part of their lives so that today I could have a different life, thanks very much. If at some moment you need my services, I will always be available to you."

The lives of young people like Julio are being transformed by your support and prayers. They in turn are passing on the gift. Julio recognizes this for he also wrote, "Everyone who feels the call to help a child should do it because one day they will be adults who have good results and will continue to plant the same seeds that they were given when they needed your help."

May God bless you for your support of "His Kids."

Rich Fleck



[Julio at graduation with co-graduate and ICC family member Fatima](#)