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Small change = **BIG CHANGE!**

Recently, I attended a small Adventist Church in Washington State. As I sat in the pew, the person in the front of the church announced that they would be taking up the offering, which was followed by

the offering plate being passed around the church. Now, this was all normal and I did not think a thing of it until the person next to me handed me a small wicker basket to pass along as well. At this point, a lady behind me leaned forward and told me that the basket was for their "orphan offering." Now, my wife and I thought that was a tremendous thing to do, so we added our donation to the basket and passed it along.

I sat there wondering more about that "orphan offering." When church was over, we stayed for their potluck and as we stood in line, I asked a lady close to me how they spent that "orphan offering." She told me that all of the offering went to ICC and that they have done this for numerous years. She told me how they sponsored two ICC kids, and also how the offerings almost always ended up the month consisting of more than what was needed for their church/child sponsorships. She



went on to tell me that "we always just send all the money into ICC and the money beyond our sponsorships just goes to where it is most needed."

I have to tell you that my heart was touched by this small community of church-goers and their commitment to James 1:27 in the Bible. It made me think of the thousands of churches in North America that could be doing the same thing; fulfilling Jesus' statement to us regarding taking care of these precious children until He comes again. Can you imagine how many children could be helped if all of our churches participated in this responsibility left to all of us? Here at ICC we have

You can make a BIG change in a child's life

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A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

“It has been several years since I attended an ASI Convention. This year I attended again as a representative for ICC. ASI is an organization whose mission is “Sharing Christ in the market place.” It is especially for business people and those with a special ministry.

I didn’t want to fly alone and Nita Vining, who has been a longtime friend of ICC, didn’t want to go alone either. Since the convention was to be in Sacramento, California, and not too far to drive, we decided to drive there together. Marilee, a social worker who started our program in Romania, lives in an apartment on my place now, so we drove to Salem where Nita lives, and we all went together. We had a wonderful time together.

I spent some time at the ICC booth in the exhibit hall and was happy to see many of our donors and sponsors. Among them was a young girl, 10 or 12 years old, with her mother. She was adopted through ICC when she was small. “I always look forward to reading the Que Pasa newsletter every month,” she told me. “I like to read the stories about the children, and I like the stories you write.”

It was obvious that she and her mother were close and she seemed happy. It was rewarding to see a child who has found a home and a life because of what ICC has done during the last 33 years for children.

Thousands of children have found homes with us since we started, and right now we are in 16 countries caring for approximately 850 children.

There were many friends of ICC who visited the booth besides others who wanted to know more about what we do.

For the Sabbath morning service, extra chairs had to be set up to accommodate the more than 3,300 people. Elder Wilson, President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was the speaker, and it was an unforgettable message, reminding us that we are nearing the end of this world and that there is a tremendous need to help people who are suffering the results of sin and to give them hope of a better world.

There is always an offering taken at that service. It will provide resources for many ministries who are helping people around the world. When the amount of the offering was announced, it was amazing. The amount was just over two million dollars!

Even though ICC is not sharing in this offering this time, ICC has been a member of ASI for 33 years, and occasionally has been the recipient of a grant from ASI. And as Elder Wilson said, we at ICC are working together with the church to spread the good news of Jesus’ soon return, and we are doing it especially with children around the world.

I was reminded of this a few weeks ago. Flor, one of the girls that grew up at our children’s village in Guatemala, was visiting friends in this area. A friend brought her to visit me. She had attended the Adventist University in Costa Rica and now has her degree in business, and she is working in an office in Costa Rica. I was describing our village plan to her friend when Flor told us, “I remember when I first arrived at the village as a little girl. It was the next morning that one of the little boys in our home excitedly told me, ‘Did you know that Jesus is going to come and take us to Heaven soon?’” She went on to say, “I’ll never forget that day when I first heard about Jesus!”

I thought to myself, “That really is what ICC is here for!” Thank you for your part in helping these children to find safety and security here on this world and especially a hope for a better world to come.

With my love and prayers,


Alcyon

Guatemala Container

It is always such a blessing to our projects when they can receive a container of supplies that they need to continue to provide care to our children. We are collecting funds and products for our next shipment to Guatemala, which will happen in September.

The following is an updated list of the items that we really need for the kids in Guatemala. You can also check on our web site for a list of other items needed as well. The website address for the container is www.forhiskids.org/container2011.php

If there is anything that you can provide on this list, or if you are willing to donate funds in order to make this shipment happen, please send them to our office ASAP. We are gathering everything together right now so we can get this container headed to Los Pinos.

Thank you so much!



Number Needed	Name of Item
32	Umbrellas
1	5 foot ladder
1	8 foot ladder
4	16cf refrigerators
2	CD player
10	8-10 person tents
2	Canopies
100	Blankets
1	Living room furniture (green)
	Coloring books
12	9-volt flashlights

Number Needed	Name of Item
8	Blenders
1	Mowing tractor
2	Weed eaters
1	Paper shredder
2	Projectors
1	Rototiller
4	Ceiling fans
	Boys cloths
	School shoes for boys and girls
2	Electric griller
8	Cake mixers



Welcome ICC New Zealand



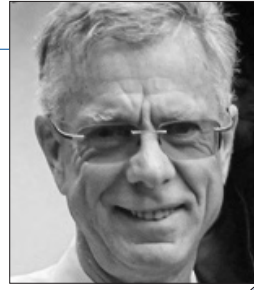
Margaret



Neil



Brent



Paul

It is with pleasure that we welcome ICC New Zealand (ICC NZ) as the latest chapter within the ICC family. ICC NZ is now registered with the New Zealand Charities Commission.

Four trustees have graciously accepted appointments to the new chapter. They are Paul Devine, who has been appointed director; Margaret Saunders who has been appointed Secretary-Treasurer; Pastor Neil Thompson, who is responsible for marketing and Mr. Brent Ennor. ICC NZ has opened a bank account, and Pastor Thompson is working on the marketing material which will soon be ready for distribution. Once this material is prepared, the trustees plan to share the news about ICC NZ around the two Adventist conferences in New Zealand. They tell us that service to others is their motivation.

All four of the trustees have bought into the way ICC operates its orphanages, which they see as a model that offers children the example of how a family was designed to operate. They also strongly believe in the micro-finance programs initiated in various Asia/Pacific countries where ICC has children's villages.

New Zealand is a very small country, with a population of around 4.5 million. Operating a charity within guidelines of the New Zealand government can be a challenge. According to Paul Devine, "For a donor to receive tax deductibility, 50% or more must be spent in New Zealand. As we intend that all our money is to go overseas, minus administration costs, you can see we have a problem. As a result we



Paul says that after ICC NZ has developed a track record over several years, "the system" allows them to approach a member of parliament and ask them to sponsor ICC NZ when new entities are being considered for tax deductibility purposes. If approved then all donations would be tax deductible. This is their medium-term target.

It is a blessing to have ICC New Zealand join the ICC family! We look forward to watching and supporting the development of this chapter.

Thanks for reading!

*Kent Greve
International
Development Director ICC*

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a program we call "One Church-One Child" that we established for just this opportunity. It is a program where a church can sponsor a child from their congregation. Currently we have 100 churches participating in this program. What a difference they make! It only takes pennies per member each month to change the lives of these wonderful kids.

It is so amazing to me how small change = BIG change!

As I sat there and witnessed the devotion of these few people, I again thought of the story of "The widow's mite." That is a story that is truly the story of the children of ICC and how we are able to continue in His work for His kids.

If you or your church would like to receive more information about our "One Church-One Child" program for His kids, please contact Joel Reyes (Joel@forhiskids.org) or myself (Doug@forhiskids.org).

God bless all of you who so faithfully support our children.

*Doug Congleton
ICC's Executive Director*