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LOVE THROUGH YOU = AMAZING DIFFERENCE!

What a wonderful blessing our children's sponsors have been in the lives of the kids! Yes, the money given has kept these children alive, no doubt about that. But even more than that, the interaction and prayers have been tremendous things that have created huge changes in the lives of the children.

Young people who did not have a hope for their future now have one. Children who did not feel the love of anyone, now have that warm glow of hope that love brings into their hearts. This has been placed there because of their sponsors who have loved them enough to financially and personally do something about their plight. Kids who never knew what it was like to even plan on one meal each day now have a dream, a dream for their futures because of these amazing people that allow God to use them each day.

We know that it has not been an easy road for many of our supporters. These past two years have especially taken their toll on some of our children's sponsors,



thus trickling down to the kid's lives. The world's economic situation has forced many to discontinue their sponsorships of the children. This is certainly not something that they desired to do, but they were left with no other choice. There have also been those that just needed to stop for reasons of age and other important reasons.

All of us at ICC want all of those sponsors that exist today, as well as those that have been forced to stop sponsoring children to know that the kids are eternally

grateful to them for all they do and have done. Our children will never forget those who have helped them along their own personal journeys in life, a journey that will hopefully lead them to His kingdom. These things are coming about today because of those who have loved these children enough to do something about it. On many of my visits to our projects, the children often tell me to "please thank all of those who have sponsored me through the years and tell them that I love them." These special moments are always very impactful on my personal life as you can imagine. These are special children of God who came to one of our ICC projects broken and without hope, yet now because of the love of others they are the ones thanking you for all that you have done.

By allowing God to use you, you are now, and forever will be a part of a miracle in the life of a child who has needed one so desperately. What an amazing difference you have all made!

Doug Congleton
ICC's Executive Director

A Personal Note

Summer is a very special time of the year for all of us in the Northwest. It's a time to enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds us. And yes, it is a time to absorb all the vitamin D we can to help us through those long and sunless winter days. For us at ICC, summer is also a very busy time. It's a time to visit with some of our supporters—and look for new ones in their churches, at camp meetings, at conventions and other summer gatherings.

About a year ago I became director of public relations for International Children's Care, and as I shared with you back then through our blog, I am here because I believe with all my heart in the ministry of ICC. I have personally been on the other side, living with the children this ministry serves, and I know what it means to these children. I came to ICC because I wanted to share with everyone what I had seen. I am privileged to count on the unconditional support of my wife and my children. They are also passionate about reaching out to those who suffer in silence while the world passes by, the abandoned and the orphaned. As a family we decided to dedicate our summer to take the plea of His children to as many as we could reach.



School pack for Guatemala

We started our summer experience visiting the Upper Columbia Conference Camp Meeting where we met a lot of ICC supporters in that part of the country, and even though the weather was not very warm, it was good to talk to some of you and connect with other ministries serving the Lord in various capacities. Next, we traveled to Forks, Washington the weekend of July 4th and visited with our good friends, the Cowles. Ivan and Diane set up an information booth every year at the local 4th of July celebration in that town to promote the ministries of ICC and Asian Aid. They invited us this year to come and share in the experience with them. We found that the Cowles are just as passionate about helping destitute children as we are, and we felt blessed to spend some time with them.

The second and third weeks of July were spent with our Oregon Conference family. We were blessed with great weather as we attended both the Spanish and the English camp meetings in Gladstone. The Primary and Junior divisions teamed up with ICC this year and worked very hard throughout the week collecting and packing school supplies to be sent to our children in Guatemala. I had the privilege of speaking to the youngsters every day and telling them stories about our ICC children. It was very encouraging to see

so many children and their families getting excited about helping others. Thank you so much Pastor Shirley Allen and your staff. It was indeed a privilege to work with all of you. I hope we get to do it again.



Pathfinders from Prospect Church N.Y.

The Greater New York Conference has a large concentration of Spanish speaking church members. They also have one of the largest Spanish camp meetings in North America, and we decided to take our booth there this summer. One of the people who encouraged us to make the trip was our ICC son, Hugo Cabrera. Hugo grew up at our ICC children's village in the Dominican Republic. He married a young lady from New York and now lives there. He hasn't forgotten what ICC did for him when he was a helpless little child, and now he

works hard to help other children like him. Hugo and his wife Lorely organized a group of young people from their Pathfinder club who went around camp telling attendees about ICC and personally inviting them to come by our booth. Many of those people became sponsors. Thank you Hugo and Lorely, and your tremendous group of Pathfinders. Thank you for sharing our passion and for helping to keep the flame burning. It was very encouraging to find so many people interested, not only in hearing about the ministry of ICC, but also in getting involved and sharing it with others, people like Eleksia and Magali who wanted to go to their churches and share with their congregations the plea of the children.



Left to right; Benjamin, Ashley, Giana, and Josué

The ASI convention was held in Sacramento, California this year, and as Alcyon shared with you in our last Que Pasa, it was a time to connect with other ministries and visit with supporters we have not seen in a very long time. It was also very good to have Alcyon there as part of the team. It is not very often that we have her at our booth meeting sponsors and other supporters of the ministry. Those of you who know Alcyon realize that there is not a boring moment when she is around. She always has a good mission story to share with anyone willing to listen.



Left to right; Sergio, Abby, Jenny and Joel

From Sacramento we headed to Texas where we took two weeks off to spend with the Reyes side of the family. Texas has always occupied a very special place in our hearts since our three children were born there. We had the privilege of seeing Benjamin, our oldest son, get baptized at the same church where he was dedicated as a baby, and by the same pastor. It was good visiting with old friends and many of our ICC sponsors there. I had the privilege of visiting the Pleasant Grove Spanish Church in Dallas, Texas the third week of August. Pastor Josue Amador was so kind to invite me to speak to his congregation about ICC on Sabbath morning, and in the evening for vespers. This is a very special church for me, since it was here where I started my Christian walk almost 30 years ago. The congregation responded very kindly to our message and we praise the Lord for that.

Now we are back home, the children have returned to school, and Jenny and I are back at our desks. As I look back at our summer, I praise the Lord for making us part of this very special ICC family. I praise Him for my own family, for my wife, for my children and for their support. I praise Him for His protection during our long days and nights on the road. I thank Him for keeping us healthy so we could be effective. Thank you to all of you who opened your doors to us. Thank you to all who took that step of faith and have joined our family of supporters. Thank you on behalf of all the children you are helping us save. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless you as you continue to serve Him.

Joel Reyes

Director of Public Relations

Bring ICC home for Christmas!

The tradition of the Christmas dinner is important to our families and children living at our children's villages. The Christmas meal and the time spent together is anticipated and treasured throughout the year.

The problem is that the expenses for Christmas dinners at our projects are not part of the regular budget. Throughout the year the houseparents and we here at ICC do our best to set aside something extra to help our families pay for these special events, but without your generous support, falling short of the needed funds is a real risk.

So we have created a way that you can help the children have their special Christmas dinner and receive something for your home and family as well.

We have a limited number of these specially-made Christmas ornaments that you can purchase. The proceeds from these ornaments will be used to help with the cost of bringing the children their highly anticipated Christmas dinner.

Each ornament costs \$10.00 which includes shipping. Our ICC logo is silkscreened onto each ornament and the first one hundred ornaments will be individually signed and dated by Alcyon Fleck. Again, only the first one hundred ornaments will be signed by Alcyon.

Purchasing these ornaments is one of the best ways to put a Christmas smile on the faces of



our children. Please call ICC today at 800.422.7729 or send a check to: P.O. Box 820610, Vancouver, WA, 98682; marked "Christmas Dinner Ornament" to order your very special Christmas ornament to help our kids have an unforgettable Christmas dinner. Thanks so much for all you do for "His Kids!"

DOUBLE YOUR DONATIONS

How would you like to double your donations to ICC? For a limited time you can do just that. ICC has received a matching grant that will double your contribution. Any current donation you make to Alcyon's Angel Fund will be matched dollar for dollar until the funds in the matching grant have all been assigned.

Remember, this special fund is set up to provide for the children's budgets during those lean months of the year.

This is your chance to help our kids by making your donation

doubly effective. Donate to Alcyon's Angel Fund today and watch your donation double its power to save and change lives.

If you choose to double your donations, please write 'Alcyon's Angel Fund' on the your check's memo line and mail your donation to; P. O. Box 820610, Vancouver, WA, 98682-0013.

You can always call ICC at (800) 422-7729 and make a credit card donation over the phone. Be sure to let our staff know your donation is for 'Alcyon's Angel Fund.'

Thanks so much for all you do to truly change and save the lives of "His Kids." Our ministry is only possible with your generous, loving support.

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