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MERRY CHRISTMAS

And Thank You from the children

Your ICC children have drawn pictures that they hope will help you know how much they value you and the care that you are providing to them.

The children know that you are the ones that are giving them the opportunity to not only have a chance in this life, but to have life itself. Each one of the ICC kids wants to express their love and appreciation to you this Christmas for all that you continue to do for them on a daily basis. They know that without you, there would be no chance, no hope or even a life for them. There would be no Christmas to celebrate the

birth of Jesus. On behalf of all of the children of ICC, **thank you** for all you do throughout the year on their behalf.

PLEASE remember that more than 20% of the income for the children's care throughout the year comes in the month of December. This means that December is a HUGE month for donations needed to provide life-giving care to the children. The kids have faith that you will remember them as you send out your final tax-deductible

donations for this year. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus this month, let us not forget to also celebrate the blessed opportunity that each one of us has to share with these special children of God who need our help more than ever.

Thank you for reaching out your hand of help to the orphaned and abandoned children of this world that Jesus left in our care. Please know that their little hands are reaching out to you this Christmas as well.

*Merry Christmas,
Your ICC Staff*



Thank you for teaching me to pray



Thank you for holding my hand when I needed it the most



The joy of having a home

NEED AN IDEA FOR GIFT GIVING



All of us at ICC are excited to announce that we have an online Gift Catalog that will enable you to make purchases for your favorite ICC Project or family in our ICC world! Here are two suggestions for using this gift catalog:

- Give a gift from you to a specific ICC project or special family need.
- Give a gift in honor of someone you care about.

Go to our website (www.forhiskids.org) and “click” on the icon that says “Online Gift Catalog.”

Please take advantage of this special opportunity to bless the children of ICC when giving gifts this holiday season.

Custom Gift Cards From ICC

A young lady and high-school student who works here at ICC HQ is also a very talented artist. She has kindly consented to create—especially for ICC—five drawings of our children that we have made into sets of gift cards and note cards.

Each individual card will have one of the five drawings printed on its face. For your donation of a *minimum of \$20, you will receive a set of ten “special occasion” gift cards. A set of ten note cards would be a *minimum donation of \$15. The interior of all cards will be blank so that you may write the personal message of your choosing.

To order your cards contact Jenny Reyes at ICC by emailing her at jenny@forhiskids.org, or by calling (800) 422-7729, or online at <https://www.forhiskids.org/donation.php>. Be sure to type either “Gift Cards 2012” or “Note Cards 2012” in the description field when ordering online.

Thanks for all you do for “His Kids.”

** Receipts for your donation will be based upon IRS stipulations.*



A Personal Note



*“Joy to the world the Lord is come, let earth receive her
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and*

Oh that our world had been better prepared to welcome the Christ-child! Yet, sadly, because of His lowly birth status and the poverty that surrounded Him, very few gave Him much attention. To them He was just another baby – born in a cattle stall at that.

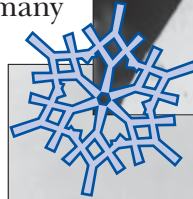
However, for many of ICC’s children the manner of Christ’s birth and the way in which He was received is comforting. They have experienced separation from a father or mother. Many have had to endure rejection, ridicule, and often times, neglect and abuse. For children who struggle to survive such treatment, there is no joy in the world for which to sing!

This was the situation for six-year-old Glendy, along with her one sister and five brothers. Their father had left the family and was now married to someone else. The children’s mother worked very hard during the day and sometimes even at night. Her health was not good, and most of the time the children were abandoned. Eight days before the children were found, their mother had left them under the care of another girl who eventually left them alone. When found, Glendy’s nine-year-old brother, Victor, was trying to care for his brothers and sisters, the youngest of which were 11-month-old twin boys.

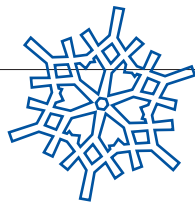
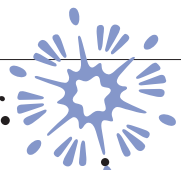
As precarious as this situation was for these children, God was watching over them. And just as He carefully prepared a safe place for His Son to live and grow while on this earth, He established the ministry of ICC to prepare room for this family of children within the Los Pinos Children’s Village in Guatemala. This became their new home, and the children became a part of our world-wide family.

Glendy adapted to her new home and family and developed a special bond with her house mother who taught her many things such as washing clothes and making tortillas. One day her mother asked Glendy and her little sister to prepare the tortillas for the family. Evidently this task was quite tedious to these little girls, and soon they hatched an idea on how to speed up the process. They would feed the tortilla dough to the chickens! Little by little the dough disappeared until joyfully the girls exclaimed to their mother, “We’re finished.” Their mother came out and said, “You’re finished so soon?” However, when she looked at the meager pile of tortillas she knew something was amiss. It didn’t take long until she discovered pieces of tortilla dough scattered around the chickens. It was time for the girls to learn an important lesson. Tomorrow, they would again be assigned the task of making tortillas.

Glendy’s growing up years were filled with many joy-filled days. She has fond memories of her mom’s



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nature sing.”



stories, birthday parties, pathfinder club activities, picking mangoes and sharing them with neighbors and learning lessons of responsibility from her father. When Glendy was 13, a week of prayer was conducted at the children's village. During that week, Glendy felt a desire to be baptized. She told her parents and they said, "If this is what you really want, we will agree." They gave Glendy Bible studies, and on March 19, 2000 she accepted Jesus as her Savior. And once again, there was joy in the world!

Coincidentally, there is another "joy" in Glendy's life. Back in 1995 when room was found for Glendy in a warm and inviting children's home at Los Pinos, there was also room in the caring heart of Joy Barker and her now deceased husband, Grover. For the past 17 years, this couple has faithfully supported Glendy as part of ICC's child sponsorship program. I had the privilege of speaking with Joy recently and was able to share an update about Glendy's progress. The Barkers served as missionaries in Peru for several years and had seen for themselves the suffering that many children face in poor countries. While living as missionaries, the Barkers experienced the loss of their 10-year old daughter to spinal meningitis. After the couple returned to the United States to live, Grover made a trip to Costa Rica as part of his work with Union College. While in Costa Rica, he was introduced to the mission of ICC at the receiving center that ICC operated there at the time. According to Joy, "Every spare moment he was over there." He was deeply affected by the experience – especially when a family of six children was brought to the center for care. When Grover returned home he told Joy, "Honey, it was all I could do to get on that plane and not bring those children with me."

The couple contacted ICC and eventually become sponsors for Glendy. Joy shared that "When we heard about ICC we had to get involved, because we could help one child have a safe place." She added, "Thus we found a way to help children." During her mission service Joy lost much – but in a small measure ICC has helped Joy to be renewed.

During her third year of Basico education (middle school), Glendy decided that she wanted to be a teacher. She determined to be a good student and by the time you read this, Glendy will have graduated with her teaching certificate. There is great joy and excitement in her life now as she prepares to be a professional teacher and put into practice everything she has learned. Of her experience at Los Pinos, Glendy recently shared that "I'm not going to forget that I learned to love Jesus. This is the best thing that exists within me. I'm not going to forget the beautiful moments that happened, the celebrations of Christmas, the birthdays and the other things that I did in that beautiful home and the counsel I received at Los Pinos which will help me face the life that is waiting for me."

This Christmas, we celebrate the joy of accomplishment with Glendy and many other ICC children who have graduated this year from various schools, universities and training programs. Yet, as these children graduate and move into lives of productive independence, other children await their opportunity to experience the joy of being a part of the ICC family. This has been the mission of ICC for 35 years, and now, more than at any time in our history, ICC children need your financial and prayer support to endure the bleak economic winter that has become a part of everyday living. Please continue to partner with ICC as we seek to be a part of God's mission to bring joy to the world! And to Joy Barker and our ICC supporters and sponsors around the world, have a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!



In His Service,

Kent Greve
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