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Your gift will provide medical care for an orphan child for an entire year!

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Dear ICC Family,

Even a gift that amounts to a few pennies a day can do so much to help a child like Kamau have a happy life in the Patmos Island Children's Village in the DR Congo.

Let me explain.

Kamau was born into a loving family. His father was a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. He was a generous man and worked for the church without charging any money.

One day, disaster struck the family. Kamau's father was killed by lightning during a storm. His death radically changed the lives of this little family which included Kamau's mother and four children. The mother could not provide for them all and they began to suffer very much. Everything left behind by Kamau's father was looted by the rebel army. On that day, two of Kamau's siblings died.

The two remaining children together with their mother kept on suffering for many days and nights. There was no food to eat and no peace. Every night they would sleep in the forest for fear that the rebels would come and kill them in their house. They stayed in the forest for three years running here and there fearing the soldiers.

Eventually when there was no peace, no food and no hope to keep on surviving, they found shelter in a refugee camp. After more months of suffering in the camp, the war broke out in such a way that everybody scattered. It was during this time that Kamua became separated from his mother and brother. He never saw them again, and they are presumed to be dead.

Kamau was orphaned and all alone. He had suffered so much. Would he die as well?

Fortunately for little Kamau, he was found and rescued by a kind person. He was brought to the city of Goma and placed in the ICC/Prolasa receiving center which your gifts have helped to establish for orphan children like Kamau.

Even though Kamua was fortunate enough to find refuge, he was not out of danger yet. He was miserable, malnourished, and suffered from typhoid fever. This disease often progresses slowly. A fever starts low and increases daily. It is often accompanied by headaches, weakness, abdominal pain, diarrhea or constipation and a swollen abdomen. As it progresses the child may become delirious or lie motionless and exhausted with eyes half-closed in what is called a typhoid state. At this point, life threatening complications may appear. In our country, typhoid fever is not very common. But that is not the case in a place like the DR Congo where a lack of adequate and effective medical care is a huge problem. Many children like Kamau die from treatable illness simply because no treatment is available for them.

But your support can make a life-saving difference! For just \$34 you can provide for the medical care of an orphan child like Kamau for an entire year. That's pennies a day and far less than a visit to your doctor's office. And your gift will cover all the important things like doctor's visits and medicines. What a bargain, and yet, what an amazing gift to give a child struggling to survive!

Life for Kamau is difficult and quite fragile in the DR Congo. Though he has recovered from typhoid fever, Kamau still faces the threat of many different kinds of illness and disease. Can he count on you to help him grow healthy and strong? Please send back the enclosed response coupon and a gift today – you'll make a life-changing difference for a child!

In loving service for His kids,

Nick Flack

Rick Fleck,

President

P.S. Just \$34 provides an entire year's worth of medical care for an orphaned child in DR Congo. Please send a gift to help at least one child today.