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Tribute To Sorin Neaga

Faithful ICC Family Member Sleeps in Jesus

It is with deep sadness and loss that we tell you of the untimely passing of a dear ICC family member, Sorin Neaga. Sorin was a vital member of the ICC Romania staff. Along with being the supervisor of the children's village construction, maintenance, farm, garden, and grounds, Sorin also supported his wife, Simona, in the supervision of the children's program. He was a faithful, loving father figure.

While performing repairs on his personal home February 12, Sorin fell from a ladder onto a handrail. This caused massive internal bleeding. Sorin called for Simona, and she notified emergency personnel who rushed him to the hospital.

News of the accident spread rapidly and prayers were lifted to God on Sorin's behalf. Sadly, he never regained consciousness. On the morning of February 13, he passed to his rest leaving behind Simona, his wife of nearly 26 years and their two children, Rebecca and Teddy.

Sorin believed in Jesus as his Savior and that Jesus would come again soon to take His faithful ones to heaven. With this blessed hope in mind, we celebrate Sorin's life and legacy.

The family has been actively involved with ICC Romania since 1998. Sorin was a loving and positive role model for ICC children. Some, even as adults, called Sorin with their problems. He always lent a helping hand.

The buildings and grounds on the children's village campus continue to bear testimony to Sorin's skillful craftsmanship. As one person put it, "Every stone on the pavement, every brick in the walls, each tree and each flower are marked by the fingerprint of the one who has been the administrator of this place for more than 20 years." Sorin was also actively involved in the lives of people within the local community. Ask around in the village of Odobesti, and everyone has memories of the help they received from Sorin. The neighbors say he never refused anyone.

Sorin was hardworking, always moving, and was extremely quick in everything he did. After waking up in the morning, he often started his day without eating so he could ensure the children had everything they needed and would get to school on time. Taking good care of the children was important to him. His cheerful and optimistic nature



Sorin Neaga
November 2, 1968 – February 13, 2019

helped to make children happy. It didn't matter if it was the neighbor's children looking for compassion or our ICC children, they all wanted to be close to him. The children loved and respect "Uncle Sorin." At Sorin's funeral on February 16, many of the ICC children were present to pay their respects. They gathered close around him and many wept in sorrow. Certainly, the influence of this godly man will continue to live on in their lives.

We cling to the hope that one day soon, very soon, when the trumpet sounds and Jesus gathers His people, Sorin will be among them. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! *Revelation 22:20.*

Should Lucas Quit Or Beat Leukemia With A Cause?

by William Hurtado

Lucas Nelson, at 13 years of age, was diagnosed on August 25, 2018 with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia.

He was supposed to be playing freely as a child; but now he had fevers, easy bruising, abnormal weight loss, and cancerous blood cells growing inside his body. Would he survive chemotherapy and find a way to break past the exhaustion?

Lucas lives with his family in North Dakota. His parents are Seventh-day Adventist conference workers within the education and youth ministries.

Through this calamity, the family could have easily become angry with God and distanced themselves, but instead, they decided to bless others, no matter their circumstances.

Jennifer Turk is a mother with a compassionate heart and a close friend of Lucas's family. She heard about Lucas and his family's desire to help others.



Jennifer Turk helped develop the Lucas Legos For Kids program. Her efforts in honor of Lucas Nelson are providing Legos to orphaned children.

Jennifer had an idea she felt would help Lucas bless others. She knew that Lucas loves Legos, so why not put Legos into the hands of orphaned children in Lucas' honor? Many children around the world have never before held or even played with Legos!

Jennifer contacted me, and together we developed a program known as *Lucas Legos for Kids*. The plan is to have church and school groups collect Legos, and with help from you and ICC, send them to the children of International Children's Care.

Lucas and his family were excited when they heard this plan. *Lucas Legos for Kids* started during the 2018 Christmas season in two locations. In only one and a half months, they collected over 30 pounds of Legos!

Jennifer and other contributors then shipped their collected Legos to International Children's Care in Vancouver, WA.

In January of 2019, the first Lego shipment traveled with Sharon Fleck, ICC children's services director, to the Las Palmas Children's Village in the Dominican

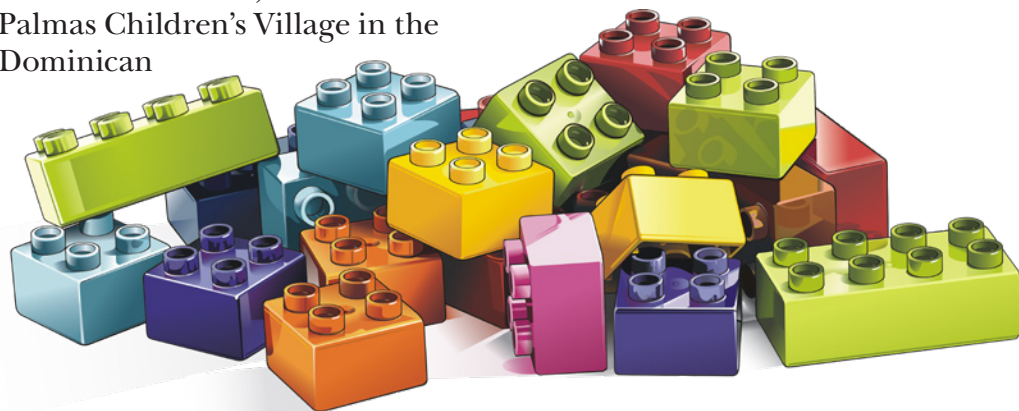


Lucas Nelson, who inspired the *Lucas Legos For Kids* program which donates LEGOs to orphaned children through ICC. Lucas was diagnosed with leukemia in 2018. His desire to share his love of LEGOs with other children was the inspiration for *Lucas Legos For Kids*.

Republic. Now, ICC children are playing and learning with Lucas Legos. Isn't that exciting?!

Lucas Legos for Kids is a way for all of us to participate in the cause of giving children safe and fun Christian homes in which to grow.

Will you support Lucas and International Children's Care in this vision?



Should Lucas Quit Or Beat Leukemia With A Cause?

Besides helping with Legos, you can also encourage others to help support ICC's children.

And do pray for Lucas! His treatments are helping his cancer go into remission. By God's grace, he will be well soon!

To learn more about how to involve your church, school, or Pathfinder club, visit ICC's webpage about *Lucas Legos for Kids* at www.ForHisKids.org/legos.

You may also watch a video on YouTube about Lucas and *Lucas Legos for Kids* by using the following QR code or, use this URL in your web browser. <https://bit.ly/2J8F4qo>.



Children from the Las Palmas Children's Village in the Dominican Republic playing with LEGOs they received from the *Lucas Legos For Kids* program which donates LEGOs to orphaned children through ICC.

The Choirs of Patmos Children's Village

"The melody of song, poured forth from many hearts in clear, distinct utterance, is one of God's instrumentalities in the work of saving souls." E.G. White, 5T 493

Music has a power to stir the heart. For orphan children who have experienced horrific trauma, music can help them express deep emotions and foster healing.

ICC's Patmos Children's Village in the DR Congo has three choirs offering children a way to experience joy through music. As you might expect, the lively songs are animated by the movements of the children who "feel" the music. Not only do the participants gain a rich blessing, so do those who listen and watch the choirs.

You make moments like this possible through your continuing support. You who appreciate music's benefits and would like to help support music programs for the children, mark your gift "Music for His Kids." Thank you!



Your "Container of Love" Is On Its Way!

During March 4th and 5th, our ICC staff and two volunteers joined together and loaded a 40-foot container. This container is now on the ocean destined for the Las Palmas Children's Village in the Dominican Republic.

The container is set to arrive in the Dominican on April

27th. I just wish that all of you could be there when it arrives and the children and families get to open it and unload the many things that you sent to help them.

The children are so grateful to all of you who helped make this possible for them to have these much-needed items that were loaded with care.

None of this would have happened if it were not for each one of you.

On behalf of the children, thank you for giving of yourselves and the blessings that God gave to you in order for the children to share in these vital supplies.

Doug Congleton

