

ICC HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

- 1976 Guatemala's earthquake causes Robert S. Folkenberg to request Ken and Alcyon Fleck to begin a program for orphans in that country.
- 1976 La Liga, a group of volunteer physicians in California, pledge startup funds for a program to care for orphans.
- 1977 Alcyon Fleck visits Guatemala to survey the needs of children there.
- 1978 International Children's Care is founded as an administrative link between volunteers in America and the orphan children. Ken and Alcyon Fleck are asked to supervise the new charity organization.
- 1978 Construction begins on the Los Pinos orphanage, a children's country village near Poptún, Guatemala.
- 1979 Ken and Alcyon Fleck begin caring for orphans in Guatemala.
- 1979 A receiving center in Guatemala City is opened.
- 1982 The "Las Palmas" children's country village begins to take in orphans in the Dominican Republic.
- 1986 In April, donors in Switzerland began supporting ICC children. It was about that time that the ICC Swiss chapter was organized and become the first funding partner for ICC in Europe. Gilbert Dewinter served for many years as the ICC Swiss chapter leader. Gilbert, who is a native of Belgium, encourage people in other countries to become involved with ICC. He was instrumental in encouraging Frank and Anne Peremens to establish the ICC chapter in Belgium.
- 1986 ICC begins caring for abandoned children in foster homes in Colombia.
- 1990 ICC moved to its current office location in Vancouver, Washington. The land was donated and much of the construction on the building was done by volunteers – many from Maranatha.
- 1991 ICC works out an agreement with the Guatemala SDA Mission to assume administration of ICAP, a secondary school adjacent to the Los Pinos orphanage in Guatemala.

- 1991 An orphan center on the Chiangmai Adventist Academy campus in Thailand is established. It is later named Kirsten Jade Rescue Center.
- 1991 The ICC Belgium chapter was started by Frank and Anne Peremens.
- 1991 A program to care for children with critical needs begins in Romania where at one time 450 families were being assisted.
- 1992 Land is purchased in Baja, Mexico on which to develop a children's country village.
- 1994 ICC's partner in the Netherlands, Stichting Internationale Kinderhulp (IKN) was founded and began raising funds in support of ICC children. A US company, Creative Direct Marketing International, Ltd, was instrumental in helping ICC to get started fundraising in the Netherlands and in other countries in Europe.
- 1995 A student home for orphans from Guatemala who have reached college level is opened in Costa Rica near Central American Adventist University.
- 1996 An affiliation is established between ICC and Daniel dos Santos who operates two orphan homes and several children's day care centers in Brazil.
- 1996 ICC affiliates with "For Children's Sake," an organization that takes crippled children or those with serious medical needs in the Ukraine to the United States for corrective surgery or medical treatment.
- 1996 ICC affiliates with Curry Brandaw Architects to do the architectural design for ICC facilities on a gratis basis.
- 1996 Through donations of the Asia Pacific Division and the General Conference of SDA's, orphan homes are constructed at the Kirsten Jade Rescue Center children's country village in Thailand.
- 1996 ICC begins caring for fifty Karen refugee orphans in refugee camps along the Burma/Thailand border.
- 1996 A small orphan home in Samrong, Cambodia, begins to operate under ICC's auspices.
- 1996 ICC affiliates with Lilly Kaligithi who started an orphan home in Rustumbada, Narsapur, India.
- 1997 Lilly Kaligithi's orphan home becomes an integral part of ICC.

- 1997 In April, ICC's German partner, Internationale Kinderhilfe e.V. (IKD), began fundraising activities with the help of CDMI.
- 1997 ICC begins supporting orphan children at the Lakpahana School in Sri Lanka. Later in the year a rental orphan home is opened.
- 1997 Fundraising begins in Germany and Belgium with CDMI (Creative Direct Marketing International, Ltd.).
- 1997 ICC opens a rental orphan home in Kampong Thom, Cambodia.
- 1997 The first orphans arrive at the "El Oasis" country home campus in Mexico.
- 1997 ICC Romania opens a receiving center.
- 1998 ICC begins construction of two orphan homes in Myanmar (Burma) on the campus of the Adventist Seminary.
- 1998 ICC and the Cambodia Adventist Mission together purchase land for the establishment of a secondary school by the Mission and a children's country village by ICC.
- 1998 In September Central Luzon Adventist Academy in Pampanga province in the Philippines offers ICC around forty acres of land for a children's village.
- 1998 ICC Romania transfers the receiving center from Bucharest to the small town of Odobesti, about thirty miles from the capital.
- 1998 In December ICC purchases land in Narsapur, India, on which to build homes for ICC's Sweet Home orphan program.
- 1998 Hurricane Mitch causes devastation in the country of Nicaragua. Many children are left orphaned. Felix and Angelica Almendarez start taking in some of these children and provide care for them in the small town of El Viejo. ICC becomes acquainted with this couple and the needs of the children and begins supporting them.
- 1999 In January International Children's Care Hong Kong is established.
- 1999 In February ICC begins construction of three homes in Narsapur, India.
- 1999 ICC signs an agreement with the Zambia Union in Africa to use about thirty acres of land in Leopard Hill for a children's village.

- 1999 In March ICC and the North Philippine Union Mission sign an agreement on working relationships for the Philippine project.
- 1999 The Versacare organization begins to partner with ICC to support the Las Palmas children 's village in the Dominican Republic. Note: This partnership, under the leadership of Bob Coy, strengthened over time and expanded to include other ICC projects in Latin America. Versacare has provided funding for significant building projects, infrastructure developments and farming initiatives some of which will be mentioned further in this document.
- 2000 In March the first child is received into the ICC receiving center in the Philippines.
- 2000 In April construction of the first home for the Children's Country Village begins in the Philippines.
- 2000 Versacare provides funds to build the secondary school on the Las Palmas campus in the Dominican Republic.
- 2001 The Fuente de Vida (Fountain of Life) children's program in Nicaragua operated by Felix and Angelica Almendarez becomes a part of the ICC family.
- 2002 ICC begins assisting orphans in the Democratic Republic of Congo through the PROLASA organization.
- 2002 ICC's partner in the country of Iceland is founded.
- 2003 First children's home completed in Romania.
- 2003 ICC UK established as a charity in the United Kingdom.
- 2003 ICC helps to establish CFI Kinderhilfe as a sister organization in Germany to IKD. Eventually, IKD closes and CFI contains as ICC's primary German partner.
- 2004 Versacare funds a filtration system which provides clean drinking water for the children of Las Palmas in the Dominican Republic.
- 2005 ICC purchases land in Nicaragua to establish a children's village in that country
- 2005 ICC enters into an agreement to establish an ICC franchised children's village in Jamaica in cooperation with the Educational Foundation for Children's Care, Inc.

- 2005 ICC assumes operation of Maranatha's Hogar Escuela Adventista children's village in San Juan Opico, El Salvador.
- 2005 ICC Spain begins operation in December.
- 2006 ICC projects in Asia respond to crisis created by the tsunami. Relief assistance given in some areas and orphan children cared for in Andaman Islands.
- 2007 Ongoing development and construction of facilities at the Patmos Children's Village in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- 2008 In March, ICC Korea is established.
- 2008 In April, one of ICC's Founders, Kenneth Fleck, passed away. Ken was dedicated to this ministry and was held in high regard and with deep affection by the children and staff of ICC.
- 2008 ICC celebrates 30 years of caring for orphaned and abandoned children. In Battle Ground, Washington, children from the ICC project in the Dominican Republic present a special orchestral concert to celebrate this achievement.
- 2009 ICC opens the Fountain of Life Children's Village in Nicaragua.
- 2010 Versacare funds the installation of solar panels at the Las Palmas children's village. These panels provide a consistent source of electric power for the administration complex which aids in the operation and care of the children.
- 2011 ICC New Zealand joins the ICC family as a chapter.
- 2012 ICC Founder, Alcyon Fleck, receives the Charles Weniger Award. This award is given to individuals who have set a standard of excellence as exemplified in the life of Charles Weniger.
- 2013 In February, the project for children in Jamaica had a ground-breaking celebration for the first children's home.
- 2013 ICC project in the DR Congo takes in 14 children orphaned as a result of the M23 rebel activity.
- 2014 On February 1, ICC formally cut ties with the organization known as International Children's Care Australia (ICCA). ICCA continued to be responsible for ICC projects in Thailand, Cambodia, Sri Lanka and the

Philippines. In 2016, ICCA rebranded under the name “adVENTURE Fund Global.

- 2015 On Memorial Day, ICC Founder, Alcyon Fleck, passed away. Known throughout the ICC family as “Mommy Fleck,” Alcyon was a significant driving force of the organization. Little did she realize when she helped to start ICC in 1978 with a small orphan project in Guatemala that eventually there would be ICC children’s projects in the Americas, Asia, Europe and Africa.
- 2016 In January, ICC Founder, Elder Robert Folkenberg, Sr. passed away. Elder Folkenberg served as the SDA Central American Union Mission president at the time ICC was founded. He saw first-hand the desperate need of the orphan children who had lost their parents during the Guatemala City earthquake. He was the catalyst that helped to inspire Ken and Alcyon Fleck to becoming personally involved – thus leading to the establishment of ICC. Eventually Elder Folkenberg became president of the world-wide SDA church. In this capacity, he was instrumental in helping ICC to establish and maintain positive working relationships with the church.
- 2016 For the first time in ICC’s history, generous donors subsidized 100% of the overhead costs for the ICC office for 2016. This allowed all other donations to go to project expenses.
- 2016 ICC reached agreement with and began working with GEMS for Life, an Australian organization, to manage and fund the Myanmar project.
- 2017 The ICC headquarters office sent a 40-foot container of goods and supplies to the Las Palmas Children’s Village in the Dominican Republic.
- 2017 Towards the end of the year 31 new children arrive at the Patmos Children’s village. Seven of the children came when their village was destroyed by a mudslide. The remaining 24 children came as a result when rebels attacked refugee camps leaving the children orphaned or abandoned.
- 2018 ICC initiates a Jalapeno Pepper agribusiness on the campus of the El Oasis Children’s Village in Mexico
- 2018 On April 28 ICC celebrated its 40th anniversary at a program attended by donors, former children and ICC staff members.

- 2018 ICC initiates “Milky’s Challenge” to raise funds for the dairy industry at the Las Palmas Children’s Village in the Dominican Republic. Through this and other initiatives, the herd grew to over 100 head of cows.
- 2019 ICC receives a 4-star rating (highest possible) from Charity Navigator.
- 2019 ICC takes in 59 new children at the Patmos Island Children’s Village. They lost their families for a variety of terrible situations, including that some were massacred by rebel forces.
- 2019 New multi-purpose building dedicated at the Las Palmas Children’s Village. Included is the R. E. Coy Counseling Center and the G. W. Brown Medical Clinic. These two gentlemen were key members of the Versacare foundation that provided the funding for this building.
- 2019 A home-school program is initiated on the El Oasis Children’s Village campus. This program allowed the children to take their class work at the school on campus.
- 2019 The Los Pinos Children’s Village in Guatemala celebrated its 40th anniversary at a special weekend event on the Los Pinos campus attended by former children and staff members.
- 2019 The Mexico agribusiness, after a good start with a test of about 15 acres of peppers in 2018, had a very successful 2019 farming about 40 acres.