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“The Children for Change mission project is about helping broken children find a new life.”

Dear Ministry Leader,

We are thrilled that you are following God's desire to help children in need. Through ICC's mission project, you can raise money to stop children from experiencing crippling poverty, familial wounding, and hopeless futures.

For the last 42 years, ICC's Adventist family model has helped thousands of children experience a loving family environment, educational opportunities, and trust in God. Please see the included brochure for more information!

Through this mission project, your partnership will be an incredible blessing to all the children who call ICC their home. One-hundred-and-fourty-nine of these children currently reside at the Patmos Children's Village on Idjwi Island in the Democratic Republic of Congo. This year's raised funds will go to help meet some of their most urgent needs. Please see the fact sheets in the following pages to learn more about the needs at Patmos Children's Village.



Enclosed you will find the fact sheet, a poster, and leader instructions. You can also find a larger poster size and video resources at InternationalChildrensCare.org/ChildrenforChange. You can download and print the poster to display in your church. Other helpful information can also be found on the website.

Because of your loving efforts, 149 children in civil-war-ravaged D.R. Congo will continue to find safety, and joy as they grow up to be incredible young men and women for Christ. Thank you again for your ministry!

“And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.” – Matthew 10:42

For His Kids,

ICC Representative



ABOUT IDJWI ISLAND & D.R. CONGO

The Patmos Children's Village is located in one of the remotest places in Africa: Idjwi island on Lake Kivu between the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda. The island has been a place of protection and peace for ICC's children inside this civil war-torn country. Our mission is to bless the children on Idjwi Island by raising money to help build much needed houses for them to live in.

The D.R. Congo is a land of great need. In 2012, 77% of the population was living in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 a day. The most recent World Bank estimates put the extreme poverty rate in the DRC at 73% in 2018, one of the highest in sub-Saharan Africa.

Instability from years of war and political upheaval is one of the most significant causes of poverty in the DRC. Disease is another central cause of poverty in the DRC. Major diseases such as cholera, hepatitis A, malaria, polio, measles and typhoid fever continue to run rampant. The country has been grappling with an Ebola outbreak in the North Kivu and Ituri provinces since August 2018. As of June 13, 2019, the World Health Organization had identified 2,084 cases.

Christianity is the majority religion in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, followed by more than 79% of the population. However, the Muslim Defense International (MDI) has been repeatedly attacking the mostly Christian population in these parts of DRC for years.

Find more information at InternationalChildrensCare.org.

PATMOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE INFO

Google Map: bit.ly/ICClocations

Number of Children: +/- 150

Number of Houses: 9

Number of House Mothers: 9

Ideal Ratio of Children to One Home: 12

New Houses Needed: 2

Cost to Build One New Home: \$55,000



What goal does your group want to strive for?

- \$1.50 feeds a child in the D.R. Congo for a day.
- \$200 provides an auntie for the children for an entire month.
- \$450 feeds 10 children for an entire month.
- \$1,350 feeds 10 children for three months.
- \$5,000 provides building materials for a new home.

Through your missionary outreach and that of others, we can reach the goal and change the lives of children for the better!



Find 10 Facts About Idjwi Island

Further Reading for Leaders *By William Hurtado*

“Africans, we are lucky.” Jacques Sebisaho, MD, speaking at a Ted Talk, continues; “We have other creative minds that are focusing their efforts, wealth, and education to make our continent a better world. We are grateful to have them help us.”

Jacques is from one of the remotest places in Africa: Idjwi island on Lake Kivu between the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda. The Patmos Children’s Village is located there and is home to 164 orphans supported by contributors like you.

While neighboring countries have endured wars and violence, Idjwi has remained a peaceful oasis for around 260,000 people. But when Sebisaho returned to Idjwi, he was shattered by what he saw and called “a forgotten place.”

Idjwi Island, the size of Atlanta, GA or Portland, OR has no electricity except through generators and solar panels, and much of the island lacks potable drinking water and paved roads.

As Sebisaho built a hospital on Idjwi to help relieve his people’s medical needs, he realized that helping Africans is more than financial. It is partnering with the right organizations who help natives maximize their own strength and creativity.

In his Ted Talk Sebisaho concluded, “today, I would like to introduce to you the less known creative minds that are also solving Africa’s problems. The women, the pygmies, and children. These are the people I



Munyaneza Louis at Patmos.

know. While they are grateful for all of the great minds, all of the wealthy and educated people who are focusing on Africa, they are in themselves a powerful solution to their problems.” When their creativity is empowered, there are no limits.

And that, ICC ministry partner, is what you do every time you support ICC’s children. Whether it be in Africa, Central America, or a country in between, every dollar you give translates to empowerment for a once-orphaned child. Through your faithful gifts, you give children, like Munyaneza, a new life.

Recently, I connected with Munyaneza Louis from the D.R. Congo. He says, “I’m at Patmos on Idjwi Island now. God is our protector.”

Munyaneza was taken to the Patmos Children’s Village after he lost his parents in an accident.

There he was cared for and given the opportunity to become educated. Even though the old school building at Patmos needed serious updating, the children still received an education that



Munyaneza Louis today.

helped Munyaneza eventually become a nurse.

In 2019, Munyaneza finished nurses training and is ready to help people in his country. He is giving back. Through people like you, he is achieving so much! What he recently wrote to me he writes to you. “I’m your child.”

Munyaneza is one of many stories of children growing up into Christ-likeness from the years of faithful giving from donors like you. You make stories like this possible!

You make an eternal difference in the lives of children. The investments of money and time you make are considered “pure and undefiled religion” by our Heavenly Father.

Thank you so much for taking the time to be His hands and feet. It is true—Your gifts save and empower lives!

P.S. Were you able to find 10 interesting facts about Idjwi Island? Try sharing them with a friend! You never know, through your encouragement and their new support, all of us may be hugging more children in Heaven soon.



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LEADER INSTRUCTIONS

All 2020 donations will benefit the children of D.R. Congo's Patmos Children's Village. Because the village is full and overflowing, two new homes need to be built, and missionary aunties need to be hired to bring relief to the missionary moms. There are so many orphans that have come in because of the ongoing political unrest.

Introduce the outreach using the daily activities sheet. Celebrate with your group how many lives you have helped change for the better!

Send in the total donation amount to ICC through InternationalChildrensCare.org, or send in by mail. The donations help provide D.R. Congo children with the food, shelter, and care that they need.

What financial goal does your group want to set?

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Thank you for giving vulnerable children caring families!

MISSION PROJECT DAILY ACTIVITIES

Day 1: Miriam - Be Brave: Jesus is With Me. Exodus 2:1-10.

The Backstory: Miriam's mother, Jochebed, took every possible precaution for her beautiful baby's safety after learning that Pharaoh had commanded all the male babies of the Israelites to be drowned in the Nile. She made a small basket boat out of the reeds by the river, and made it watertight. She laid the baby in its boat by the edge of the stream which she knew was frequented by the princess and her female court, and she wisely left the baby's sister, Miriam, nearby to provide care (Exodus 2:4). When Pharaoh's daughter came down to the stream, the little boat with its precious cargo was spotted among the reeds and brought to the princess who, seeing the child, loved him. As he was lifted up, he cried. He wanted feeding, but who was to nurse him? Then came young Miriam's opportunity. Out of the shadows she stepped forth so innocently, and appearing to be curious at the screaming baby and puzzled princess, asked if the princess would like her to try and find a Hebrew nurse. Miriam kept her silence and did not reveal her relation to the baby and the nurse she secured. Thus, the quick thinking of Miriam, a ten to twelve year old girl, helped change her brother's destiny, whom later the Princess called Moses.

Miriam's brave heroism had to do with caring for a child in his time of need. She changed his future by doing what she could when he needed it most! Will you also be brave and care for children in their time of need? **Try this:** Get change by asking your parents where stashes of loose change can be found! **Leader's Instruction:** Obtain a basket (or other container) where kids can sign their names. Have kids sign their names with a permanent marker on the basket representing their commitment to be brave like Miriam. This basket will be where they put their change and dollars into for ICC's children in need. The goal? To fill the basket!

Optional Craft: Collect clear plastic water bottles, permanent markers, a razor knife, and any other decorations you want on the bottles, like eyes, stickers, etc. (The bottle is to be entirely decorated with the permanent marker.) Provide sample pre-drawn bottles.

- Use a craft time to draw on the bottles. Show kids samples of pre-drawn bottles. Have one or more adults assigned to cut the coin slot in the bottles.
- Say: The plastic bottles represent lots of things. Plastic bottles hold clean water, which we in the United States can easily get. Plastic bottles can easily be thrown away, but they can also be recycled. Just like children in poverty, we can forget about them, or we can help change them into something better. Thank you for being heroic Children for Change!
- The small group that collects the most change gets to _____. Decide what would be fun and motivational for the kids as a reward.

Day 2: Samuel - Be Devoted: Jesus is With Me. 1st Samuel 1.

The Backstory: Samuel was a miracle child. His mother Hannah could not have children, but God heard her prayers and opened her womb, blessing her with the child Samuel. Hannah knew that this child was from God, so she decided to dedicate him to God's work in the Temple. After the child was weaned, Hannah left Samuel in the care of the priest Eli, and from time to time she would come to visit Samuel and provide him with a new coat.

Samuel left his home at a young age, but for a much different reason than many other children have to leave their homes. While Samuel became devoted because of the example of his devoted parents, many other children become devastated because of the destructive habits of their parents. These children don't have godly families that can instruct them, so they need people like you to be devoted and to help care for them. You can save these children and help them find their purpose in life.

Will you be like Samuel's mom, who cared for Samuel by providing him with clothing and instruction? ICC will use the change you bring to help change the lives of children: From devastated to devoted! **Try this:** Ask your neighbors to donate spare change. **Leader's Instruction:** Have the children make the word "devoted" with coins! A group can take a letter each, or a group can do the entire word, whatever works best.

Day 3: Nora, Naaman's Servant Girl - Be Caring: Jesus is With Me. 2nd Kings 5:1-19.

The Backstory: Naaman's servant girl was ripped away from her family at a young age. A victim of war, she had to leave what was familiar to her and work while living alone in a strange land. She was an orphan without parents. Yet this small, enslaved girl spoke caring words to her master that prompted him to act, saving his life from leprosy.

Like Nora, there are many children in the world who are orphaned because of war. ICC cares for a number of these children, especially in the county of D.R. Congo. There, rebel forces raid towns and leave children scared and alone. But God has brought some of these children into the care of International Children's Care, an Adventist orphan-care ministry that can help you be caring too. Will you join ICC by being a "child for change?" You can change an orphan's life so they can change the lives of others too! **Try this:** Donate some change from your piggy bank. **Leader's Instructions:** Put one or all of the sensory options by the giving basket or other location for the children to experience. Sensory option 1: Use scented lotion for kids to smell and put on to help "heal" their skin." Sensory option 2: Give kids bandages to put on themselves. Sensory option 3: Have children make and drink "medicine" by combining honey with lemon.

Day 4: Rhoda - Be Bold: Jesus is With Me. Acts 12:1-17.

The Backstory: Rhoda was born in a land far from where she was living. We don't know where her family was, or even if they were alive. Maybe Rhoda was an orphan whose parents had been killed by soldiers. What we do know is that she was a servant-slave girl living in the house of Mary, the mother of one of Jesus' disciples. After Peter was miraculously released from prison, he went to the house and knocked on the door. Rhoda came to answer it, and when she heard Peter's voice she was so happy that she ran to tell the others, and forgot to open the door for him. The people inside didn't believe Rhoda, although they were praying for Peter's release. When Rhoda kept insisting that it was Peter, they opened the door for him. Although Rhoda was a girl without authority, she had enough courage and faith to keep insisting that it was Peter.

Do you think that children who don't have a family or money can make a difference for God? Yes they can! And you can help them develop the strength to speak up when they need to. That's exactly what ICC is doing with over 400 children every day. Will you be bold and help these children become heroic too? **Try this:** Sell some of the toys you don't use. Have your parents give you the money in advance. **Leader's Instructions:** Set out a piece of wood or small door next to the giving basket for kids to knock on. Then have them tell these jokes to their friends.

Knock, knock. **Who's there?**

Luke. **Luke who?**

Luke through the peep hole and find out.

Knock, knock. **Who's there?**

Figs. **Figs who?**

Figs the doorbell, it's not working!

Knock, knock. **Who's there?**

Annie. **Annie who?**

Annie way you can let me in?

Knock, knock. **Who's there?**

Orange. **Orange who?**

Orange you going to unlock the door?

Day 5: Jesse, the Boy with the Loaves of Bread and Fish - Be Generous: Jesus is With Me. John 6:1-14.

The Backstory: Jesus was instructing thousands of people who, after a long day of eagerly listening, became hungry. Jesus' disciples became worried about how to feed the crowd, but Jesus told them to sit the people down. Jesus knew something they didn't; that there was a little boy who had five barley loaves and two fish, and that the little boy would be generous with his food. A disciple asked the boy to share his food, and when Jesus got it, he multiplied it so that everyone had enough to eat. That little boy saved thousands of people's lives from hunger! And you can do the same. Every time you give to help an ICC child, you help feed them. ICC provides almost half-a-million meals every year. Will you be generous with what God has given you too? **Try this:** Make cookies and give them away in front of the local store for donations for "Children for Change." Make sure your parents get permission first! **Leader's Instructions:** Give the kid's an extra treat for their good work as "Children for Change." Maybe banana bread, or a special cookie, or whatever reward you choose to give them! Thank you for all YOUR hard work to help change kid's lives!

Kids Care!

Are you talking to friends about
kids that are in need? Wow!

Remember to stand tall, make
eye contact, and smile big!
You can do it!





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Children can change the world by caring.
You can help orphans and hurting children.
Through International Children's Care,
you can bring healing, one child at a time.

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Location

Date

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