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BECAUSE OF YOU

The first time that a young woman from Patmos Children's Village graduated from college, the entire village planned a party like no other. They gathered every family member on campus, over a hundred people, to celebrate – from the youngest children to those who were nearly grown.

What made this celebration so important? Even just a decade ago, it was very uncommon for women in the DR Congo to receive an education and to live independent lives. In fact, things are still difficult for women to get an education today, and it's unheard of for orphans. The Patmos Children's Village leadership wanted to encourage the younger girls to achieve success and reach for things higher than what they had known.

It's sad to think that before coming to Patmos Children's Village, those children had no

hope for education. Not only that, but many also had no hope of survival and faced certain death.

Children living at an ICC's children's village have survived traumatic life events that no child should ever experience. Yet, God promises that when He starts a good work that He will finish it. In this publication, you will find the latest news from ICC's annual report, but what is most important are the stories of how God is working in the lives of His Kids, and in YOU.

Through your partnership with ICC, God is working to complete the stories of orphaned and abandoned children. That is worth celebrating!



Rick Fleck
ICC President



OUR MISSION

International Children's Care is dedicated to the care, education and spiritual growth of orphaned and vulnerable children in underdeveloped countries around the world.

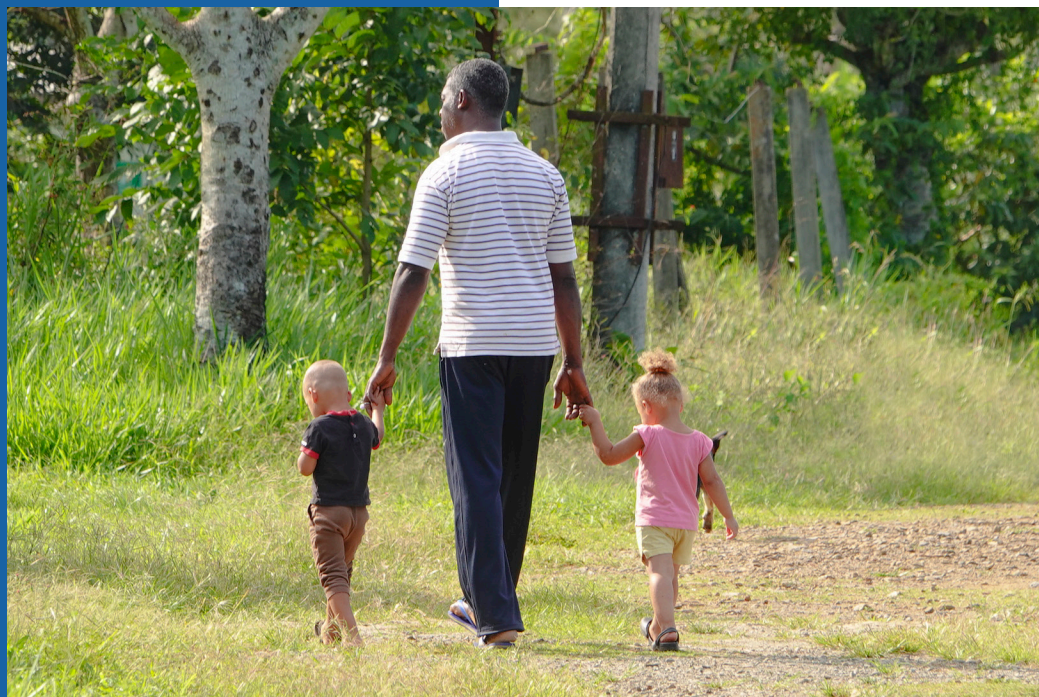
SINCE 1978,

people like you have created safe homes for thousands of children with long-term residential care that replicates the Adventist family model. THANK YOU!

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HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL CARRY IT ON TO COMPLETION UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS.”

PHILLIPIANS 1:6





**YOUR GIFTS OF
LOVE MADE IT
POSSIBLE FOR
GENERATIONS
OF CHILDREN
TO BE SAVED.**

ICC GLOBAL PARTNERS

**INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CARE
IS A TRULY GLOBAL ORGANIZATION,
WITH **FUNDRAISING PARTNERS** ALL
AROUND THE WORLD.**


Washington,
Global Headquarters


Tennessee
 **Texas**

A RICH RETURN: DANIEL'S STORY

In April of 2019, a ferry boat capsized on Lake Kivu in the Democratic Republic of Congo. One hundred fifty people were drowned in the accident. Several days later, the tragedy still seemed unreal. Those who survived were able to find comfort from friends and family, yet one little boy was left all alone. To him, the tragedy continued to be a present danger.

Huddled for safety, the boy fearfully watched passersby as they ignored his sorry state. Then, a young woman paused in the crowd. Judith, a former ICC child, had been walking through the nearby lakeside when she noticed this little boy. She understood that something wasn't right, so she approached. This boy, Daniel, spilled out his story. He had been on the ferry when it capsized. He was the only one in his family to survive, and now he was all alone and scared.

Judith understood all too well what it feels like to be orphaned, having been an orphan herself. A government authority noticed her compassion for Daniel. "You are the only one who has paid any attention to

this boy," he said. "You must really have a heart for children!"

Just like that, Judith brought Daniel into her home. She did her best to provide for him, and put him in school. However, this was difficult, and she thought about how much better his life would be if he could grow up as she had, in a home at ICC's Patmos Children's Village.

The Patmos Family—including Rick and Sharon Fleck, ICC's President and ICC's Children's Services Director who were visiting at the time—were impressed by Judith's compassion. They understood the difficulty she faced in trying to work and provide for Daniel by herself. Something had to be done to help! Daniel needed to be placed in one of the family homes at the Patmos Children's Village, where a loving mother would care for him and his needs would be met.

"Which house mother would be the best to care for Daniel?" Asked Sharon. Immediately, the team answered, "Georime!"

They described the patient, loving kindness of the house mother,

Georime. Like Judith, Georime understands very well what it's like to be an orphan, for she is also an ICC child who had been orphaned when she was very small. (Read Georime's story on page 10.)

The team decided to ask her if she would be willing to take in one more child, even though her house was already full. As Georime listened to Daniel's story, her care and concern was evident. "Of course I will take him!" She said without hesitation, and willingly accepted Daniel into her family.

As Georime and Daniel walked down the path toward home, the realization of what transpired began to sink in with the Flecks. Two grown ICC children were paying forward the love, care, and compassion that they had received in the care of their ICC family. The support of loving house parents, caring staff, and generous donors in the lives of Judith and Georime paid forward as a life-saving blessing to Daniel.

It is a rich return to see the grown children of ICC live to serve as they have been served.



19% OF FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS ARE FROM FOREIGN FUNDRAISING PARTNERS.

South Korea Japan

RESCUING CHILDREN GLOBALLY



 Mexico

 Dominican Republic

 Guatemala  El Salvador
 Nicaragua

 Colombia

 Ghana

Brazil



Rick Fleck
ICC President

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BECAUSE YOU GIVE, ICC WORKS IN MANY COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD. YOUR PARTNERSHIP IS VITAL IN HELPING CHILDREN IN THE AMERICAS, EUROPE, ASIA AND AFRICA THRIVE AS PASSIONATE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST.”

Rick Fleck, ICC President

2019 MINISTRY REPORT



13 COUNTRIES*



420 CHILDREN



40 HOMES



**1400 DISCIPLESHIP
MEETINGS HELD**



**71 HOUSE
PARENTS**



**535,000 MEALS
PROVIDED**



Romania

***One country is not represented on the map in order to protect the children.**



India



**Democratic
Republic
of Congo**



Zambia



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INVESTMENT IN
THE LIFE OF AN
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Timothy

FROM BEGGAR TO PROFESSOR

Timothy was a beggar boy on a railway station platform in India. On the best days, strangers took pity on Timothy and gave him morsels to eat. On the worst days, Timothy dug in the trash for food, or even ate nothing at all. He had little hope that life would ever change. Little did he know that God cared for him, and that He was preparing a new life for Timothy's future!

A kind pastor from Flaiz Adventist School stood on the platform where Timothy lived. As the pastor waited for the train, he glanced around the station. There, he noticed a heartbreaking sight. Timothy stood in tattered and dirty clothes, obviously hungry. Worst of all, the boy had a look of hopelessness in his eyes. The pastor's heart melted with compassion and so he approached.

"I know of a place where children get good food, clothes and a good education," the pastor said. "Children live with a mother and father who love them. It's called the ICC Sweet Home children's village. Would you like to live there?"

It sounded like a dream to Timothy. In fact, it sounded too good to be true. Although the stranger had a kind face, Timothy felt

uncertain. He refused, and the pastor hesitantly walked away. Not knowing what else to do, the man said a silent prayer for the homeless child.

A moment later, the train approached. The pastor bent to pick up his briefcase, but it wasn't on the ground anymore. It was in the arms of Timothy. "Sir, that is our train," He said. "Let us go."

The next morning when Timothy arrived at the Sweet Home Children's Village, the staff welcomed him warmly. They quickly found out that he didn't know his last name, the names of his parents, or the name of the village where his parents lived. He could not remember anything about his family. He had lived on the platform of the railway station ever since the death of his parents.

Fortunately, thanks to generous gifts from the worldwide ICC family, it is possible for the Sweet Home to be a safe haven for children like Timothy who desperately need a home, a family and an opportunity to go to school.

Timothy grew up in Sweet Home and attended elementary and high school at the Flaiz Adventist School. After his high school

graduation, Timothy went to study Theology at Spicer Memorial College (now called Spicer Adventist University). He received a bachelor degree in 2014 and successfully completed a Master's Degree in 2016.

Recently Timothy returned to his "home" and joined the Flaiz College as a teacher in the Department of Theology. He is now "paying forward" the support given to him by teaching at the same school where he was a student several years before. Timothy is recognized as being a good teacher and a talented preacher.

The kind support of donors made possible a great transformation in Timothy's life. He is grateful for the prayers and financial support of his sponsors, as well as the love shown to him from that moment on the train station and onward. Timothy stands as an excellent example of how investment in the life of an ICC child pays forward a wonderful blessing as they give back in a life of service.

You can make a world of difference in the life of an ICC child, such as Timothy. To donate or sponsor today, visit InternationalChildrensCare.org or call 800-422-7729.

ICC'S FAMILY MODEL OF CARE

- Family-style homes
- Loving house parents
- K-12 education
- College or technical training
- Healthy diet and lifestyle
- Medical attention as needed
- Spiritual guidance
- Therapy and counseling



THE HEART OF A MOTHER

A child of war, Georime never knew her parents. They died in a rebel insurgence when she was only six-months old. During the 1990s and early 2000s, war tormented the Democratic Republic of Congo. Many children received an inheritance of trauma from the ongoing insurgent warfare. Georime felt this trauma deeply. She longed for what she had never known: a family.

A long period of suffering marked Georime's earliest memories. She and sixteen other orphans were placed into the care of nuns. The nuns did not have the resources to care for those suffering children. They desperately needed help.

As the war continued, it became increasingly dangerous to travel. Word spread of a place in Goma where orphans could receive care, but the trip would be difficult. Georime gathered her belongings, which all fit into one small plastic bag. She only owned a single set of clothes.

Many children got sick on the road, but they arrived safely in Goma to be placed into the care of PROLASA, a missionary organization. This was an improvement from Georime's former life, but it was no long-term home for children. In addition, rumors spread that the entire city of Goma would soon be taken by armed troops.

That is when International Children's Care stepped in. On the island of Idjwi in Lake Kivu, a special spot of land had been purchased for children. No war or fighting had ever taken place on that island. There, a new Children's Village would be built.

Georime was one of the first children to live at Patmos Children's Village. Houses were built where mothers and fathers could care for children as a loving family. Each day the children received food and physical care. Soon, those afflicted with disease began to heal. The children also attended school and worship services, where they learned about a heavenly father who cares for orphans.

As Georime grew up, many of her ICC siblings attended college or work training, but nothing seemed to be a good fit for her. One thing was certain, though. Georime always enjoyed helping her house mother with the children in the home. She enjoyed the children and the children loved her.

Georime eventually married. Her Patmos family supported her marriage with excitement. Surrounded by good-hearted people who loved her with all their hearts, Georime realized that she had a true family at the Patmos Children's Village.

Years passed, and then in 2013 Georime made the choice to re-

turn home. With her husband, she decided to become a house parent at Patmos Children's Village. Georime is now providing love and care to children who need it the most, like Daniel in the story on page five.

"Since I started working, I have been so happy to care for children," Says Georime. "I know that I am reciprocating the kindness I was treated with since childhood. I remain thankful to the sponsors who helped me up to maturity. You have been my savior as Jesus has been our Savior to all of us. My thanks go straight to God for his protection and care."

Georime is just one of many ICC mothers around the world who go above and beyond to care for hurt and healing children. Because of your support, the children are loved deeply by house mothers who treat them as their own biological family.

Sponsorship is a life-changing blessing to children such as Georime. If you would like to sponsor a child, visit InternationalChildrensCare.org or call 800-422-7729.



COLORFUL COMPASSION

It was an overcast day. The gloomy weather reflected in Mabi's emotions as she traveled with her family. "Gray, just like our lives," Mabi thought, looking at the sky. At thirteen-years-old, Mabi was the oldest of her siblings. They lived in extreme poverty, with no hope for the future. Yet, thanks to the support of people like you, her life was about to change for good.

Mabi's mother walked with determination. "Where are we going?" The children wanted to know. Tall pine trees lined the country road in Guatemala. Then, a sign appeared. "Hogar Campestre Los Pinos de Adventista." Mabi recognized this as a home for children. "Mom? What's this?" Mabi asked.

"You're going to be in a place where you can study," She answered. "That's something I can't give you."

The decision was a difficult one. Mabi's mother loved her children dearly, but she knew that the best place for them was in a home where they might have a life free from poverty, and hope for a better future. That day, Mabi hugged her mother goodbye. Although they would still keep in touch often, Mabi and three of her younger siblings were now to be adopted into a new family, an ICC family at Los Pinos Children's Village.

House parents greeted Mabi at a home with a beautiful view. In

the evening, when the sun set over Los Pinos, this home on a hill had the best view of campus. The house parents reassured Mabi and her siblings. It was difficult to understand why she couldn't be with her mother, but her new house parents helped Mabi to adapt. This place would soon become Mabi's treasured home.

Without the constant stress of poverty, Mabi began to play and laugh easily with the other children. She built lasting memories, and through it all, she felt confident that her life was important and had a purpose.

"The most beautiful thing for me here was learning about God," says Mabi.

Mabi thrived in school. She loved her classwork, but she especially enjoyed writing letters. She wrote long and detailed letters to send to her sponsors. After growing up with so little, Mabi could hardly believe that people she had never met would take such an interest in her life.

Eight years at Los Pinos went by very quickly. Mabi graduated from the ICAP secondary school with a certificate in accounting. Afterwards, she decided to return to Los Pinos as the book keeper. She was grateful for the kindness of her sponsors, and returning to Los Pinos gave her an opportunity to pay forward the support she received.

Mabi felt motivated to continue her education. There weren't many options available where she could work and study at the same time, so she decided to enroll at a university in Guatemala City. After sundown on Sabbath evening, Mabi travelled eight hours by bus, arriving in time for classes on Sunday. Afterwards, she returned home by bus, arriving in time to be at work Monday morning. She lost a lot of sleep during those six years earning a degree in accounting.

Even though work for an accountant was in high demand, Mabi wanted to continue helping children from situations similar to her own, so she was happy to remain at Los Pinos after she received her degree.

"To all those people who at some point are moved in their hearts to help, I ask that they do it," Says Mabi. "Really, in doing that, they will change many lives. I invite you to give so that together we can change, maybe not the whole world, but at least the lives of the children at ICC Children's Villages."

Mabi's life is no longer a gray reflection of a rainy day. Because of caring people like you, she lives a colorful life, filled with joy and compassion.

SPONSORSHIP
\$35/MONTH
CHANGE A LIFE

Sign up at InternationalChildrensCare.org
 or by calling 800-422-7729.



ICC IN *YOUR* COMMUNITY



Because of YOU, children around the world are blessed to have a loving family and home through ICC. THANK YOU for going above and beyond to bless the kids! Here are just a few ways that your ICC family is sharing the mission in their communities. **Find out about how you can get involved with ICC in your community at InternationalChildrensCare.org, or by calling 800-422-7729.**



As well as sponsoring a child, husband and wife team Hannah and Huridis volunteer as ICC Ambassadors. Huridis also grew up at Las Palmas Children's Village! As ambassadors, they share their ICC experiences and promote the mission of orphan care at events. Thanks!



Stephanie Wilczynski, sponsor with her husband Jonny, invited an ICC representative to speak at their church's 2019 International Sabbath. Five new sponsors signed up that day! Thanks for getting the word out about ICC!



Mary Coleman (left) collects copies of ICC mission stories, such as *Child of The Crossfire* by Alcyon Fleck. She uses them to talk about the ICC mission of orphan care. Amazing work!



Dorothy Larson (above), who coordinates our monthly mailing, has been serving as a volunteer for 29 years at ICC HQ. Thank you, Dorothy, for your continuing dedication.





Rebecca Loveless (shown with her family) created a unique way to help the girls of ICC feel special. She hand sews dresses with messages of love. These dresses serve as a reminder to the girls of how special and valuable they are, how precious they are to Jesus, and how much they are loved.



Susan Barn (above with an ICC child) has supported ICC from the very start in 1978, and continues to live and give generously. Her story is a true inspiration!

Read her story at InternationalChildrensCare.org/2020/04/02/susan/.



In March, 2019, a 40-foot shipping container was filled and sent to Dominican Republic with gifts from donations in your communities! The children are so grateful to all of you who helped make it possible for them to have these much-needed items.

Lucas (right) was diagnosed with leukemia in 2018. He wanted to share his love of LEGOs with other children. As a result, Lucas Legos For Kids was created and put into action during 2019. Thanks to Lucas, ICC children are playing with LEGOs, some for the first time!



YEAR IN REVIEW

CONDENSED AUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Independent Auditor — Hoffman, Stewart & Schmidt, P.C. • For year ended December 31, 2019

PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Sponsorship and Contributions	\$3,660,436
Corporation Gifts	\$35,000
Grants	\$152,933
Legacies and Bequests	\$151,218
In-kind contributions	\$28,400
Other Income	\$18,698

Total Public Support and Revenue	\$4,046,684
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EXPENSES

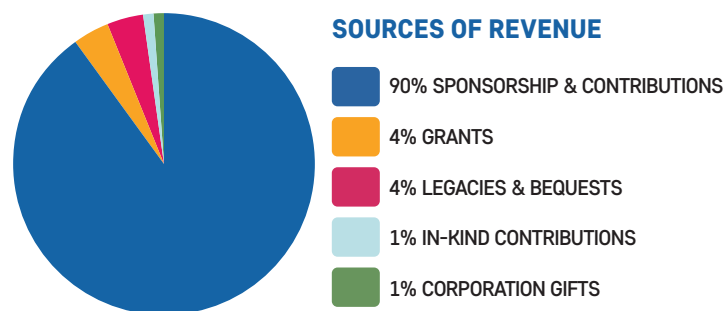
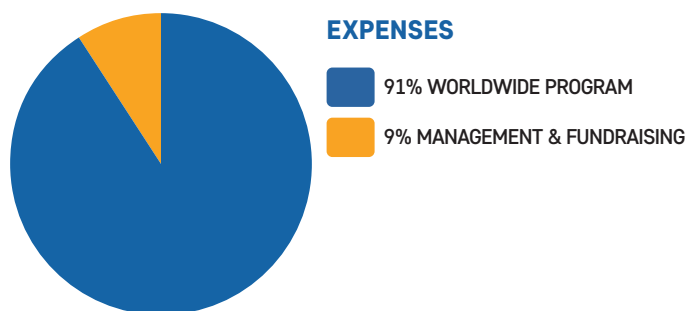
Program Services	
Worldwide Program Services	\$3,863,195
Supporting Services	
Management and General	\$160,589
Fundraising	\$200,051

Total Supporting Services	\$360,640
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Total Expenses	\$4,223,835
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Public Support and Revenue Over Expenses

-\$177,151



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cody Erwin — Chair
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Executive Director of Americas

TRENDS IN REVENUE

	Actual 2014	Actual 2015	Actual 2016	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Actual 2019
Partner Revenue						
USA	\$3,157,561	\$3,641,812	\$3,290,558	\$5,350,939	\$3,564,601	\$3,237,384
Canada (Prolasa)	\$71,686	\$90,442	\$96,671	\$111,903	\$130,298	\$316,012
Germany (CFI)	\$28,540	\$44,746	\$27,586	\$45,059	\$76,004	\$37,861
Netherlands (IKN)	\$338,437	\$237,689	\$248,909	\$200,808	\$262,229	\$269,828
England (ICC UK)	\$23,559	\$3,709	\$5,688	\$6,340	\$5,967	\$34,429
Chapters (Belgium, Spain, Switzerland)	\$87,735	\$28,518	\$72,504	\$43,616	\$32,672	\$31,345
Other Funding Offices / Chapters	\$87,471	\$54,754	\$54,443	\$67,825	\$70,394	\$72,727
Total Partner Revenue	\$3,794,989	\$4,101,670	\$3,796,359	\$5,826,490	\$4,142,166	\$3,999,586
Other Revenue & In-Kind	\$88,458	\$21,386	(\$51,348)	\$34,417	\$12,166	\$47,097
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,883,447	\$4,123,056	\$3,745,011	\$5,860,907	\$4,154,332	\$4,046,684

International Children's Care follows the standards and practices of: The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Financial Accounting Standards Board.

SUSTAINING INDUSTRIES

Making Donor Contributions Stretch Even Further. We have been working diligently to develop and expand sustaining industries at our ICC Children's villages. Such initiatives not only help to provide food for the children, they also generate funds to help with operating costs. This enables contributions to stretch even further. Highlights include the following:



EL OASIS INDUSTRIES

El Oasis Industry produces jalapeños and tomatillos. There were 40+ acres under cultivation. 940 tons was the total yield for both jalapeños (804.4) and tomatillos (135.2).



6 LBS OF SEEDS = 660 TONS OF PEPPERS

**\$109,569
PROFIT**

LAS PALMAS INDUSTRIES

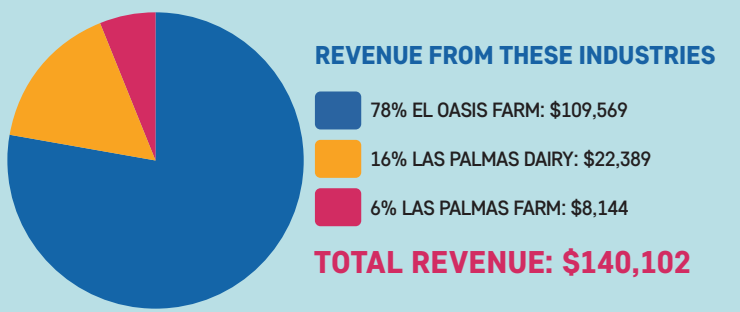
**80 GALLONS
MILKED PER DAY**

**97 TOTAL COWS
38 COWS MILKED**

Las Palmas Industries in the Dominican Republic include a dairy, produce farm, and fish farm. Produce includes plantains, sweet potatoes, banana, yucca, eggplant, peppers, papaya, and watermelon. These are consumed on campus, with excess being sold in the community. **Total profit from the farm was \$8,144.** The fish farm industry is still being developed at this time.



\$22,389 PROFIT



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Hal and Jackie
Williams



LEAVE A LEGACY OF LOVE

When Hal and Jackie Williams sold their physical therapy business after 30 years of hard work, they decided to set up a trust that would benefit the children of ICC. "It has given us great satisfaction to support ICC through our trust," Says Hal. "When we are no longer here, God's children will still be cared for."



You can leave a lasting legacy in the heart of an orphan child. Contact Doug at ICC today for more details.

DougC@forhiskids.org, 800-422-7729



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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