



# FAMILY REPORT

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# BECAUSE OF YOU

What a time this last year has been! COVID-19, firestorms, hurricanes, civil and political agitation, and ongoing uncertainty about what the future holds. It can be tempting to focus on the bad when reflecting over times past. Yet, this year's Family Report is here to focus on what is most important: How God is working, through you, to bless little children.

In this publication, you'll find the latest news and numbers from ICC's annual report, but even more important are the stories of how God is working through YOU in the lives of His Kids.

In the midst of this constantly changing world, your support has been a constant blessing to the children. You give them a reason to have hope for the future! They are able to hold hands with their parents, sisters and brothers, laughing and telling stories around the dinner table. They attend school and they learn about Jesus. You help to make that possible. Thank you!

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!





# SUNSHINE IN INDIA

Like most sisters, Shanta and Priya\* have enjoyed each other's companionship and have experienced much of life together. Sadly, they have also experienced the pains of death together as well. Several years ago, their mother died due to a lung infection and tuberculosis. Soon after, tragedy struck again when their father died.

It was fortunate that the two little girls were not separated after the death of their parents. Their grandmother took them in and provided for them until she became too old and could no longer give them the care they needed.

Desperate for food, clothing, and shelter, the girls asked for assistance at the elementary school in India where the ICC Sweet Home children attend. They were referred to Sweet Home, and because of the

support of faithful donors, they soon became a part of a loving family – together still. They are bright young ladies and are rays of sunshine on the Sweet Home campus. But, they will need your support now and into the future to have the ongoing care they need.

Like many children who come to live in an ICC children's village, these sisters have nowhere else to turn. It is because of donors, people like you who are willing to support orphan care, that there is now a home and family for Priya and Shanta.

Would you be willing to help children such as Shanta and Priya through sponsorship, recurring donations, or even a one-time gift? Please, be a ray of sunshine to them by designating a special gift for their care today. Thank you!

\*Names have been changed and the photo blurred to protect the identities of the children.



Shanta (left)  
and Priya

## ICC GLOBAL PARTNERS

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

Washington,  
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**19% OF FUNDS SUPPORTING OPERATIONS OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS ARE FROM THE GLOBAL PARTNERS.**

# RESCUING CHILDREN GLOBALLY

**"BECAUSE YOU GIVE,  
ICC WORKS IN MANY  
COUNTRIES AROUND THE  
WORLD. YOUR PARTNER-  
SHIP IS VITAL IN HELP-  
ING CHILDREN IN THE  
AMERICAS, EUROPE, ASIA  
AND AFRICA THRIVE AS  
PASSIONATE FOLLOWERS  
OF JESUS CHRIST."**

*Rick Fleck, ICC President*

Mexico  
Guatemala  
El Salvador  
Dominican Republic  
Nicaragua  
Colombia

## 2020 MINISTRY REPORT



**12 COUNTRIES\***



**427 CHILDREN**



**42 HOMES**



**1400 DISCIPLESHIP  
MEETINGS HELD**



**71 HOUSE  
PARENTS**



**550,000 MEALS  
PROVIDED**

\*In order to protect the safety of the children, one country is not named on the map.

Romania

India

Ghana

Democratic  
Republic  
of Congo

Zambia



# THE FIRST STEPS OF FAMILY

**Just before Christmas in 1997, Mexican authorities decided to close two deteriorating orphanages.** Twenty-four orphan children needed a place to live and ICC was asked to take the children.

Even though the construction of the El Oasis Children's Village was not complete, ICC administrator's decided to welcome them into the family. They would be the first children to live at El Oasis.

What a scene it was when the large bus rolled onto the El Oasis campus and the children disembarked. They were wide-eyed and filled with wonder as they surveyed their new surroundings.

Among the group of children who arrived that first day were Ricardo and his two brothers. They had lost their parents. Before the government stepped in to help the boys, four-year-old Ricardo would go out into the local village in search of something to eat. He would return

with food for his younger brothers so they could eat.

It should have been no surprise that at the end of their first meal at El Oasis, the two older brothers took food from the table and quickly hid it under their beds. They didn't realize that the ICC caregivers were going to provide for them!

It took two or three more meals, but then Ricardo began to realize that, for the first time in his life, he was going to have enough food! This happened thanks to the support of people like you who care for orphaned children.

As Ricardo grew up, he demonstrated many positive traits: patience, a good attitude when dealing with difficulties, natural happiness, and interest to learn more about Jesus and the new life He promises.

One day, the little daughter of Ricardo's house parents

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was learning to take her first steps. The house father was obviously excited. Ricardo observed what was going on with great interest.

He eventually approached his house father and asked, “Do you think my dad was excited when I took my first steps in life? I wish there was someone that would have been excited for me.”

His house father replied, “I don’t know about your biological father and what happened back at that time in your life. I do know that every day I’m thrilled to be your house father. As the days go by, I’m proud of everything you do – for being such a fine young man and for being so helpful and caring of other people. I know that Jesus would have been smiling

down and would have been proud of you the day you took your first steps as well.”

That’s the kind of loving care that you can help to make possible through your support!

Along with the nurturing care that Ricardo received at El Oasis, he had the opportunity to go to school. Eventually, Ricardo enrolled in the dentistry program at Montemorelos University in Mexico. He graduated with his degree in dentistry in May 2020.

**Ricardo is grateful for the amazing support that people like you helped to provide. He knows that without faithful supporters, his destiny would be totally different. Ricardo wants to continue giving back by helping others in need as he has been helped in his life.**



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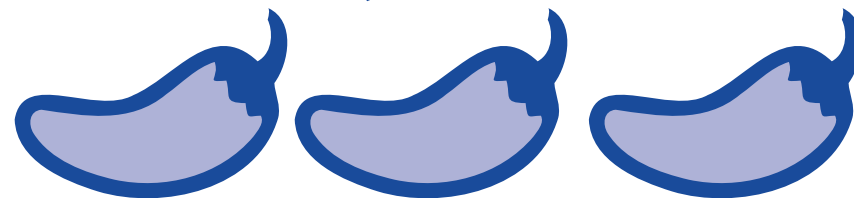
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**\$35/MONTH**  
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or call 800-422-7729.

# SUSTAINING INDUSTRIES

ICC works diligently to develop and expand sustaining industries at the Children’s Villages. Such initiatives not only help to provide food for the children, but they also generate funds to help with operating costs. This enables contributions to stretch even further. There are industries being developed in many of the villages, but the El Oasis Pepper Farm is the most established. With over 70 acres in cultivation, they produce jalapeño peppers, serranos, gueritos and habaneros, as well as tomatillos. Here are examples of how God blessed the 2020 crop:

**30+ MILLION JALAPEÑO PEPPERS**



**2,643,698**

*Pounds of Produce  
(1,322 Tons)*

**61 TRACTOR  
TRAILERS  
FILLED WITH  
PRODUCE**



**183,000**

*5-Gallon Buckets Filled  
\*Estimated*



# ICC IN *YOUR* COMMUNITY

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



Last year, seven-year old Carson set an example for all of us on how to give with the whole heart. In the words of his mother, “My seven-year-old son, Carson, read your newsletter before I could get to it. He emptied his piggy bank, donated the money he had earned by filling buckets with rocks, and then convinced his three-year old sister, Sophie, to empty her piggy bank, too.”

He dumped the entire contents out on the kitchen table, saying to his mom, “This is what I have to give.”

When you give with all your heart like Carson, the impact on a child’s life is beyond measure. Thanks, Carson and Sophie!



Jean Parchment (not pictured) has raised over \$40,000 for ICC projects by using her unique talent of creating realistic, *Reborn* baby dolls. Each doll is meticulously crafted with up to 25 layers of paint and hand-rooted mohair, and dressed with a hand-made outfit. It takes about 100 hours to create one doll. Pictured at right is one of ICC’s faithful supporters, Tena Baehm, with one of the several *Reborn* dolls Jean has created for her. “I hold them and think of the many orphans ICC is caring for,” Says Tena. Thank you, Jean and Tena, for blessing the kids!

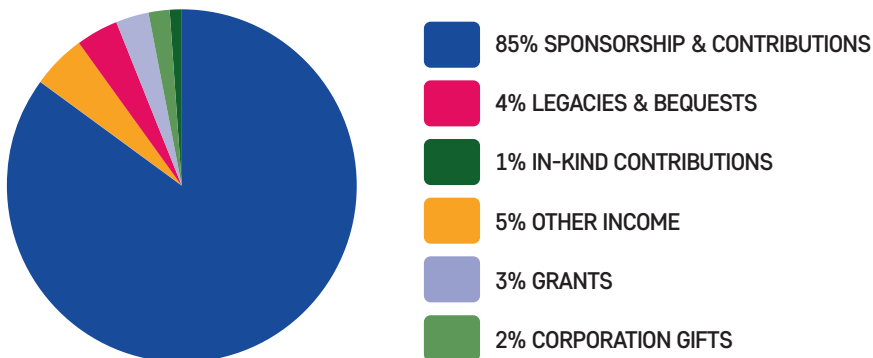


The Pride Family uses their talent of music to share the gospel of Jesus. This family of eight loves to travel, which they do quite often for their music ministry. At concerts, the Pride Family also talk about the mission of saving orphans and about International Children’s Care. Because of that, children are blessed by the awareness and support raised! Thank you, Pride Family!

# YEAR IN REVIEW

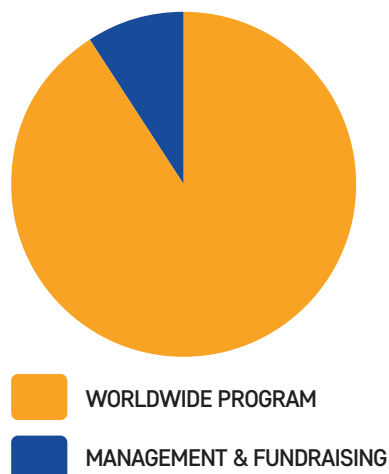
“Our supporters have this intense passion: they love children, and they love people. It inspires me because I see this love, and it inspires and improves my own walk with God.” – *Rick Fleck, ICC President*

## SOURCES OF REVENUE



## EXPENSES

**WORLDWIDE PROGRAM 91%**



# 90% OF SUPPORT FROM INDIVIDUAL DONORS

2020 Total Expenses:  
\$4,078,699

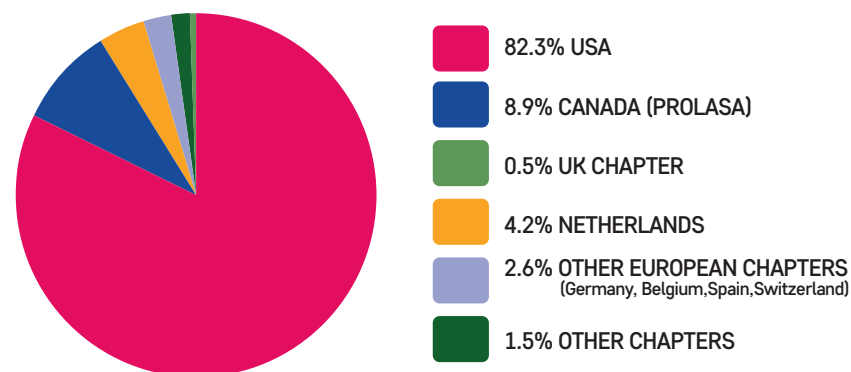
2020 Support & Revenue:  
\$4,370,014



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## PARTNER REVENUE BY COUNTRY



**WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



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Hal & Jackie  
Williams

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## 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.

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