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Double Your Gift through the Christmas Hope Matching Challenge!

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Dear Friend of the Children,

Christmas is a time of reflection. And as I reflect upon the year that is past, I am grateful for God's providential leading of ICC's ministry for orphan and vulnerable children. I am also aware of the impossibility of this mission if it weren't for the prayers and support of ICC's faithful family members like you. God's work through you is saving and transforming the lives of orphan and vulnerable children.

During this season of Christmas, when we celebrate and recognize the birth of our Savior, Jesus, it's fitting to recognize and celebrate your caring concern for the little ones that are especially near and dear to Jesus Himself. They are the "least of these" that He spoke about. Thank you for answering His call to care for them!

And this month, I'm pleased to invite you to double the impact of your caring support! Once again, some of our dedicated ICC family members have offered a special matching challenge.

Until the end of December, your special gift can be doubled to provide even more of a blessing for the children. I know that many of you who are able will want to take advantage of this opportunity.

To have the greatest impact for the children, we suggest that the gift that you give for this matching challenge be something extra beyond what you might normally give. Just mark this extra gift as "Christmas Hope Matching Challenge." Thank you very much!



This month, double the impact of your support for ICC children like 5-year-old Lucinda by participating in the Christmas Hope Matching Challenge. Make a transformational difference in the life of "His Kids."

As in other years, 2024 has seen the ICC family experiencing the joy of birthday celebrations and graduations. You make these milestone events possible through your consistent support.

Some of the most significant events were the times a suffering child arrived at one of our children's villages. He or she is so frightened and in need of a gentle hug, a warm bath, a nutritious meal, clothes and a bed to call their very own. These newly arrived children need the welcoming environment of an ICC family that you help to provide!

A good example of this is 5-year-old Lucinda who joined the Las Palmas family in the Dominican Republic earlier this year. As is often the case, before arriving at Las Palmas, Lucinda was in a vulnerable situation which required the intervention of government officials. Her story is like so many others. And sadly, there are no good stories as to why a child must find refuge within an ICC family.

However, there are good stories, even great and inspiring stories, of children who rise above their past and who are transformed within the loving environment of an ICC family!

These children learn what it means to be a part of a loving family. They learn about God and His special plan for their lives. They move forward to live lives of purpose and service.

And now for little Lucinda, she also has that opportunity.

But it won't happen unless caring individuals like you help to make it possible for her journey to continue.

That is why your gift this month means so much to children like Lucinda.

And what better time is there than now to have your gift doubled through the Christmas Hope Matching Challenge? Please send in your gift today, go online to ForHisKids.org/2024-Christmas-Matching-Challenge or use this QR Code to participate in this special matching offer!



In closing, I want to let you know that our project directors are doing what they can to keep costs down. These are tough economic times. The cost of caring for the children continues to rise. And the children have nowhere else to turn for their care except to ICC family members like you.

This Christmas, as we focus on Jesus and His mission to the world, I hope and pray that you will remember His mission to the "least of these" – and particularly the orphan children within the ICC family.

Thank you for what you have done for them. Thank you for what you will continue to

do for them. And may you experience God's richest blessings this Christmas.

On behalf of the children,



Rick Fleck

P.S. To take advantage of year-end tax benefits, please respond by December 31. And to take part in the Christmas Hope Matching Challenge, please respond as quickly as possible! Thank you!



Merry Christmas!



Dates & Deadlines (for end-of-year giving)

- ♥ **Mail in donations:** *Postmarked by 12/31/2024*
- ♥ **Call in donations:** *Call before 3:00 pm PST on 12/31/2024*
- ♥ **Online donations:** *received prior to midnight PST on 12/31/2024*



When soliciting funds for a specific need, we occasionally receive more in donations than requested. In those instances when we do receive more money than solicited, those extra funds are placed in "Alcyon's Angel Fund." To protect the privacy of our children, ICC uses fictitious names in the Que Pasa when referring to minor children.