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Mirroring the Care Received, Thanks to YOU!



Ignace's uncertainty about the Patmos village soon disappeared as he grew to love his new family. He has now dedicated his life to fulfill God's will and purpose. Thank you for your unconditional love and support that provides children, like Ignace, with hope!

Editor's note: The support you give to ICC children is paid forward when they are grown and able to live independently. This can be seen in the following edited excerpt from a letter by Ignace, one of our grown ICC children from the DR Congo. He came to the Patmos Children's Village soon after it was established and there were few facilities yet to house the children.

On October 22, 2002, I stepped into the ICC family. At that time, there stood a single wooden house, boasting only two exterior doors. One door led to the director's office, while the other welcomed me into the living quarters. The warmth of the director's

reception left a lasting impression. The nurturing care of the house mothers followed. They washed my body and provided nourishment. Initially, I harbored thoughts of returning home to my biological father. Rumors circulated in the village, suggesting that the director might sell us to white people. Tears flowed as I grappled with this uncertainty. Yet, as days turned into weeks, I found solace among my new-found family. Life continued, and I grew to cherish this bond.

Within this expansive family, I reaped numerous benefits:

- **Healthcare:** ICC provided free medical care, addressing the poor health conditions many of us faced. Within just

two weeks, my well-being improved, and I shed the weight of orphanhood.

- **Parental Love:** We discovered the love that parents shower upon their children.
- **Quality Education:** From primary school to secondary education and university, I received a robust education. Today, I hold a degree in Building and Public Works.
- **Social and Spiritual Support:** The guidance I received within this family extended beyond academics. It equipped me for life in society and within our local church. As the secretary of Patmos church, I continue to draw from those teachings.

In my pursuit of higher education, ICC provided unwavering support. I studied beyond the confines of Patmos Children's Village. For four years, ICC covered my rent, meals, and tuition fees. Upon completing my university studies, I transitioned to independence. ICC didn't abandon me; instead, they guided me toward a new life. The same family that had nurtured me now employed me. As a supervisor for the chil-

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Project Spotlight – Patmos, DR Congo

The Impact of Your Support



The children are engaged in many tasks. As seen here, the children are cultivating the fields.

The support YOU give to care for and nurture the children is truly transformative! This can be seen in the following two accounts written by ICC children at the Patmos Children’s Village.

Reflections from Three Children

Désiré, ICC Patmos Children’s Village Director, recently asked three boys to share a perspective on their lives at Patmos. Their names are Serge, Olivier and Jackson. Here’s some of what they shared.

At Patmos, we maintain a strong spiritual life. We have free education and face no barriers compared with children who live in the community. We also receive free and effective medical care.

We are regularly fed three meals a day, whereas community children often eat only one meal per day and are sometimes undernourished. We consistently enjoy good nutrition.

It is easier for us to obtain clothing because our families have the

means to assist, whereas community children struggle to dress properly.

We live in a family setting where we benefit from a broad range of intellectual and cultural knowledge, while community children mainly experience a “Haven” culture where safety is a primary concern.

In our ICC family, both girls and boys are engaged in many tasks. Tasks are divided as follows:

- Girls: laundry, sweeping, food preparation, washing household items, doing laundry, sowing, and yard duties.
- Boys: fetching water, gathering firewood, tidying the house, plowing, leading family worship, and assisting with loading and unloading boats and tractors.

As can be seen in the perspective of these boys, they have many experiences and blessings that enrich their lives as compared to children in the surrounding community. And this is made possible because of ICC family members like you. You truly are difference makers.

Reflections from Henri

Désiré also received a wonderful personal story written by Henri. Later this year, we’ll tell you more about Henri and his amazing road to wellness. This month we share his perspective on how the ICC family played a decisive role in his success.

From early childhood, facing dif-

ficult life conditions could have led to a sense of exclusion or despair. Thanks to the psychological support provided by the educators and caregivers, I learned to turn my hardships into strength. Constant encouragement helped me develop inner resilience and the ability to recover after every setback.

Educators valued every small progress: a smile, a step, academic success. This recognition strengthened my self-esteem, giving me confidence in my abilities. I realized I was not defined only by physical limits, but by my courage and will.

I was provided with a stable environment where I could express my emotions without fear. Moments of doubt or sadness were met with reassuring words and affectionate gestures. This helped me develop better emotional intelligence, learning to manage fear, pain, and uncertainty.

Psychologically, I gained the ability to project myself into the future. Instead of limiting myself to my difficulties, it taught me to dream, to succeed in my studies, to find a profession, to become independent. **This positive projection became a powerful driver of my success.**

From the bottom of my heart, I thank every person who believed in me, invested in me, and supported my dreams. Your faith has continually motivated me and empowered me to persevere.

FACES BLURRED IN ONLINE VERSION TO PROTECT IDENTITY OF CHILDREN



The children can be seen enjoying daily life- eating and learning life skills such as how to repair their shoes and construction.

To access a short video clip of Patmos children marching, use the following QR code or visit



vimeo.com/1174154838/129181a5d6

Will You Sponsor Me?



Patmos Children’s Village is the largest within the ICC family. There are several children who need the loving support of sponsors. The children have experienced suffering and loss, and you can help to restore them to wholeness and transform their lives. To sponsor a child today, please contact Lorena at the ICC office (800-422-7729) or use the following web link or QR code. Thank you!



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dren, I mirrored the care I had once received.

Looking ahead, I harbor the following aspirations: home ownership, marriage, further education, and entrepreneurship. Upon completing my studies, I envision establishing a construction company. It will provide employment opportunities for young gradu-

ates in our field. May God continue to guide my path, and may my dreams find fulfillment. These are my aspirations for the future that will shape me into a responsible and contributing member of society.

I offer profound thanks to the Eternal God for His sustaining breath of life and protection. May

His name be exalted.

To the ICC family, your unconditional love has rekindled hope in forgotten hearts. You care for us as your own, transcending origins and social status. May God bless you with abundant earthly and eternal life. Once again, I extend my sincere thanks.

Little Ambassador

By Rick Bowes



Rick Bowes and Christine Baehm discussing her 90th birthday celebration.

Please take a few moments to look at this beautiful photo celebrating Christine Baehm's 90th birthday.

As you can see Christine has a radiant smile, and I am holding a birthday card with the caption that reads, "Little Ambassador-He left the 90 and 9 to rescue me, Matthew 18:12."

Inside the card a most intriguing story unfolds.

Christine, the ninth child in her family, began her life as a "little person" on December 4, 1935. Sadly, Christine's mother passed away just seven months after Christine was born. She remained with her birth family for two more years, and was then welcomed into the home of George and Vesta Anderson.

Although Christine was small and not growing, her size did not hinder her from being filled with joy. She went to academy and college, getting her degree in secretarial science, and then she started her career working for the General Conference. Her life

took on new meaning when she married George Baehm on September 28, 1983.

Together she and George would spend the rest of their married lives spreading the love of Jesus throughout the world.

Through the years one of Christine's favorite ways to spread that love was the sponsoring of ICC orphans.

About a year ago as Christine was praying about how she should celebrate her 90th birthday, she had the distinct impression that she should create a birthday card inviting all of her friends to honor her birthday by sending in donations that would help to change and save the lives of orphan children.

The card was made and sent out to over 200 of her friends, and to date, Christine's friends have donated \$9,840.

Today Christine shares the message, "To all my 90th birthday contributors, it is with humble appreciation that I express

thanks to each person who made a donation in honor of my 90th birthday. I want you to know that each one of you is a treasure to me, and that many dear children will benefit from your kindness. God bless each of you- I love you."

What a blessing it is for ICC children that Christine chose to celebrate her significant milestone birthday by drawing attention to the needs of orphan children. Christine, is just one example of loving generosity in the hearts of our ICC family of supporters who understand well Jesus' own heart of tenderness when He said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14

Thank you, Christine! Thank you, ICC family!



Calling CAA Alumni



Meet us at the ICC table on **Alumni Sabbath, April 11**, before or after the main service to receive a thank-you gift. Sign our guest book and share your stories of mission trips, working with ICC, or sponsoring ICC orphans. Bring pictures you may have of mission trips or development work with ICC.

We can't wait to see you on Alumni Weekend!

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