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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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## Congo Aid NEEDED!



**M**y heart goes out to our people in The Congo as I hear the stories of what has been and is happening there. As you probably know, ICC reached out in faith and took in fourteen young children who had lost everything, and were on the verge of losing their very lives as some of their friends already had. We knew that funding was and is an issue for us, but we could not turn our backs on these precious children of God.

Today, we are planning for a container load of relief supplies that we will send from our office in Vancouver to Congo.

We need many items as well as funding to help pull this shipment off for our children in that war-torn part of our world. Please go to our website at [www.forhiskids.org](http://www.forhiskids.org) and click on our "container needs" section in order to see what items are currently needed for this shipment. We need personal items for the children as well. Everything from denim jeans, shirts, dresses, shoes, socks, underclothing and especially personal supplies needed for both boys and girls. If you know or are someone who works at a retail supplier who has per-

sonal items, please think about donating those types of things to help "His kids" in Congo. Soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, and other specific personal things are needed there for the children, boys and girls. We also need funding for this shipment for items that will need to be purchased locally that will not be donated.

We will keep the Congo Container Needs List updated each week with what items are still needed, so if you see an item on the list, it is most likely still needed. Please send or drop off all items at our Vancouver office ASAP since we are now ramping up to accept more items for this very special need.

God bless each one of you for caring, and for your continued support of these precious lives that have been entrusted to all of us.

*Doug Congleton  
Executive Director, ICC Americas*



Writing our prayers to the children on the cargo door

You can create this excitement by sending gifts!

# A Personal Note

**A**s another school year is about to begin in the United States I am reminded about the impact that quality education has in the lives of ICC children. I have the privilege of managing our ICC Center in Guatemala City. It is here that four of our Los Pinos children are staying while they attend local college and university programs. I'd like to share a portion of a testimony from one of our girls who has been blessed by ICC donors. This young lady is so very grateful for your support and the opportunity she has been given to prepare herself for service.

"I arrived when I was very little at Los Pinos. I was one of the smallest ones, so they sent me to the Receiving Center in Guatemala City. In that place I began to learn the most wonderful thing that caused a change in my life. What I mean is Jesus. I learned to sing beautiful songs, to pray, and they took me to church.

When I was six I returned to Los Pinos Peten. They gave me parents who could care for me and teach me what was right. Thank God, I had the opportunity of having good parents who taught me to cook and wash, to be organized and clean, and the most important is that I learned to put Jesus first in my life. I remember that since we went to school in the morning, they would get us up very early to have worship and would read the morning meditation.

It was in Los Pinos that I started and finished primary school. During that time I learned to read and write, and I enjoyed playing with my classmates.



In 2006 I started studying the vocational training for being a teacher. During that time of my life I learned to talk about Jesus to others. When I was a senior I went to live in the dorm, where I met a lot of people and had the opportunity to have friends. In 2008 I had the opportunity to graduate with my vocational training to be a teacher.

A super important event in my life was to be baptized when I was twelve. That was a step in my life that I have never regretted. God is my Creator and Redeemer.

Los Pinos has activities so the kids can have fun, and one of those activities is birthday celebrations. That day was happy because we received a gift. Another important time that we always enjoyed was Christmas, because we enjoyed it as a family.

[At the end of] 2008 I left my beautiful home because I started working in [the beginning of] 2009 as a teacher in an Adventist

school in Puerto Barrios. Later, Los Pinos gave me the opportunity to live in the ICC Center in Guatemala City in order to be able to continue with my university studies.

I was able, thanks to God, to finish the technical degree in educational administration, middle school teaching. This allowed me to continue working on my bachelor's degree in educational administration. Also, God has giving me the opportunity to work in an Adventist school where I share the love of Jesus with my students.

Thanks to ICC and all the donors who have supported me, I have been able to reach my goals. I know that God has put you in my path.

Blessings for your life and family.



May God continue blessing you.

Victoria Ramírez Mejía



As you see in this testimony, with your support you changed her life. Now she will have more opportunities for jobs in this modern and demanding world of professionals. Victoria feels sure that your donations are being properly utilized for children who need it so much.

People like you make the difference. You chose the best investment laying up for yourselves *“treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.”* Matthew 19:20

May God continue blessing you,

Sincerely,

Anabela Alejos

*Development Department Director*

*ICC-Guatemala*

# VOLUNTEERS

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Laughter cascades down the stairwell at the ICC home office in Vancouver, Washington. Is there a staff party in full swing? Not at all. Today is mailing day and eleven enthusiastic volunteers have gathered in the upstairs conference room to stuff and prepare the monthly Qué Pasa newsletter. Even though there is light-hearted conversation, this task is critical to the ministry of ICC, and the volunteers seated around the tables take it seriously.

Dorothy Larson has been an ICC volunteer for almost as long as ICC has been in existence. She reckons that it was a couple of years after the start of ICC that she became involved with the mailings. That would be about 33 years ago. Dorothy coordinates the volunteer involvement in the mailings and ensures that everything is done correctly and efficiently. It usually takes from 8:00-10:30 on mailing mornings to stuff three to four items into each envelope. According to Dorothy, the volunteers prepare about 6,000 envelopes for each mailing. That includes the Spanish version of the Que Pasa which she processes herself.

The volunteers really seem to enjoy themselves and feel good

about their contribution to the work of ICC. Bonnie B. has been volunteering for about six years. She states that "It's a wonderful social time of Christian men and women. It's fulfilling to now we're helping orphans. It's a blessing to be able to do that."

Judy has been volunteering for about a year. When describing what's going on she says; "It's a Christian fellowship. It's fun to get together and do something worthwhile."

It's not possible for all the volunteers to participate every month. According to those seated at the table more volunteers are needed. Bonnie says; "This room used to be so full that we ran out of places for people to sit. We're always in need of more volunteers."

We appreciate the work of our faithful volunteers. They truly make a difference in the lives of ICC children by helping us communicate with you, our extended ICC family. If you'd like to join this important group of volunteers on mailing mornings, please contact the ICC office (800-422-7729) for further details.

*Kent Greve*  
*International Development Director*



# HONORS

**Phoebe Cannon**  
By Mrs. Kathryn V. Glazer

**Marianne Clark**  
By Heide & Zell Ford

**Suzanne Dassenko's Birthday**  
By Mr. & Mrs. Ben Grant

**Tom & Helen Downey  
65th Anniversary**  
By Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Swenson IV

**Lee & Martha Davis**  
By Mr. & Mrs. Larry Davis

**Jean Graham/Gift Fund**  
By Mrs. Judith Peters

**Brad Grant's Birthday**  
By Mr. & Mrs. Ben Grant

**Bob & Marilyn Ladd**  
By Mr. & Mrs. John Grosboll

**Art & Ruth Lenz**  
By Mr. & Mrs. Larry

**Onuska Children**  
By Mr. & Mrs. William Onuska

**Daniel Orellana/Oliver Mota**  
By Mr. and Mrs. Bradley W. White

**Burnell & Carol Paulson**  
By Ms. Nellie Davis

**Sam & Greta Pellece**  
By Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fearing



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