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The "Matching Grant" is almost complete!

I am always excited to see how God speaks to others about His ministry for His children!

If you will look at the children's matching grant tracking device here, you will see that He has spoken to so many caring people that have given to this special grant that it is now almost 80% funded. This is such amazing news for the children! You have answered His call to "Take care of the orphaned."

This matching grant is providing for the children right now as it is needed, and it is such a tremendous answer to all of our and your prayers. God is showing how He cares for each and every one of His children through many of

you who are participating in the matching grant effort.

I want to take this opportunity to say two things:

\$200,000

\$172,447 Current Donations

\$150,000

\$125,000

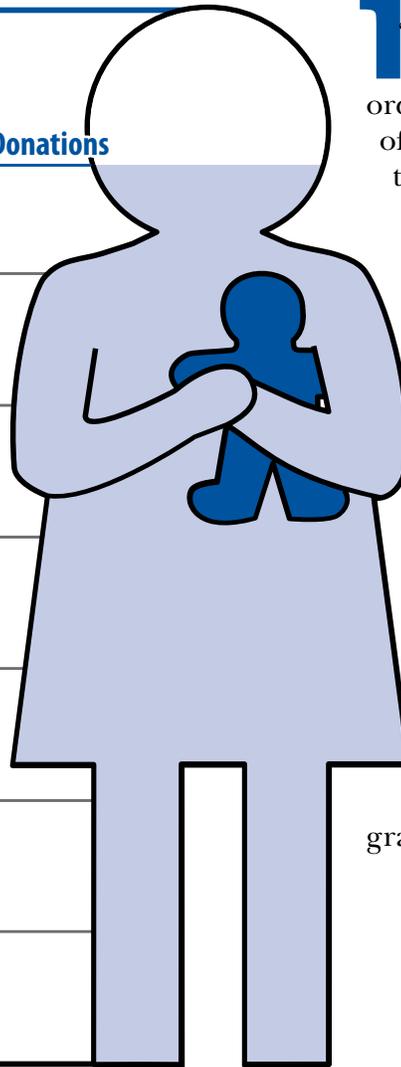
\$100,000

\$75,000

\$50,000

\$25,000

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1st, I want to invite any other "New Money" possible to be sent to the ICC office in order to complete this challenge of \$200,000, we are almost there! Your \$200,000 will soon become \$400,000 of love and support that will be utilized for every child in our children's village.

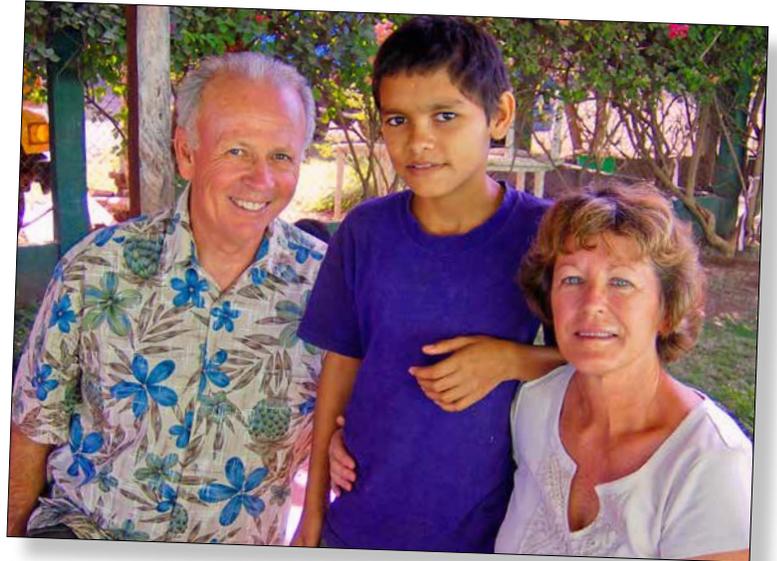
2nd, I want to say thank you to the providers of this wonderful funding opportunity for the support of the children themselves, and thank you to all of you who have participated in this challenge. God bless each one of you for your continued example of the love of Jesus to the children in each village. Let's complete this grant challenge together!

Doug Congleton
ICC Executive Director

A Personal Note

“We Gotta Keep Supporting”

It wasn't a long phone call with Paul, but it was very pleasant – catching up on each other's personal lives and talking about ICC's children. When I hung up the phone, I realized how much I've missed the warm and caring presence of Paul and Janet Edgren, long time board members of ICC and supporters of orphaned and abandoned children. For several years, Paul effectively guided our board as chairman. In addition, he served as facility planner, and together with Janet, they traveled to many different children's projects leaving behind a unique and lasting legacy. Because of health related issues they are no longer able to serve on the board of directors, but that in no way has diminished their enthusiasm and support for the children whom they've grown to love.



[Paul & Janet in Nicaragua](#)

During our conversation, Paul shared an experience he and Janet had while visiting the children's village in Romania. They had decided to sponsor a little girl I'll call Lidia. They were taking some time to explain to her that they were going to be her sponsor. Paul related that the experience was similar to Jesus and Peter's three question and answer conversation after the crucifixion. When Janet first told Lidia that they would sponsor her, Lidia replied in broken English, "Paul and Janet sponsor me?"

"Yes, Janet replied.

Seeming to not fully understand or believe it, Lidia again inquired, "Paul and Janet sponsor me?"

Again, Janet replied, "Yes."

Then, turning to Paul as if needing confirmation from him, Lidia asked once more, "Paul and Janet sponsor me?"

Paul reassured Lidia that, yes, they would sponsor her. Satisfied at last by this affirmation, Lidia was able to accept and bask in this caring relationship – a relationship that continues to this day.

If you sponsor a child, you may not fully understand how much he or she cherishes this relationship. In Latin American countries, the word for sponsor is often translated as "Godparent." This speaks of a significant connection between the sponsor and child, and the children value this relationship very much.

Continuing our conversation, Paul shared another experience that he and Janet had in Guatemala. During their visit to the Los Pinos children's village, Paul asked if it was possible to meet with their sponsored children. Arrangements were made, and before long four children arrived to visit Paul and Janet.



[Janet in Romania](#)

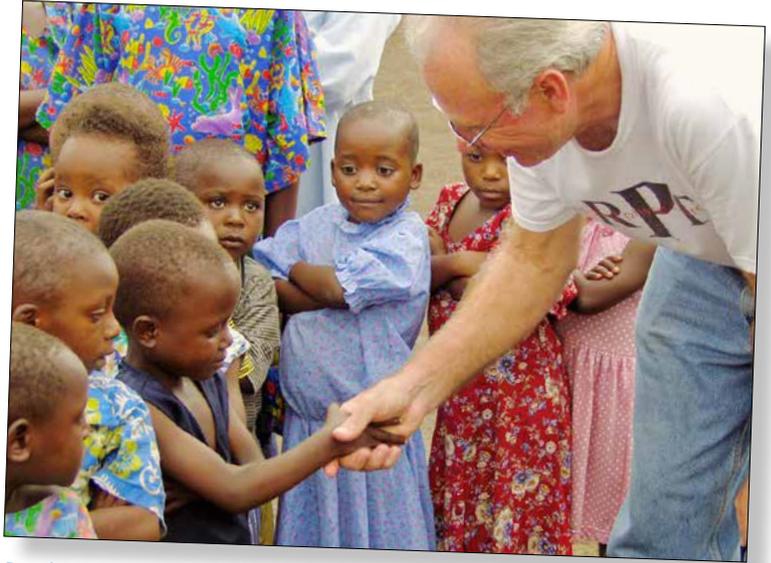
Living by the Word

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Phil 2:4 (ESV)

This, of course, was a special treat for the Edgrens. However, they were not expecting to hear what one of the boys told them.

“We are very fortunate,” he began. “Many of the children here don’t have sponsors, and some have only one or two. It is not very often that we receive letters from our sponsors. But today, we actually are able to meet our sponsors. Next to the day that we accepted Jesus as our Savior, this is the second most important day of our lives.”

The impact of this statement on Paul and Janet was immediate. Tears flowed from Janet’s eyes and she tried to think of what things she had brought that she could give the children. The children weren’t so concerned about receiving things, as nice as that would be. Their primary interests were in the love and care that Paul and Janet provided to them through the sponsor relationship. The visit, their presence, these were enough.



[Paul in the Congo](#)

As our phone call drew to a close Paul reflected a little bit about the 17 years he and Janet have been involved with ICC children. He’s seen first-hand the challenges that we face in meeting all the financial obligations. He’s had to deal with difficult administrative issues where there were no easy solutions. Yet, even amidst the many challenges, he also understands that we must continue to face them so we can provide for the children who depend upon us for their very lives. As he put it, “They have nowhere else to go. We gotta keep supporting them.”

Yes, Paul, you sum it up well. We gotta keep supporting them, because they have nowhere else to go. They’ve already been orphaned or abandoned once in their life. Yet, in God’s providence, they’ve been rescued and brought to us.

Can we now turn our back on them and make them an orphan all over again?

Can we abandon them when the work of restoration is still in process?

Please join me in saying a resounding and determined “NO” to those questions. Furthermore, if you’re able, or know someone who is, please sponsor a child today by calling 800-422-7729. There are many children who, like Lidia, are longing to ask, “You, sponsor me?” To that question, I hope you can say, “Yes, I’ll sponsor you.”

In His Service, For His Kids,

Kent Greve

International Development Director

P.S. Paul and Janet continue to experience the joy of sponsorship. For as little as \$1 a day, you can join them in bringing hope and encouragement to the life of an orphaned or abandoned child. Say “Yes” today!

MEET US IN PERSON!

Once again it's that time of year when members of our staff are sent on a mission to tell the story of ICC. Over the next several months you will have the opportunity to have a face-to-face encounter with us. If you plan to be at one of these locations, look us up at the ICC booth.

Alberta Conference

Camp Meeting: July 11-19

Oregon Conference

Camp Meeting : July 15-19

British Columbia Conference

Camp Meeting: July 27-August 2

ASI Convention in Grand Rapids, MI:

August 6-9

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CYBERSPACE.

We're Blanketed By Your Generosity!

Over the years we've been blessed by the loving generosity of many dedicated supporters who contribute hand-made baby blankets. In fact, many of those who've given us these wonderful, soft blankets created them especially for ICC's children.

As ICC's children have grown older however, very few babies have been added to our families so we've had less need of these lovely baby blankets. Consequently the baby blankets have been stockpiling in our warehouse.

Conversely, as the children have grown, we have now found ourselves in need of light-weight blankets and quilts that will cover a single bed.

Soon we will be sending a container to our project Las Palmas in the Dominican Republic. This project is one that is most in need of light-weight blankets and quilts.

We are asking then that should you choose to contribute bedding materials for this next container that you please send light-weight quilts and blankets that will fit a single bed.



Thanks so much for all you do for "His Kids!"

Occasionally when we ask for funds for a specific need we receive more in donations than we requested. In those instances when we have received more money than we solicited, those extra funds will be placed in "Alcyon's Angel Fund." In order to protect the privacy and safety of our children, ICC uses fictitious names when referring to minor children in the Que Pasa.