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What's Happening

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## They're Counting on YOU

**D**id you know that 22% of the entire year's income for the children comes in the month of December alone? As you can see, there is so much riding on this month for the children of ICC. Because of this tremendous month of need for support, I want to ask each of you to prayerfully consider the children of ICC as a major part of your plans this year-end.

The children of ICC are blessed each year by all of you who give faithfully and unselfishly in order for them to have hope and a possibility for a real life on this earth. I am talking about life itself in this message to you.

Without each one of you and your generous gifts on behalf of the children, there would be no bed for the kids to sleep in, no meals to nourish them, no moms or dads to love them, and



most of all, no knowledge of the gift of salvation for their lives.

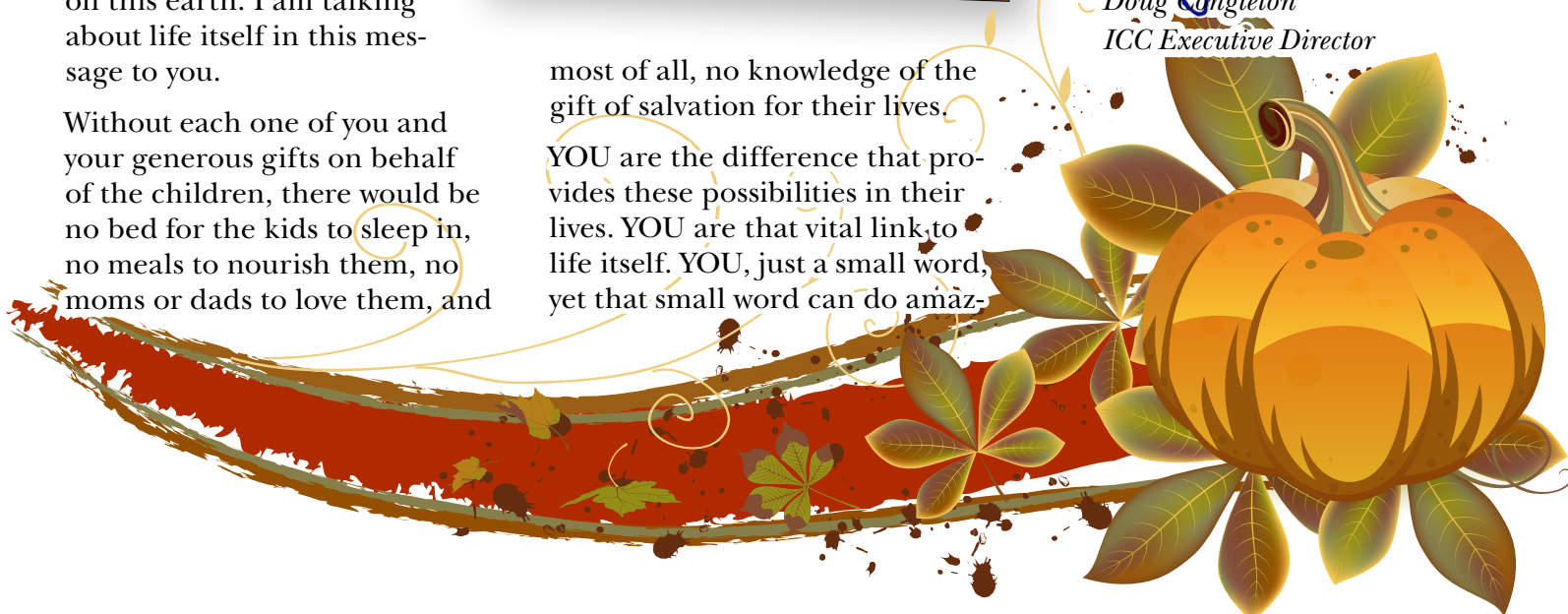
YOU are the difference that provides these possibilities in their lives. YOU are that vital link to life itself. YOU, just a small word, yet that small word can do amaz-

ing things when led by Him! Now it all depends on YOU.

As you contemplate your year-end giving plan, please remember these special children of God. Jesus has placed these young children in your care until He comes again to take all of those who choose Him home to our forever home. Please help these children have the chance to know about their possibility for a forever home at this year-end.

God bless each one of you this Thanksgiving!

Doug Congleton  
ICC Executive Director



# A Personal Note

## Dear ICC Family,

Autumn is a wonderful season for reflecting upon the things that really matter in life. Don't you enjoy gathering with loved ones and recounting blessings from God and His bountiful provisions? During this season of Thanksgiving, when you spend time with those you care about most, you realize how important family is in your life. Autumn is a time of Thanksgiving. It's a time for family.

At ICC we have a passion for creating and sustaining families for orphaned and vulnerable children. We are thankful that you have joined us in this ministry as well. If it wasn't for your generous and even sacrificial support where would these children be? And what blessings would we miss by not being a part of their lives?

You play a vital part in what is going on in children's villages around the world that are supported by your gifts of love. And if you've ever wondered if the children think they are living in a "real home," I hope you enjoy the following message. It's from Felix, the administrator of the Fuente de Vida Children's Village in Nicaragua.

A week ago we had a supervisory visit from the government authorities who control the child protection centers. After their many questions and seeing the kids, installations, files, etc., we showed them photos of some activities and they saw photos of Christmas, photos of many who have left, and they heard about how most of them call or write frequently, they were surprised! Because in this country, and I believe in many, saying that you grew up in a center for children is nothing to be proud of or happy about, much less that you would want to go back there – not even for a visit.

Talking about this, the other day Maria visited us with her husband and little girl, and it was so lovely to hear her say, "I wanted for him to come and see this place because I've always told him that the Casa Hogar is a beautiful place, but that the treatment they give is what makes it that way."

Words like that tell us what makes the difference in the ICC homes around the world. The kids as they grow up aren't embarrassed to say where they grew up, because our homes are not orphanages. From when a boy or girl comes, they are no longer an orphan and they become part of a family where they care for them and love them. So when they grow up and leave, they always come back to visit, thinking



One of our older children comes home to visit



Maria with her daughter



# Living by the Word

*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Gal 6:2 (ESV)*

of it as their own home and a home where part of their family still lives who loves them and who they love.

Many times their letters, phone calls and visits give us the strength to keep going in spite of how hard the work is at times. It makes us feel that in spite of our mistakes and errors, God has been able to use us as part of this marvelous work.

God bless you.

As you gather with your family and loved ones during this season of Thanksgiving please remember that your donations make it possible for children in faraway places to be able to do the same thing. The impact these families have on them is life changing — impacting them for this life and the life to come. On behalf of the children, thank you for making this possible.



Grandpa Felix with Maria's daughter

In His Service, For His Kids,

Kent Greve

International Development Director

*P.S. The work of restoring the life of an orphaned child is constant. It requires monthly, ongoing support, and we appreciate what you do. As donation income has declined over the last couple of months, we need additional support. Are you able to help? Thanks for whatever you can do for the kids.*



# Happy Thanksgiving

From all of us here at ICC.

# VAN NEEDED!

## \$5,000 Matching funds available

**A**s you already know, we received an offer for matching funds totaling \$5,000 to help with the cost of a new van for Las Palmas in the Dominican Republic.

The old van has certainly served its life at Las Palmas beyond expectation. We recently found out that this transporter of children and supplies has traveled over 414,660 miles with its precious cargo. This van plays a very important roll at Las Palmas as you can imagine. But today, the van is no longer a dependable vehicle for their needs.

If you would like to take advantage of this generous offer and double your donation, please send your gift to ICC marked "Dominican Van Fund" to our address: PO Box 820610, Vancouver, WA. 98682-0013. If you would like to donate by credit card you can reach us at 800.422.7729 and be sure to mention that your contribution is for the Dominican Van. Our children at Las Palmas appreciate any help you can provide for them. And as always, thanks for all you do for "His Kids."



The van in it's heyday

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## Limited Christmas Gift Items!

**W**e have very limited quantities of our Christmas ornaments, ICC mugs, hats and special occasion cards on hand. Once those that we do have are spoken for, our supplies will be depleted for the holiday season. If you wish to purchase one of these special items, please do so quickly!

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