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We Can "Make It Happen"

Wow, another year is coming to an end and it has gone by faster than we even thought possible. There are so many things that have taken place for the children. Between graduations, kids going off to local and boarding schools, new children coming, older children starting their new lives, the list of life-changing events is immense.

Not a single one of these changes could have happened without your faithful and continued support. No ICC child would have made it through this past year without you, our ICC Family that is dedicated to this amazing ministry for His kids. God bless each one of you for all you continue to do to support these children who need you so much!

We have some exciting news to share with you!

ICC has decided to add a new path in our vision for the future. Our vision is absolutely Spirit led, and will drive us to provide even greater quality care to more children than ever before. Our vision is to become the recognized and leading resource internationally in providing sustained, life-changing care for children and youth. God has put this vision on our hearts to accomplish this, by His grace and for His glory.

Our first God-given opportunity to achieve this vision actually lies before us today. The children's villages have had to do without any extra items that are really needed in the various projects

this past year—things like household items, vital school supplies, transportation needs, maintenance needs—all extremely important needs that have not been met as of yet. All of these things are so important to each project, yet they have had to be put aside and the children have had to do without these things this past year.

Our ICC European family of supporters is willing to provide these much needed items for the children! Their support for this extraordinary need will provide an important boost in our ability to improve the quality of life for our kids, as well as the long-term success of our projects. Focusing these dollars on this effort will

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A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

One of the central figures in the Christmas story is Mary, the mother of Jesus. Full-term, riding on a donkey into the night, she found that there was “no room” at the Bethlehem Inn. What a brave and self-sacrificing woman she was to accept the assignment to become the mother of God’s Son. And on top of that she had to give birth to Him in a lowly cattle shed! Yet, despite the harsh conditions, Mary did her best to care for her newborn. The Bible presents Mary as a loving, caring mother, and no doubt, God chose well when he sent His Son into the world to be cared for by a human woman. He knew the importance of the nurturing care of a mother.

Sadly, there are many children in the world who lose their mother early in life. The devastation this creates on their little lives is immense. It is further compounded if the father rejects or neglects them. This is what happened to Katherine. Her mother died when she was a young child. She and her sister lived with their father, but he didn’t give them the care they needed. If that wasn’t bad enough, he turned abusive after he remarried. These girls needed to be rescued—just like this world needed a Savior when Jesus was born.

In God’s providence He placed the girl’s older brother in the ICAP secondary school in Guatemala where he found out about the Los Pinos Children’s Village. It took some time, but eventually Katherine and her sister were able to become a part of the Los Pinos family. There was “room in the inn” for them, and that room continues to be made possible only because of your ongoing and faithful support.

My wife and I have the privilege of sponsoring Katherine. She is doing well, and according to the last progress report “she is very happy and grateful to be at the Hogar [children’s village] with her younger sister. She gets along well with her housemates and has a good relationship with the house parents.”



As sponsors, my wife and I realize that we can only give a small amount of what it costs to continue the work of restoration in Katherine’s life. Our donations help to provide for her food and education. They also help to sustain the house parents who are providing for her care. And although Joel, the administrator, is quite skilled at making funds stretch, there simply is not sufficient funding to allow for items that are needed in a quality program of restoration for children like Katherine. That is why we are excited about the possibilities Doug has shared in the front cover story of this *Que Pasa*.

It’s only because of your past support that we’ve been able to rescue thousands of children. It’s only because of your ongoing support that we’re able to help facilitate the wonderful work of restoration in the lives of children like Katherine. And now, ICC’s board of directors is casting a broad vision that will drive us forward into the future. Within the next five years, “ICC intends to become the recognized and leading resource internationally in providing sustained, life-changing care for children and youth.”

Living by the Word

...When you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me! **Matt 25:40 (NLT)**

This is a shared vision with you. Together we have a wonderful opportunity to continue and expand our support for orphaned and vulnerable children.

We are beyond excited about this vision because it is consistent with the spirit of our founders, Ken and Alcyon Fleck. Thirty-seven years ago, God helped them craft a wonderful model of caring for orphans. And now, with His blessing and your faithful partnership, we will extend that model of care to assist many more children. In the months ahead we'll be sharing with you more details about this vision and how you can help to make it a reality.

In closing, I want to thank-you for your support of the children. From Congo, to India, from Guatemala to Romania, ICC's children like Katherine are truly grateful for what you do for them.

Your support sustains them.

Your support encourages them.

Your support enables them to realize their hopes and dreams for the future.

This Christmas, won't you please give a little extra support to Katherine and the other children? In so doing, you'll be giving an extra special gift to Jesus (see Matthew 25:40).



Kent with Katherine

In His Service for His Kids,

Kent
Kent

P.S. The Christmas story shows how God so loved the world that he gave His Son to rescue those who would believe in Him. When you partner with ICC, you become a partner with God in a special rescue mission for orphan children. On behalf of the children, thank you for all you do for "His Kids."



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likely create a gap in our operational funding, critical to meeting the most basic needs of our children.

More than ever, we need your help. Would you be willing to help our family make up that difference so that the children will have those things that they really need in order to have their homes supplied, their transportation needs met, and so on? I know that we can do this together if we will just put our shoulders to the wheel and make it happen for the children. You are already a part of making this vision possible. Now you can be a part of making it a reality.

It is such a blessing to belong to a world-wide family that cares enough to make a difference for the children of ICC. Today, people from our world have this special chance to unite together as a family in order to “make it happen” for the children we all care so much about. Together, people from every part of our globe can truly change the lives of these special kids if they will just make this decision to help today.

Will you be one of those special people that God is calling to provide in this way? If you are, please start right now, before this year is gone.

GIFT CATALOG

Don't Forget

You can purchase quality hats, mugs, ornaments and cards branded with the ICC logo, from our online store.

Remember, all proceeds benefit our children's programs. What better way to support “His Kids” than to get a great gift for yourself or a loved one or friend?

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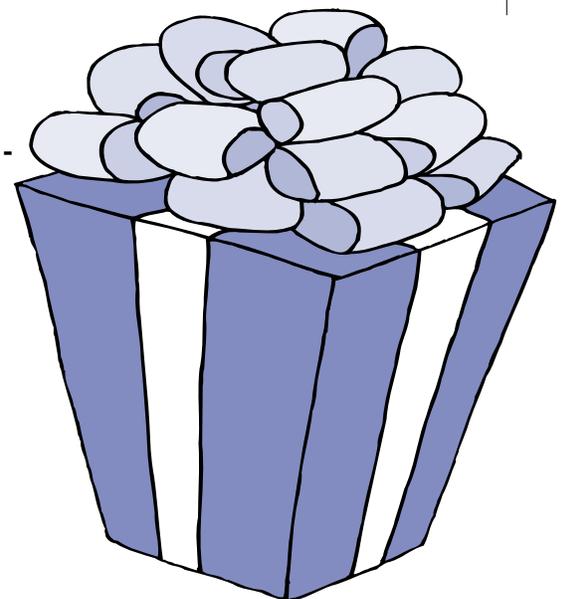
*Merry
Christmas!*

Online Shopping Supports ICC

You can support our kids when you do your online Christmas shopping with with a certain, very well-known shopping website. This program donates a percentage of your purchase price—from items that are eligible—to charities. Plus, there is no limit as to how much will be donated to a particular charity.

Yes, this is a real offer. We're just not allowed to mention the name of the very-well-known shopping website in this newsletter. Sign in to the very-well-known shopping website at the ICC website to use this program. The items you purchase will provide funds for our kids.

Think of it, you can do something nice for “His Kids” by getting something nice for your kids! Sign in today and help us make this a very special Christmas for all our 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.