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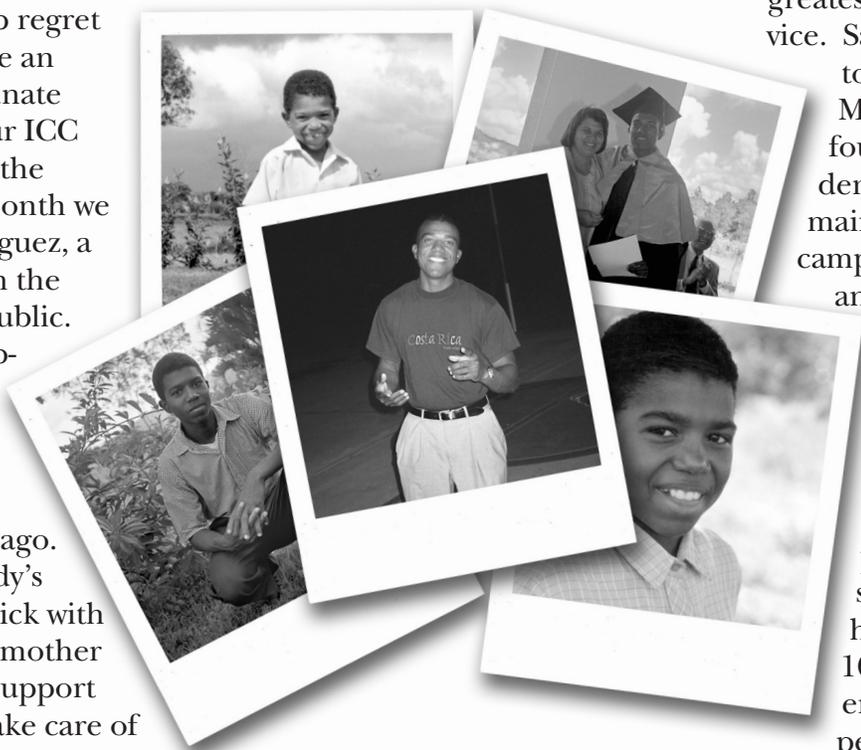
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Family Loss

With deep regret we share an unfortunate loss with you, our ICC family. Around the middle of last month we lost Sardy Rodriguez, a young man from the Dominican Republic. Sardy and his siblings Damaris, Eunice, and Eliezer, joined the ICC family seventeen years ago. At that time Sardy's father was very sick with typhoid and his mother was not able to support four children, take care of her husband, and work to support the family financially. Sardy's mother heard about ICC through an aunt and decided to see if we would take the children without splitting them up. At first it didn't seem like there was any room for the children but Alcyon Fleck was visiting at the time, and when Sardy's mom told her their story, the children were able to join the Dominican Children's Village.

As Sardy grew, he was good at many things, from school to sports and music. One of his



Sardy Rodriguez 1981-2004

greatest talents was that of service. Sardy was always willing to help out when needed. Many times he could be found working in the garden or helping out with maintenance needs around campus. Leadership was another of his many abilities; he led Sabbath school classes and the Pathfinder Adventure Club, and eventually dreamed of becoming a pastor. In fact, Sardy's passion for Christ was so strong that one semester he made a goal to bring 10 people to Christ. By the end of that semester 14 people were baptized in

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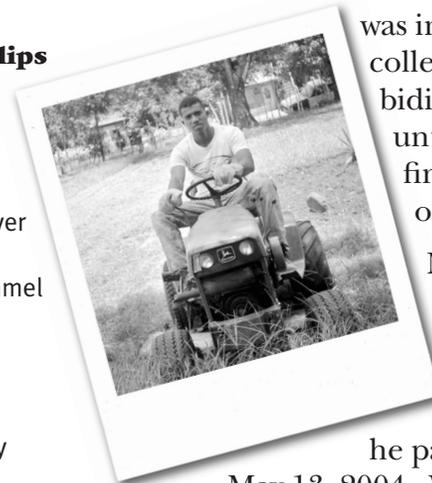
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just one of the crusades he organized. Along with the talents of service and leadership was his amazing musical gift. He had the gift of song, and could also play both the piano and the saxophone. Many Sabbaths you would find him leading out in song service along with giving the sermon. This last year he was in between colleges and was bidding his time until he could finish his theology degree.

Many details of his death are not available as of yet, but

he passed away

May 13, 2004. We appreciate your prayers for his family and for our Las Palmas family at this time.



Project Needs



As with all families, we have a to do list. Please consider helping us with it.

Guatemala

- 12 commercial size washing machines at \$650 each.
- Small 40 horse power tractor with mowing deck.
- Large tractor with harrow.

Congo

- 2 complete outside kitchens for \$5000 each.
Currently one kitchen feeds all the children.
- A power plant collection pond at \$4000.
This will increase water flow to our electrical power plant.



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A Personal Message

June 2004

Dear friends,

The good news this month is that money is in to buy the property for our ICC Children's Village in Nicaragua. We have been appealing for funds for this urgent need, and through the generosity of several of our faithful donors it is now a reality. Actually, Rick and Sharon are in Nicaragua today working on the purchase legalities. Paul and Janet Edgren are with them. Paul has gone on several trips for ICC, especially to help lay out the master plans in new projects. This they will be doing in Nicaragua.

We already have a four-acre property on the Pacific side of the country, near to the town where our Receiving Center is. We are building a home on that property where volunteer groups can stay while working on the new children's village. I'm sure many of you will want to visit that new project. It is in a beautiful location near the ocean. Now, we need to raise the funds to build the cottages. Our master plan calls for at least ten homes, besides the administration buildings, school and church. As this new village is developed we will have industrial projects, such as farming.

We are all excited about this new project, but I'm sure the children waiting in the Receiving Center will be even more excited. This will become their permanent home. Most of the children are victims from a landslide caused by Hurricane Mitch in 1998. As the first homes are finished and parents are hired, the first group will be taken there to be welcomed home! Hopefully funds will come fast enough so the first four homes can be built quickly.

Angelica and Felix were the couple with the commitment to those devastated children to open up their own home after the tragedy and care for a houseful until we could rally help for them. Ken and I went to Nicaragua at that time to look over the possibilities and the need, take a report to the ICC board, and get the ball rolling. This is a thrilling day for us to know that there will be permanent ICC homes for children in Nicaragua.

Tiffany, at our ICC office, sent me a report of three of these children who lost their homes and families at that time.

Marcos is one little boy you could never forget. He was one and a half years old at the time of the eruption. He was living temporarily with Angelica and Felix when we were there. There were other siblings, but the old grandmother was hesitant to give them up. They were with Marcos at Angelica and Felix's home for awhile. But the grandmother came to take them back. Neighbors reported that she needed them to beg for her to support her drinking problem. Whether or not that was true, when

Homes For The Homeless

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40

we all went out to find the shack where they were living, we knew that it was not a fit place for children. Finally, Marcos and two of the youngest children were released to be raised at our ICC facility.

Claudia and her two brothers lost their father during the disaster. The mother struggled to support the family, but finally realized that it was a losing battle, and brought the children to us. They have been with us for over a year now. Claudia had health problems as well as the emotional trauma she suffered at losing both her parents. Her report shows that there is improvement in all of those areas. Her teachers report that she is one of the best-behaved children and also that she is earning high grades. She loves to play with dolls as well as the outside activities on the swings and play equipment.

Our Receiving Center is full now with little room for more children. But there are still more children that need homes. I am sure that those new cottages in the ICC Village will fill up as fast as they are finished and have house parents in them, ready to welcome home new families of children.

As I write this letter some sad news just arrived. Sardy, one of our older boys at Las Palmas passed away. I don't have details yet, but it is a shock to all of us. Sardy has been one of those boys who loves His Lord and was preparing to be a pastor and dedicate his life to Him. He had transferred from the Adventist University in Costa Rica to our Adventist University in Puerto Rico, much nearer home for him. I well remember the day when his mother, with her children, was sitting out under a tree near our office at Las Palmas. The children wanted to stay and they were all so happy when we said that we could find a place for them. We are praying for our Las Palmas family as they mourn the loss of this older brother. Thankfully, these children know that soon Jesus will come and God's people will be raised from their graves to join all the others that are waiting to go Home with Him. Besides all that we can give children to make their lives better, the best of all is the knowledge of God and His plan for us.

Ken and I are still involved with ICC, though not with the day-by-day responsibilities we once had. There is time now for reflection, especially to look back to the beginning. We had no idea how far God would take us in this venture of faith. But we soon realized that there was no place to stop. No matter how many children we have, there are so many more, even in the countries where we are now operating, let alone the new areas who are calling for our help. It is tempting to be frustrated with the needs that clamor for our help, needs that we can't solve. But, we have learned to think, instead, of all the children, hundreds of them, who have come to us, who aren't hungry, cold, or abandoned any more. We think of the many young people, who came to us as little lost children, but who are now adults making their own contributions in the world. Especially, we are thankful that all of these children have learned to know Jesus, the friend of children who once said, "Suffer the children to come unto Me."

With our love,

Aleyou and Ken