



QUE PASA

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Fueling poverty in Zambia



One days wage in Zambia

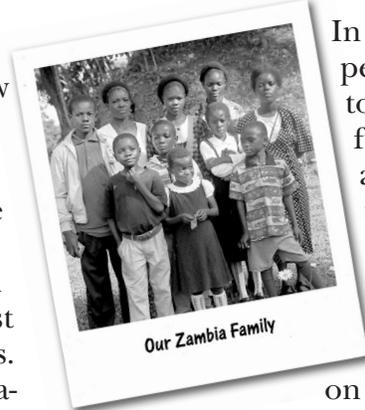
A dollar a day is about what the common laborer in Zambia makes, if he's lucky enough to have a steady job. A dollar will buy ONE of the following items: 1 lb of flour, 1 jar of jam, 2 cups of peanuts, 1 liter of fuel, 1 bag of charcoal (for cooking food), 1 bag of salt, 2 cups of dry beans, 1 liter of cooking oil, 2 lbs of potatoes, 1 small watermelon, 10 eggs, or 10 tomatoes.

Currently the cost of gasoline is \$3.40 per gallon and rising! The problem is that food, and other items get more expensive, while most people's wages stay the same. In actuality, food really costs about the same or more than what food costs in the States. If they are able to grow their own food, that does help, although a small packet of seeds costs \$1! You can probably imagine the problems

that parents face in feeding their children, and one of the reasons why there are so many orphans in Zambia! It's nearly impossible to be healthy with such extreme poverty and not being able to grow food and cook healthfully!

A challenge to the administration in Zambia is the lack of a variety of most good whole grains. This is just one reason why it's important for us to get the gardens producing more of our own food for the campus. Our campus farm currently is growing lots of broccoli, cabbage, wheat and soybeans. If we can plant things in such a

way that we have a constant supply of the fresh food that we use, then it will save quite a bit of money and improve the health of our children.



In Zambia, it's hard to get people to think beyond today. Planning for the future and thinking ahead isn't something that they've even been able to consider in their country for years! Their entire focus has been to just survive on a day to day basis, getting food to eat and water to drink for that one day!

Please pray for our new administration in Zambia and the ICC children living there.

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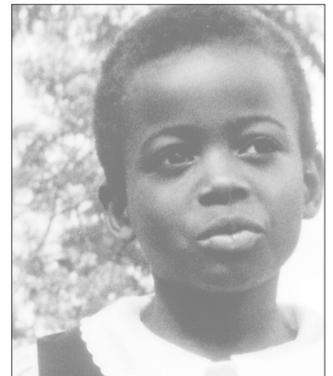
My name is Dinah

I need a sponsor. I am 6 years old and live in Zambia. Please return this coupon to sponsor me each month. Thanks!

\$25 \$50 \$_____

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Sponsorship Department



Celebrating 20 years.



On August 27, ICC's president, Rick Fleck, celebrated his 20th year of service at ICC. Don Schafer the chairman of the ICC board was on hand to congratulate Rick and award him with a plaque for his 20 years of service. Thank you Rick for all your hard work here at ICC!

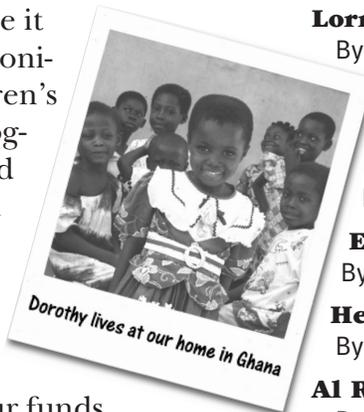
ASI Booth

The annual Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) convention was held this year in Cincinnati, Ohio from August 4-7. The ICC Development Team was pleased to visit with many ICC supporters during that special event. Quite a few sponsors stopped by our booth and were updated on the progress of their children and the villages where they live.

Home at Last!

For over a year, we have been searching for an appropriate home for our small family of children in Ghana. Up until now, our children have been living with four different families. This has made it difficult to monitor the children's activities, progress, care, and give personal attention to the children.

We did find a suitable home, but our funds did not become available in time to purchase it. House after house was found to be unsafe because of recent burglaries or flooding whenever it rains. It took many months and several visits to secure the house the children soon will call home. When we first visited this house, the landlord was remodeling it since it was not really suitable for living. Since that time, the house is now suitable for living, and the landlord is happy to be a part of ICC, and for his house to become a much needed home for our children.



Memorials

Milton Meyer

By Ruth & Frank Waxter

Esther Mounce

By Mary Jane Nevis

Hazel Paul

By Marjorie Quade

Lorraine Phillips Mem Fund

By Louis E. Phillips

Pauline Pool

By Charlotte Manca Wells

Elmer Rasmussen

By Elmer Rasmussen Estate

Erwin Remboldt

By Donna Remboldt, Wife

Herb Renschler

By Mary Jane Nevis

Al Rollins

By John & Tamara Petrovich

Aene Souza

By Mary Jane Nevis

Carl G. Swenson, Jr.

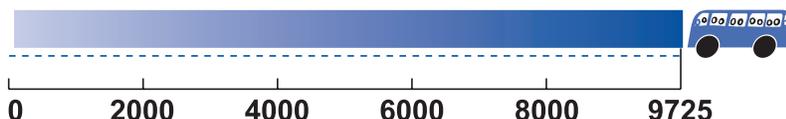
By Katherine & Carl G. Swenson

Dr. David L. Waters

By Herb & Anna May Waters

Thank You!

We don't want to just ask for things and forget to say, "Thank You". This month ICC would like to thank all of you for your support and prayers. Last month we came to you with two very important needs and you responded! We have met our goals for the wall in India and the van in Mexico.



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A Personal Message

October, 2004

Dear ICC Family,

I have been writing to you every month since 1979. We were just beginning our program in Guatemala then, and, as I remember, the first mailing went to 50 people! But, every month new names were added. I know of at least one of you who has kept every letter. We have tried to keep you up with the news, not only of the interesting developments and the children who came, but of our needs. The response has been heart-warming. To allow ICC to grow, we have not only needed funds, but people. Instead of just Ken and me carrying the load, we have a competent staff now, each one with an important responsibility to make ICC what it is today.

One of these people is Doug Congleton. Rick recruited him from a career in the business world. And, as Doug himself would tell you, his reason for joining us was the appeal he felt to do something tangible for hurting children. He can't talk about the children without getting choked up. We are so fortunate to have a staff of people like Doug who truly have a commitment and a love for the homeless and orphaned children of the world. Doug now carries the responsibility of being the Executive Director of ICC Americas. I asked Doug to say a few things here from his heart to you.

When I came to serve here at ICC, I thought that I knew what this work was all about. Actually, I really didn't have a true understanding of just how much this tremendous work means in the lives of these wonderful children. In many cases, it means the chance to even live their lives! Every day has been an experience in coming to the understanding of what it means to really rely on God and His people to accomplish great things, things that could not have been accomplished otherwise.

I have personally witnessed miracles that have not only changed the lives of "His kids," but transformed my life as well. To be a part of this amazing work is one of the greatest thrills of my life. I can remember praying with one of our kids who was in tremendous emotional need, and within 24 hours, God answered that prayer for her right in front of me. I also remember handing one of our kids a coloring book, and she proceeded to tear out each page and give those pages to friends that she would call to come up to her. She didn't stop tearing out the pages until she had given away every page in her new book. When I told her that there were no pages left, she told me "I still have the cover, and it is so pretty. I wanted to share this with all of my brothers and sisters." What an amazing example of unselfishness! Today I understand what Jesus meant when he told us that we need to become as little children.

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

I hope that as you read this month's Que Pasa, you will pray with us for our people in Zambia as you read about the issues that they face on a daily basis there. Prayer and help from all of us can change their lives too. I can tell you that my life today is not the same as it was the day I arrived here at ICC. I pray that each one of you in our ICC family will never take lightly what you mean to these precious children. The lives that have changed, and the ones that will change, reach much farther than you may ever know. I can think of no greater work than the work that is happening right here at ICC.

God bless all of you for everything that you continue to do for "His kids!"

I appreciate Doug's leadership in developing fundraising in the USA and in other countries in the Americas. We are reaching out to more and more people who are willing to help these children. And our goal is to continue to reach out to children wherever there is a real need. It is through people like you, faithfully remembering these children every month with your support and your prayers, that ICC will provide for more and more children. Remember that Jesus identifies with His children down here on earth. What we do for them we are doing for Jesus.

With our love and prayers,

Aleyou and Jen