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QUE PASA

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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FOUNTAIN OF LIFE CHILDREN'S CENTER *gets Recognition*

On a recent trip to visit the Nicaragua project, our administrator, Felix, let me know that the local governor's office wanted to meet with Sharon and me to talk about what ICC is doing for children in Nicaragua.

We met with Germán Moñoz, the governor's assistant, and Maruicio José Rivera, the director of public relations. They are responsible for a large territory in northwestern Nicaragua that encompasses many towns and villages. It is in that area that we are building our new children's village.

They have been watching with interest as we have taken in abandoned children and as we have started construction on the new village. They expressed, on behalf of the local government authorities, their deep appreciation for the work that ICC is doing in their region, and they wanted us to pass on their appreciation to the donors that are making this all possible.



Then they presented to us a lovely certificate which is in "recognition of the support given to the communities and the children benefited by the substitute homes and the education given to them."

As in all ICC projects, we work in very close cooperation with local government authorities, and they always hold the ICC projects in very high regard. And they always ask to express their thanks to the donors who make this possible.

Rick Fleck

PLEASE SPONSOR ME!

My name is Juana

I need a sponsor. I am 3 years old and live in Nicaragua. Please return this coupon to sponsor me each month. Thanks!

\$25 \$50 \$_____

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A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

What a blessing it is to serve in this great work at ICC. We have such a dedicated staff of people who are passionate about the children that God has entrusted to our care.

This past summer I had the privilege of working in our office with Brittany, a student from Walla Walla College. Brittany is a young lady who had been to one of our children's villages several years ago on a school mission trip. My life was blessed one day when I sat down with Brittany to watch the latest ICC video. To see the passion reflected in her eyes and the emotion in her heart as she watched that video and listened to the stories was something that I will never forget.

Brittany has written a letter to all of you who support the ministry of ICC, and I want to share that letter with you now.

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your donations to ICC, and to let you know that your prayers and contributions make a huge difference in the lives of the children. Without your support, most of the kids would not know Jesus, have a loving home, or a chance to better their lives. About two times a year ICC sends out progress reports to each sponsor to let them know how their child is doing. This is always fun for me, because I get to look at the pictures of each child that is sent along with those reports. I love seeing their smiling faces, clean clothes, and knowing that each one of them has a home, is loved, and has a chance to know Jesus. It is because of your support that each child has a better life today.

I had the privilege of working at ICC this past summer and thoroughly enjoyed being a part of this great family. I enjoyed serving God by serving "His kids." One of the things I got to do this summer was read some of the Que Pasa's as well as other reports about some of the children. Each story touched me greatly; I would like to share one story with you:

*This last Spring break a group of students from Columbia Adventist Academy went to Mexico to do some construction work at the campus and spend time with the children. Each student had previously selected a child to be their "little sister" or "little brother" for that week. During the week, there were times when each student would get to pair up with his or her brother or sister to play games or do craft projects like writing their names together on t-shirts. At El Oasis there is a little girl named *Sylvia, she has only been at her new ICC home now for a little over two years. She has never really opened up to anyone and has had a hard time connecting with other people. She was accustomed to abandonment and was afraid of allowing anyone into her life. She did not want to love anyone for fear that they would just leave her. Throughout the course of that week however she grew very attached to one of the high school student girls and for the first time was able to open up and acknowledge her love for someone else. Her life has totally changed now because of people like you who make International Children's Care possible.*

Each story is different, and yet there are similarities in each one. In each story a child's life is turned around and they are given a chance to reach their dreams, to know what it is like to be part of a family, and, most importantly, they are given the chance to be part of God's family. I thank you once again for your support, because you are changing lives!

*In service to His kids,
Brittany
WWC Student*

As I am sure that you can feel from her letter, Brittany loves the children of ICC. She knows that without all of you, there would be no Sylvia or other children like her.

There are so many more children at ICC who need your help. Please tell your friends about the blessing of taking care of one of "His kids" like Brittany has told us in her letter to you. On behalf of Brittany and all of the rest of us at ICC, I want to say God bless you for caring enough to help change the lives of these special children.


Doug Congleton
Executive Director
ICC Americas

* - Child's name has been changed to protect her privacy.

URGENT REPAIRS NEEDED FOR VEHICLE

We received a rather urgent message from our Las Palmas Children's Village concerning our Toyota Hiace van. It seems the daily use that the van has received for the past ten years or so has begun to take its toll.

Since this van is in a tropical climate, corrosion has been the major antagonist against its metallic components. And it seems as though the rust is winning. There are now large holes in the metal floor of the van through which you can put your hand. Even though the floor mats cover these holes, this is not a safe vehical for children to ride in.

While this is a serious problem, it is not beyond repair. If the holes are repaired we can expect another five to six years of continued usability with this van. If we do not repair the corrosion damage, we can anticipate the van literally rusting away beneath our feet.

That is why we have come to you with this special message asking for your help in obtaining the funds to repair this van. The costs break down as follows:

- 1. Repair rust damage and paint — \$1,365.00.**
- 2. Repair rust damage alone — \$759.00.**

If you would like to make a donation right now, please call 360.573.0429 here at ICC HQ to make arrangements for your donation. Thanks so much for helping us with this urgent need.



Prognosis Good

Accidents do happen. When they do, we can sympathize with those who have suffered injury and wish for them a speedy recovery. But when an accident injures someone in our family, suddenly the emotional impact and desire for a positive outcome are greatly magnified. When the one injured is one of our children, we feel the added pressure of parental responsibility.

Unfortunately, one of our children in El Salvador was severely injured recently by a corn mill. Her toe was nearly severed. Even though our campus clinic has a staff doctor and nurse, they are not equipped to handle this type of emergency. The young girl was taken to a private medical clinic where her toe was reattached.

She has feeling again in her toe, the stitches have been removed and the prognosis is good.

If this child had been treated through the government's medical system, her toe would most likely have been amputated. Since she was treated at a private clinic, there is a cost involved, even though the attending physician reduced her fees. Would you consider helping to defray this unanticipated expense? The cost of treatment was \$2,230.00.



Children's Music Video Available

ICC is pleased to announce that we have an excellent children's music DVD available to our ICC family. The video, which has been recently featured on The HOPE Channel, was shot on location in Switzerland and is called "Eurokids in Winter Wonderland." The children in your life (and probably even yourself) will enjoy the lively songs acted out by children in beautiful wintertime surroundings. The video also has a positive Christian message.

The producer of "Eurokids in Winter Wonderland" is an ICC supporter in Switzerland. All of the proceeds from the video go to help support the children of ICC. If you'd like to see a short video clip of one of the songs, you can access it online at

<http://www.forhiskids.org/Videos.shtml>

For a suggested donation of \$20, we will be pleased to send you the DVD. You can order online from our website – www.forhiskids.org - by clicking on the Winter Wonderland link on the left side of the home page. You can also order by calling our toll free number: 800-ICC-Pray (422-7729).

Remember, you'll be supporting the children of ICC while you enjoy this delightful music video.

Christmas Cards for all

At the beginning of last year, Wimtiene, a volunteer at our IKN office in the Netherlands, embarked upon a very unique mission for the children of ICC.

The goal of this mission was to send a Christmas card to every child in ICC's family. For eleven and a half months Wimtiene recycled old Christmas cards into new ones. Each card is unique like each of our children.

With the help of other volunteers, Wimtiene made sure that each card contains a hand-written message conveying a special Christmas and New Years wish to each of our children. On the 12th of December 2006 DHL picked up more than 1300 Christmas cards for delivery to our ICC projects throughout the world.

IKN wishes to extend their warmest gratitude to all the volunteers and to DHL for helping them realize their goal.

Ken Wilson



A Legacy of Love

*P*roviding for the future through planned giving

Contact Doug Congleton at ICC for more information on how you can become part of the "Legacy of Love"

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