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## KIDS HELPING KIDS

### Providing Food For Orphans

**T**ry to imagine feeding 1,100 children while spending only 50 cents a meal. Add to that the continually rising cost of even basic necessities like rice and beans. This is an everyday reality for ICC and its projects around the world. Properly caring for our children in part means providing regular meals. Many of our projects are in some of the most economically depressed regions of the globe. They depend on us to ensure that their food budgets are met.

ICC has joined with the Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in a partnership program to encourage children attending Vacation Bible School programs this next summer to help ICC in providing food for our children. This program is known as Kids Helping Kids.

When was the last time your child made the statement "I'm hungry!" Chances are it was right before their next meal. We believe that hunger is something to which even well-cared-for children can relate. The difference is that, in the countries where ICC is established, hunger for a child can last for days with no assur-

ance that a meal is forthcoming anytime soon. This is why Kids Helping Kids chose to feature alleviating hunger as its theme.

If you are planning a VBS program this summer, Kids Helping Kids is ready-made to become part of your endeavor. The basic premise is that the children can help provide meals for "His Kids" by bringing a few coins to VBS each day. The VBS leaders would keep a chart, coloring in pictures of plates of food as the money comes in, helping the children see themselves reaching a goal.

If you would like the children to have a more tangible experience, they could bring rice and dry beans instead of coins. These staples would then be passed on to ICC and then shipped to our children's village



Vacation Bible School Posters

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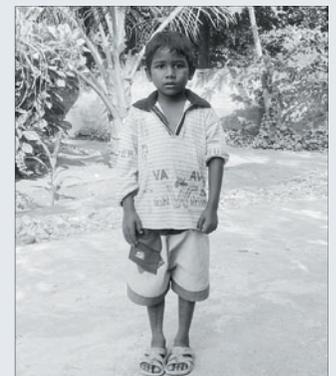
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# A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family

I just received pictures of two little girls who were sleeping alone in a city park at night in Chinandega, Nicaragua. They were abandoned by their mother and appeared to be around three and five years of age. Fortunately, we have a receiving center there where abandoned children such as these girls can be brought. The agency that brought them believed that their mother is a local prostitute.

I cannot imagine what terrible conditions these little girls and their mother could have been in to drive this young mother to leave them that way. But those of us who have never suffered real poverty and all that goes with it cannot judge. I am so thankful that those little girls were rescued that night and brought to us, and they won't be homeless or hungry any more.

It was after the disastrous mud slide in that area several years ago that Ken and I visited to assess what ICC could do in that catastrophe. We actually walked up on the side of that volcano, knowing that a village and many homes were buried beneath us. We also visited a refugee center where hundreds of people, who had barely escaped with their lives, were living under makeshift shelters, depending on whatever food and water could be brought in.

It was something to remain in your memory forever. I remember seeing one old grandfather, who had managed to escape with just one little grandson, and he knew that the rest of the family had perished. As we toured the camp we talked to different ones, hearing their stories of that terrible experience. It was then that we knew we must bring ICC to the rescue. A wonderful Christian couple, Felix and Angelica, had already opened their home to many of the orphaned children, caring for them as best they could.

Finally, a place was given to us by the city maintenance yard, where we could set up a temporary Receiving Center, while searching for land to build a Children's Village. Those of you who have been reading the *Que Pasa* from month to month know that generous donations allowed us to purchase land. We found a beautiful spot, a large acreage on a hill in view of the Pacific Ocean, and it provides an ideal situation for the cottages.

That dream is now becoming a reality. Three houses are under construction, because of generous donations that have come in to provide homes for our children there. We have a house nearby that provides housing for the volunteer groups that go there to help with the construction.

I was excited to know that the government has even given us the use of nearby beach front for us to use for the children and volunteers. We have a small shelter there where the children can change and the ones who want to can find some shade. Ken and I have not been there yet, but this is something we would like to do in the future.

It is such a thrill to see a new project go up that will provide a village for abandoned children. These are real homes where children can be cared for in the same manner we would want for our own children. They will have house parents that they can call Mommy and Daddy. They will have good food, an education and love. Most of all, they will learn about God who is the Father of the fatherless, and about Jesus who came to die and make it possible for them to not just have homes here but also have permanent homes in Heaven.

With our love and prayers,

*Alyson and Ken*



## Kids Helping Kids *continued*

in Guatemala. Other suggestions of how your VBS children could participate are included in the Kids Helping Kids program.

The Kids helping Kids program features the stories of five children from different countries. These children were once all alone, very hungry and very afraid.

Something tragic happened in their young lives and they had no mother or father nor anyone else to take care of them. Through the love and care of individuals like you, these five once-orphaned children are now living in one of ICC's children's villages. They are no longer alone. They have the security and love of a family and food to eat.

The stories and poster-style pictures of ICC's children are designed to easily tie into the VBS themes for Avalanche Ranch or Holy Land Adventure—Galilee By-The-Sea that are being promoted by the North American Division. Kids Helping Kids also works well in the Chatter Theater part of the program. Or you can weave these children's stories into any VBS theme.

To request free Kids Helping Kids posters and stories please call Liana at (800) 422-7729 or go to our online request form at [www.ForHisKids.org](http://www.ForHisKids.org).



## Congo Container Opened

Thanks again to all of you who donated to our Congo Container. This project took nearly ten months to complete from the time we first began asking for donations until the container arrived intact in Goma, DR Congo.

So many people invested time and money and worry into this one shipment of goods. With great relief and happiness we offer these few pictures that can finally show how your love and generosity have impacted ICC's children and families in the DR Congo.

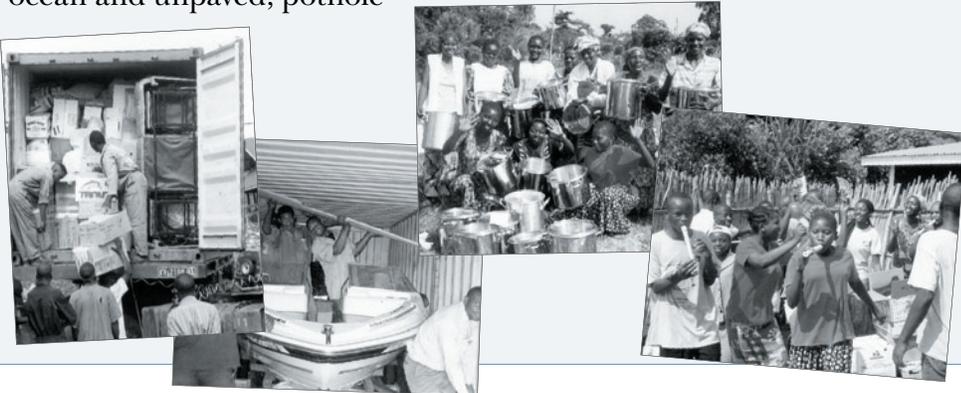
The first picture shows the container as it was initially being unloaded. For those of us who loaded the container, we're just glad to see that after three months in transit across the ocean and unpaved, pothole-

filled roads, everything was intact when the doors were opened.

The next photo is of the 16-foot boat (with trailer) that was sent in the container. We were quite relieved to see that our home-built custom shelves survived the trip and didn't crush the boat.

The third picture shows the house mothers with their new cookware — something they had been needing for some time. The fourth photo shows the spontaneous celebration that ensued once the musical instruments were opened. The children and staff made up a song just to commemorate the occasion.

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to this project. You have made a significant difference to our children in the DR Congo.



## A Note From The Doctor

My name is Dr. Maombi Edison and I work in the Prolasa medical center in Goma, DR Congo.

I'm a 28 year-old physician practicing as a general practitioner. Thank you very much for the work you do for the children and others around the world. When a child from the orphanage in Goma is ill and is brought to me to care for, I'm so happy that they come in with a smile on their face. It is very important that they can do that, especially for a quick recovery. May God bless the work that you are doing for all the children.

Dr. Maombi Edison  
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