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Versacare: Family, Friend, *and Supporter*

From even the very earliest days of ICC we discovered that this ministry would not be successful by our efforts alone. The success of ICC would come through the combined efforts of ICC and its supporters. By partnering with our supporters, we have been able to accomplish so much more and bring even greater benefits to the children.

Nine years ago ICC applied for, and received, a grant from the organization Versacare. Versacare provides grants to non-profits for the purpose of improving their effectiveness in advancing education, healthcare, assisting the distressed and under-privileged and providing benefits to the general community. Not only was that first grant the beginning of a long-term partnership, ICC's relationship with Versacare has become a vital part of our family.

Through the professional, personal, and dedicated support of Bob Coy, Versacare's president, ICC has received a number of grants that have allowed us to make much-needed improvements to our projects in the Dominican Republic and Central America. We were able to build

an addition to our school at our Las Palmas children's village in the Dominican Republic that includes a music classroom, a library and a computer/audio-visual lab. Another grant allowed us to build a dedicated secondary-school building at Las Palmas for grades nine through twelve.

Other projects that have benefitted Las Palmas through Versacare grants include a water purification and distribution system for all the homes, and remodeling of the houses to provide more space for the families.

Three grants in particular from Versacare have had what may be the most visible and far-reaching effects upon the children of Las Palmas. With the addition of the music classroom at the primary school, Las Palmas established a music instruction program. A few years later another grant from Versacare brought stringed instruments to Las Palmas and the establishment of a student chamber orchestra. This orchestra has now played public concerts in both the Dominican Republic and the United States to much acclaim. The concert



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here in the U.S. which received an extended standing ovation, was made possible through a Versacare grant. An album of the orchestra's music as well as a DVD of the U.S. concert are available through ICC for a donation.

Other ICC projects that have been impacted by Versacare have resulted in such things as a new John Deere tractor and disc plow for the farm at our Los Pinos Children's Village in Guatemala, and the building of a security wall at our children's village in El Salvador.

So you can see that ICC's relationship with Versacare has been very beneficial to our children. Versacare's on-going support has made significant, long-term changes and improvements that will benefit our children well into the future. We would like to express our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to Versacare and Bob Coy for their invaluable and immeasurable support of the ICC ministry and especially for their support of "His Kids."

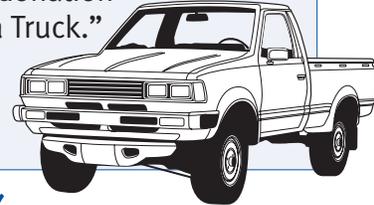
Supply Truck Forced to Retire

Worked to death would be the best way to describe our supply truck at the Los Pinos Children's Village in Guatemala. Recently Sharon and Rick were visiting Los Pinos and they had an opportunity to look at our truck and it was decided then that it needed to be retired and replaced.

Joel, our administrator at Los Pinos, has been using his personal vehicle as a stop-gap to cover for the worn-out truck but

it can't always carry the needed cargo from Guatemala City. That, and his vehicle is not designed to haul heavy loads of supplies over the country roads in Guatemala.

To purchase another truck will cost \$18,720. Please consider donating so we can replace our faithful, yet no longer able, truck. Mark your donation "Guatemala Truck."



Voices In The Machine

In the March Que Pasa, we described how ICC is establishing new avenues of communication with our supporters such as our blog. We have now added another mode of communication, Podcasts. With our Podcasts you can hear directly from our ICC staff the current events and latest needs at ICC. If you'd like to listen in you can find our Podcasts at our website ForHisKids.org. Click on the Podcasts button to navigate to the Podcast directory. We hope you enjoy these electronic communiques and while you're there please take the time to explore our website.



Zambian Transport Unsafe

We no longer have a safe vehicle in which to transport our children living at our project in Zambia. The current vehicle needs an engine overhaul, a new carburetor, new tires, and new brakes. The cost of this mechanical refurbishment is far in excess of the value or usefulness of this vehicle rendering it unworthy of these repairs.

We need your help in raising funds to acquire another vehicle. Our goal is to raise \$8,000 to purchase a used van.



Please consider making a contribution towards a safe and useful vehicle for our children in Zambia. Please mark "Zambia Van" on your donation.

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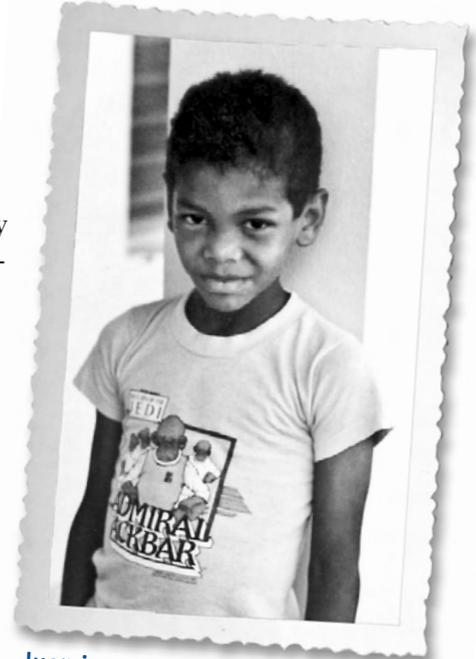
A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

During our years as missionaries, I had a special interest in abandoned and orphan children. I visited many government orphanages. Probably because of the lack of funds, but also because there was no plan for the future of those children, the best they could do was to provide a roof over their heads and a basic diet of tortillas and beans. The responsibility of the government was to care for them up to the age of eighteen. One of the officials of the government's welfare department visited me when we first began our children's village, family plan. He was intrigued by this model we were using in caring for children. "Unfortunately, the majority of the children in our facilities end up on the street, the girls as prostitutes and the boys as delinquents," he said.

It has been a source of satisfaction for me to think of many of the children who came to us through the years, to realize what a difference it has made in their lives, not only to have an education and preparation for life, but to learn about Jesus, and to find a place where they can serve Him.

There is Juan. His mother loved him, but she had been abandoned by her husband, and had no way to care for him. She knew he would receive loving care and receive a Christian education.



Juan in 1985



Dadeiva in 1985

Then there was Dadeiva. Her mother, too, had been abandoned with no support. When she brought little Dadeiva to us, she was malnourished and too weak to play with the other children. But she soon blossomed into a beautiful little girl. She was about two when I first saw her. Because she was fair skinned with blonde hair, other children told her, "You should belong to Mami Fleck. You look like a Gringa! (an American) Although she was shy, she would always come over and crawl up on my lap. All during her growing up years she decided she was my special little girl. When she learned to read and write, she would send me little notes with people who were going to Washington. I received invitations for special occasions like graduations.

When I was told that Dadeiva had learned the complete book of the Psalms during her secondary school years, I could hardly believe it. "Are you sure?" I asked.

"Yes, you can tell her which Psalm you want to hear and she can repeat it."

I heard of other accomplishments. For instance, she was one of our girls who went to supermarkets and talked to the owners to get them to buy bread from the Las Palmas bakery.

The day came when she wrote asking Ken and me to come to her wedding. She was going to marry Juan, who had also developed into a bright enterprising boy, working in the bakery. She wanted us to march up with them as their godparents. We arranged to go and were a part of that big event.

It was a celebration that all the homes and children were part of. The house mothers were up the night before cooking the wedding feast and the children were involved in the decorations.

Dadeiva and Juan took us to see the modest little house they had painted and prepared as their new home.

Now Dadeiva is teaching first grade in our school there and Juan is working as the accountant for a company nearby. They sent us the announcement of their first baby, and I am sure he will grow up in a Christian home. Dadeiva and Juan established the family altar in their home and will raise their family to know and love the God who has blessed them

Dadeiva and Juan are just an example of many children, who have been blessed by the sacrifices that you, our ICC family have made possible. When I think of the difference that ICC has made in the lives of hundreds of children, I am so thankful that God directed in the plans and operations of all of our ICC homes for children. Only Heaven will really tell the story.



Juan & Dadeiva wedding day



Juan, Dadeiva, and their son Dayan

The present financial crisis is a real challenge to keep sending the budgets for all of these facilities. Every one of these children are precious to us, and we know they are precious to their Father in Heaven too. He has supplied the needs of the ICC children for all of these thirty-one years, and we know that He will not forget them now. He does that by touching the hearts of generous people who love children. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for supporting us as we reach out to God's children down here on earth.

With my love and prayers,

Aleyon

