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## YOU'RE NEVER TOO *young!*

**A**ge seems to be no barrier when someone is determined to help the less fortunate citizens of this world. One young eighth-grade girl named Rosa heard about ICC and decided that she wanted to help our children. The story of one certain boy provided the impetus for this young lady to act. Here, in her own words, is the story of Rosa's efforts on behalf of "His Kids."

"When I first heard about this young boy, I was very saddened, I wanted to do something to help. He doesn't remember anything about his parents, he only remembers living in the train station with the other homeless kids, he remembers it was cold, he remembers begging for food. When the police found him and took him to International Children's Care (ICC) it was a good day for him. 'Now I can go to school, I have enough to eat and I have a Mom and Dad who love me and take care of me!'

"I mostly wanted to do this project so I could help kids who are in need and so I can feel like I did

something good with my time. I am in Pathfinders and one of the new requirements to be eligible for Pathfinder of the Year is to do a special Share your Faith Project. I also wanted to try for the award.

"ICC's goals are to put God in the children's lives and to care for them as their own, give them love and respect. They place broken children in loving and caring families. They give the kids a good education and get them ready for the future. I've had some goals of my own, that I would try to help ICC as much as I could. I knew this would not be easy and I had not done anything else like this before. I talked with people from ICC and had some ideas from them. I ended up doing a couple fundraisers that turned out well. The first thing I did was write letters to church members, family and friends, asking them to donate to my project. It took a lot of time and effort. I spent many hours on this. I wrote names, addresses, stuffed and sealed envelopes. This part took over



*Rosa in her Pathfinders Uniform*

a couple of weeks, the amount raised was \$1,600 from this project and that was amazing!

"We had a Bowl-A-Thon where the Pathfinder staff bowled and got people to sponsor them. It was a lot of fun! By the end of that night, over \$400.00 was raised.

"Another thing I did was go to Sabbath School rooms at our church and asked if they would like to sponsor a child. I talked and explained all about ICC and how it worked. Two different sponsors came of this, one which was a Sabbath School class together sponsoring a child. I thought it was cool that maybe when the Sabbath School classes talk to other people they know, that it just might inspire more people to help out.

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"I really liked doing these kinds of things for people. I'm going to do more of these kinds of things in the future for sure. It's a lot of fun. I have learned a lot from it as well, and I am more grateful for what I have than I use to be. I hope more kids would do these kinds of things, instead of their time that is wasting by and not doing anything. All in all I really enjoyed doing this and I'm glad I could have helped some of the kids that are poor and have way less then I do!"

Rosa is in the 8th grade and has been a Pathfinder for five years. Rosa raised \$2,000.00 and found sponsors for two children! For her efforts on this project Rosa was awarded Pathfinder of the Year by her Pathfinder club.

If you'd like to request information on how you too can help support ICC children like Rosa did, please call ICC at (800) 422-7729 or go online to [www.ForHisKids.org](http://www.ForHisKids.org) and click on "Get Involved."

# ICC KOREA DIRECTOR VISITS

**O**n October 31, 2007, an organizational meeting was conducted for ICC's chapter in South Korea. At that meeting, Dr. Pyung Il Cho, was selected to be the director for the newly established partner of ICC. The initial objective for ICC Korea was to generate support for current projects funded by ICC partners with an eye on the future of perhaps one day starting a children's village in South Korea.

For the past 2 ½ years, under Dr. Cho's able leadership, ICC Korea has developed a child sponsorship program. As well, Dr. Cho has promoted the needs of ICC children in local elementary schools where the emphasis has been on trying to get the Korean children to give their financial support and thus become less self-absorbed. Dr. Cho has also made contacts

with Korean businessmen and entrepreneurs in an attempt to gain their support. Several have indicated that once their products become well accepted in the marketplace, ICC will receive a percentage of the profits.

On June 14 and 15, for the first time Dr. Cho paid a visit to ICC headquarters where he met with key staff members who support him in his efforts. One of the added highlights of the visit was the meeting he had in the home of ICC founder, Alcyon Fleck where he shared with her his vision and plans. Alcyon was impressed by Dr. Cho and was excited by the possibilities that exist in South Korea to expand the mission of ICC.



ICC is blessed to have Dr. Cho as a valued partner, and we wish him God's blessing as he works to further the work of ICC in South Korea.

## ICC's GC Booth a success!



Our time at the SDA General Conference session in Atlanta, GA, was very affirming of the work of ICC. Thousands of people visited the ICC booth. The tremendous support shown to ICC by our family and those who were just learning about ICC was an uplifting experience.

Our booth was an international endeavor for the ICC family with representatives from ICC US, ICC Netherlands, ICC Spain and ICC Guatemala spending time talking with our visitors about the ICC ministry.

While at GC, ICC's executive director, Doug Congleton was interviewed about our work by the president of the Hope Channel. The interview was broadcast on the Hope Channel television network July 21, 23 and 24. Almost two hundred people

joined our mailing list and numerous folks became sponsors. Many people gave donations right there at the booth!

As for all the different items we had for sale, the proceeds of which will go to the support of "His Kids"? Sold out! The stroopkoeken from Holland, the Nicaraguan pottery, the Mexican tops and the children's toys from Spain, all gone.

Thanks to all of you who choose to support "His Kids" and to those who visited our booth at GC.

# A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

We are excited to tell you about three children who were recently welcomed into our family at the Sweet Home Children's Village in India.

Nadia never remembered when her father was not sick. He worked wherever he could to bring home the rice for his family, but finally he was too weak and sick to work any more. Her mother struggled every day to find some work to buy food for the family. Then her father died, leaving them alone and desperately poor.

Nadia would never forget that terrible day! Her mother suffered a fall. When little Nadia found her, she was unconscious and bleeding. She ran to her grandmother's house. "Come, Grandma, Mommy is hurt bad!" By the time help was found, it was too late. Her mother was dead. Eight-year-old Nadia was an orphan. She had lost both parents in one year.

The old grandma took Nadia to her house, but she was poor too, and she could barely find enough food for herself. She had to do something. When someone told her about the Sweet Home Village for orphaned and abandoned children, she took her little granddaughter and asked them to help her. When she saw how well and happy the children were there, she knew this was the answer to her problem.

At first Nadia wasn't sure she wanted to leave Grandma, but the director there put her arms around the little girl and gave her a warm welcome. Grandma knew that her little granddaughter had found a loving home. The best part was that she learned that Nadia would be going to school and that these were Christian people who loved children.

Nadia is an active child. She soon made friends with other children and adjusted into the home where she would be part of a family. She enjoyed being part of the family worship and soon learned to sing with the other children. In fact she is already singing special songs for their worships.

Nadia came to Sweet Home on May 15 of this year. Just twelve days later, another old grandmother came with her little grandson, Aashish, also eight years old. The Adventist pastor who brought them explained, "This little boy's father has been missing for three years. No one knows what happened to him. His mother is mentally ill and not capable of working or caring for him. Our church has been supplying her with the rice that is brought into the church as tithe. But, even with this help Aashish isn't getting the care that he needs. As you can see, his grandmother is too old and frail to care for him."

"Well, Aashish, the director addressed the boy with a smile and a hug, "We are happy to have you come and live with us. I'm sure you will soon feel at home."



Nadia



Aashish

When she took the boy to his new home, he seemed brave and confident. He would now have a home and he could go to school.

The very next day Ruhan came to Sweet Home. He was brought by a relative who was still caring for his sister. His story is tragic. Two years ago his father died from aids. His mother also contracted the disease and has disappeared and no one knows where she is. Ruhan seemed sad but is a bright little boy. They feel he will fit into the third or fourth grade in school. Hopefully, he can be part of a family and get the care and love that he needs.

We praise God that Nadia, Aashish and Ruhan have been welcomed home into a new family in ICC's Sweet Home Children's Village in India. This is just one of the children's villages that you as part of the ICC family are supporting. There are so many children suffering from the problems in this world. Thank you so much for helping us to provide homes and loving care for so many children.

If you or someone you know would like to sponsor one of our children or even be part of sponsoring a family, let us know. Remember, what we do for God's little children down here on earth we are doing for Jesus Himself.



Ruhan \_\_\_\_\_

With my love and prayers,

*Aleyon*

