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## A STORY OF *Good Friends*

*Here's a personal message from Félix, our project administrator in Nicaragua.*

Back in about 1996, when Angélica and I had a small vegetarian restaurant, we met Dr. Gert Brillenburg from Holland who supported several social projects in the department of Chinandega in Nicaragua. One of those projects was for people with problems with hypertension and diabetes. He asked my wife Angélica to help him by giving some talks on vegetarian cooking and nutrition to people attending his program.

Until October of 1998 Angélica helped with that program, but because of Hurricane Mitch in 1998 we got involved in rescuing and helping the people affected by that disaster, and our lives took an unforeseen turn. We had to close our business, and we ended up taking care

of the orphan children from Hurricane Mitch in a program that was created with the support of many friends and which is operated by International Children's Care (ICC) here in Nicaragua in the department of Chinandega and which we now know as Fountain of Life Family Home.

From the start Dr. Brillenburg was one of the people who really believed in this project and has enthusiastically supported it all this time. But not only that, he also invited a couple who are friends of his, Nico and Corry Hooijmaaijer, to support this project as well. And this has resulted in a great blessing for our children's village, not only because of their great financial support, but also because of the energy and strength that they give us with their words



Nico Hooijmaaijer & Dr. Gert Brillenburg

of encouragement, their trust and their friendship both by letters and by a couple of visits they have made – the last one being in April of this year, 2010.

In the past when we built the previous orphanage building, these three Dutch friends helped us with different needs. For example, they provided part of the

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Truck Donated to ICC Nicaragua

# A Personal Note

## *It is More Blessed to Give...*

**S**haron and I received a wonderful blessing participating in the opening of the ICC Nicaragua Fountain of Life Children's Village last December (<http://www.forhiskids.org/newsletters/QP2010-02.pdf>). It was a dream come true as several children who had lost their homes and families in the mudslides caused by Hurricane Mitch now were able to have a permanent home and family once again. They had lost so much, and now, through the kindness and generosity of our ICC supporting family they were given much. What a blessing the children's village is to them, and they are truly grateful. Now they are in a real home in a real family with gardens and lots of room to run and play. There is no way the children and staff could repay the thousands of dollars and countless volunteer hours that have provided for their support and happiness, but they have found a way to share their blessings with others in need. Here's how.



*Some of our Nicaragua children*



*Felix the ICC's director in Nicaragua*

Felix, ICC's director in Nicaragua, recently shared with me that they are helping to sustain the lives of mothers and infants in the community. ICC Nicaragua has developed a small dairy herd which produces an average of 6.6 gallons (25 liters) of milk per day. This is sufficient to provide for the daily needs of the children at the project and give the milking man his wages, which is one day's milk supply per week. Felix learned that the local maternal/infant hospital provided care to many poor mothers and small children who were suffering from malnutrition - some to the point of death. He determined that even though ICC Nicaragua's finances were tight, there was sufficient to give something to those in need. He decided that

every Sabbath, all the milk that was produced on that day would be donated to the hospital for the exclusive use of these poor mothers and children. What a blessing this has been not only to those receiving the milk but also to the project which continues to see God's provision meeting their daily needs. Garden produce is bountiful on ICC Nicaragua's tables. Small micro-industries are developing. ICC children are happy, healthy and experiencing the blessings that come from giving.

I am grateful for the conscientious efforts of all of our ICC project directors in keeping expenditures at a minimum while at the same time providing for the needs of each of our ICC children. It is also gratifying to see that even in the midst of financial struggles, there are ICC projects seeking ways to pass the gift on. They are learning the essence of the principle Paul expressed when he said..."I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35 NLT

We continue to depend upon our faithful ICC family of supporters to continue the legacy of giving. The summer months are especially difficult, and we value your generosity at this time. May God, who is the giver of every perfect gift, give you His continued blessing as you faithfully give of yourself in support of "His Kids."



*Daily hand milking*

In His service,

*Rich Fleck*

# THANK YOU!

All of us at ICC want to thank those who have so graciously helped us during these summer months that are always so difficult financially for our children's projects. It has been a wonderful blessing in my life to witness your kindness and generosity in sharing of God's blessings to you.

Even though things are still financially difficult at ICC, we have been so blessed by your gifts of sacrifice and our children are very grateful for all that you have done.

One of the areas of concern for us this year has been our technology area pertaining to computers. ICC has been behind the times with regards to dated computers for the work we do. Well, some of you answered those needs in amazing ways for our office, which in turn has helped our projects as well. ICC received 6 new Windows computer systems for our office needs in these past few months and

those systems are making HUGE differences for our staff in their ability to accomplish their duties. We are so thankful for all those systems and we want you all to know that we have now been able to send on technology to our projects that is better than what they have had as well. So, it has been a two edged blessing for ICC and our projects to have received those computer systems!

There is only one other main computer need with which we could

use help. We have an old Apple G4 computer that has been faithfully churning out the Que Pasa and many other media projects for over six years now and it is now starting to break down and show its age. We are finding that we can't even get some parts for it now. We need to retire this computer and bring in an Apple Mac Pro with Intel processors. Perhaps you have one of these or you know of someone who might be willing to help us with one. We would deeply appreciate your help in any way in meeting this important need.

As always, please keep ICC and our children in your daily prayers as we continue to navigate these difficult financial waters. With your continued support, God is seeing us through the storms!

Thank you for answering His call to take care of His children.

*Doug Congleton*



## The *Hope* Channel Broadcasts ICC Story

While ICC was at the General Conference session in Atlanta, our executive director Doug Congleton was interviewed by Pastor Brad Thorp. Pastor Thorp is the president of The Hope Channel and has a regular program broadcast. On our website and Facebook page we've posted copies of the interview as it was broadcast on The Hope Channel. The following web address below will take you to our website, where you can view the interview in its entirety. We also have two new TV commercials being considered for broadcast on The Hope Channel and you can also see those at the address below!

<http://www.forhiskids.org/videos.php>



# Memorials

**Betty Baxter**

By Ernest & Dorothy Toppenberg

**Blake Beglau**

By Dr. & Mrs. John Haworth

**Steve Beglau**

By Dr. & Mrs. John Haworth

**Ruby Bidwell**

By Mrs. Ruth Sackett

**Charlotte M. Cook**

By Mrs. Dorothy Schook

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Stark

**David R. Copeland**

By Thayne & Marjorie Cole

**Terry Demerst**

By Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smith

**Jean Greve**

By Florida Living SDA Church

Ms. Ona Mae Greve

Bob & Nancy Greve

Ms. Wilma Land

Mr. Thomas Verrengia

**Gordon Hackett, MD**

By Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Hackett

**Velda Judson**

By Louise & Bud Carroll

**Tamara Knapp**

By Norman & Darlene Knapp

**Beverly Larsen**

By Gil & Winnie Plubell

**Mary Ellen Lenihan**

By Mr. Carl Rennhack

**Lucinda Nevis**

By Mrs. Mary Jane Nevis

**Lorraine Phillips**

By Dr. & Mrs. Louis (Edgel) Phillips

**Norene Register**

By Dr. W.D. Register

**Edward Schnieder**

By Mrs. Winifred Schneider

**Kurt Schneider**

By Mrs. Winifred Schneider

**Ann Sproed**

By Mr. & Mrs. Albert Oakes

**Bernie Weng**

By Mrs. Karen Lewis

**Hans Calvin Wiggers**

By Dr. & Mrs. John Haworth

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas

**Good Friends - Continued**

outside wall of our complex, the garden and the floor in certain areas. With our new children's village, they have given for the construction of the dairy building and two cows with calves. And recently Nico and Corry donated a new 4.5 ton truck. A few weeks ago Dr. Brillenburg let us know that he and his wife sent us some money for more cows. They want us to very soon have a functioning dairy.

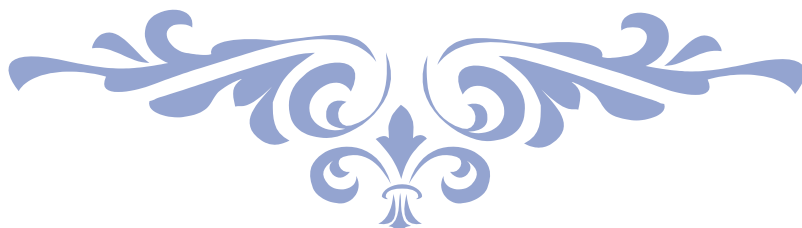


dairy building & one of our dairy cows

During all these years God has blessed us with many special people like these Dutch people that they could get to know about this project, and He has placed in their hearts the desire to help. This spirit of unconditional love, expecting nothing in return, inspires us and gives us new strength to continue on.

Thanks for allowing us to tell you this story, although it is in simple and short words, about how God has blessed this work through these wonderful people.

*Félix Almendárez*



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Sponsorship Department

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