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The Year-End is upon us!



Here at the ICC office, we refer to your donations for the children as "Manna for Today." Just like in the days of Moses, God somehow provides just enough to take care of the children's needs throughout each year. Most times we have no idea how all of this will happen, but He always makes sure that it does. It is truly from Him working through you that all these blessings of "Manna" are provided.

In the November Que Pasa we talked about how 20% of the total years donations comes in for the children in the month

of December. Wow, that is 1/5th of the total financial needs for a year in our villages all in one month! As you can see, December is such an important one for the children of ICC, in fact, it is the decision-making month that tells us if we can provide for the children in the coming year or not. There is so much that rides on the financial outcome of "The Manna" for the December month.

If you are contemplating where to place your financial thankfulness gifts this year, please prayerfully consider the children of

ICC in those plans. Please, join with us in helping Jesus to provide the "Manna for Today" to each one of our children in the coming months.

From the children to you - "God bless each one of you in this Christmas Season!"



Happy Holidays

Christmas Gift Fund

Christmas - I find that this is more than a word, it is a feeling that warms the very soul. I know that this is true for me as well. As I have analyzed the reasons why, I know that it is mostly because it just seems that people are more friendly, more caring and more open at this time of year. It is a time of giving back for all that we have been given. It is a time of thankfulness.

In our ICC villages, it is really the same. The excitement that the children have for the coming Christmas Season is a true vision to behold in itself. To see those little eyes of wonder and anticipation for what lies ahead just makes your heart even more grateful for what God gave to each one of us with His Son.

ICC always tries to have a gift for each child, as well as a Christmas meal that is just a little more special for Christmas Day. These

meals will include fruit, nuts and other local items. The children just love it! As these events unfold, our children are told the story of Jesus' birth, and what that means in their young lives. Their eyes are fixed on what this special day brings.

As we mentioned in our November Que Pasa, we are very short in our Christmas gift fund this year and are praying for your help in all of this. We need a total of \$7,600 to supplement what folks have sent in throughout this past year for the fund. Since our last Que Pasa went out, we have received \$2,393. This means that we are still \$5,207 short of providing this important event to all of the children this year.

If you can find it in your heart to make this Christmas a special one for "His kids," please send or call in your donation quickly and designate it "Christmas Gift Fund," and I know that the children will again be filled with eyes of wonder this special Christmas Season. I think your soul will be warmed for this as well.

I pray that you all will have a blessed Christmas.

Doug Congleton



ICC and social media

Our 'modern age' has brought with it a nearly overwhelming number of channels for communication. With all of these opportunities for interaction, communicating can begin to feel like a full-time pursuit. The advantage to this electronic explosion of expression is that non-profits like ICC can better reach their supporters through a variety of mediums not available even ten years ago.

To that end ICC has joined the social media revolution to better serve you, our supporters, by offering multiple choices for you to keep informed of, learn about and interact with ICC. Along with the Qué Pasa, ICC has an email newsletter that is published once a month, a Facebook page that has recent news and events, a blog that we use to keep you abreast of the latest news. So if you would like to benefit from these communication options, here is how you can find us in the social media universe.

Email Newsletter: www.ForHisKids.org. Sign up in the upper-right corner of the home page.

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/forhiskids. Click the 'Like' button to join.

ICC blog: www.ForHisKids.org/iccblog. We've even got an RSS feed.

Thanks for reading! See you in cyberspace.

THE GIFT GOES ON

Spirits are running high at our children's villages. Christmas is just around the corner and the gift of new life is springing up once again within the ICC family. It's been several months since some of our projects have been able to welcome new children. It's not because there was "no room at the inn." Rather, as children have graduated and left our care to live independently, we've been hesitant to replace them. We've had to carefully manage resources and have been focused on providing quality care for those children that remain. However, the number of children in several of our projects has reached a point so that those who are in desperate need can once again find refuge within the loving confines of our children's homes. One such child who will be spending his first Christmas within the ICC family is Renato* in an ICC Children's Village.

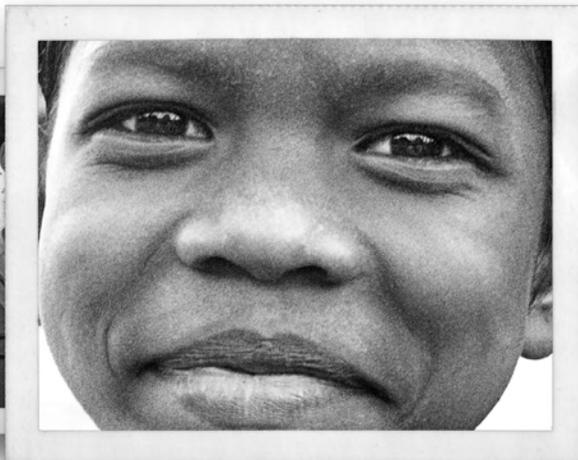
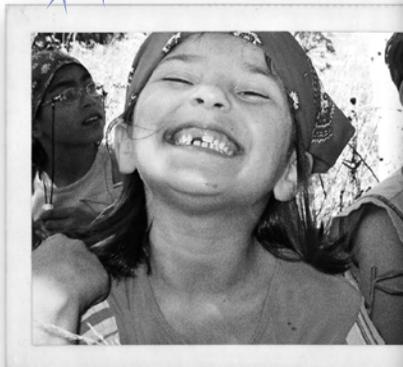
Renato has never experienced much of the warmth and joy of Christmas. Renato was despised by his mother, stepfather and entire family. The only thing he learned to count on was "the streets" which embraced him every day. As a result, although he lived with his grandmother and abusive mother, every day he was forced to leave the house to fend for himself on the streets. He had to scavenge for food to satisfy the hunger in the pit of his stomach.

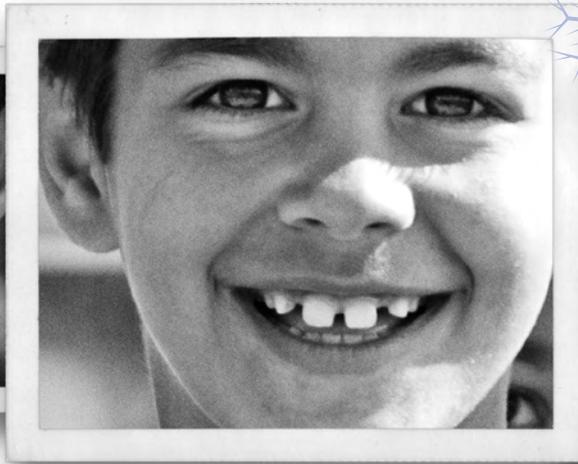
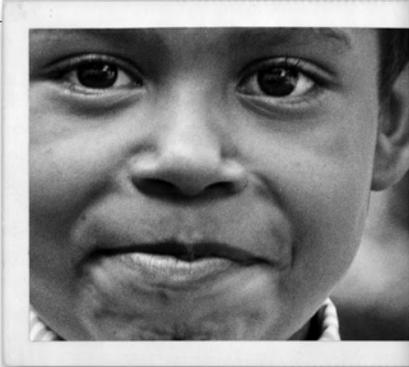
Neighbors witnessed Renato's daily struggle as he wandered the streets, searching garbage cans for food and seeking friendship from anyone who would pay him attention. At home, just his presence caused his mother to seethe with anger. He was a constant reminder of her indiscretion which resulted in the separation from her husband. As time passed, Renato's situation became more and more desperate.

Eventually, concerned individuals referred Renato to the director of the ICC Children's Village. The staff conducted a careful assessment and then contacted the ICC home office to present his case. Your faithful support and desire to save the lives of children was also considered. Finally, the director invited Renato to join the other children at the ICC Children's Village. This holiday season he has been given the most precious gift that any child wants and needs – the gift of a loving family.

Renato's story is an example of a dream we share with you – saving the lives of innocent and vulnerable children who by no choice of their own find themselves outcast, unloved and unwanted. You share in this story because of your faithful support. And as Renato grows up and experiences the warmth of a family your ongoing support will be investing in his success.

This partnership ICC has with supporters reminds me of a Christmas song made popular several years ago. It's called, "*The Gift Goes On.*"





*"The Father gave the Son.
The Son gave the Spirit.
The Spirit gives us life.
So we can give the Gift of love.
And the Gift goes on..."*

We are convinced that God has given ICC this ministry as a gift for orphaned children. ICC gives you the gift of partnering with us. Your gifts of prayer and financial support give these children a significant opportunity to experience the love of a family, and most importantly, the love of God. And as these children develop and mature under the nurturing care of ICC, they grow into happy, successful adults. They are then able to give back to their communities and families. Truly, the gift goes on and on and on at ICC.

As you celebrate this holiday season, please remember little Renato and the special gifts your support are giving him today – the gift of love, the gift of family, and the gift of life. May God bless you for your life-giving gifts to ICC this year.

In His Service,

Kent Greve

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