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What are mission trips all about?

Here at ICC, we know that mission trips are about blessings that God has in store for our ICC kids, but there are also huge blessings in store for those who participate in mission trips. Everyone that participates in these trips is blessed, which is what the love of Jesus is all about. I am sure you remember the text in the Bible that talks about casting your bread upon the waters and it will be returned to you. Well this text comes alive for those who attend mission trips.

This past school year, Columbia Adventist Academy participated in a mission trip to El Oasis, ICC's children's village in Baja, Mexico. What an experience it was, and what blessings were spread around to everyone, blessings that continue to this day.

I thought that you would enjoy reading some of the statements from a few of the students who participated in that mission trip.



"Mexico mission trip was one of the best experiences of my life. It helped me grow as a person and in God. It was life changing."

"I first thought that we went there to give the kids a blessing, but I could not believe how much love and acceptance the kids showed toward us. I saw Jesus in their eyes."

"The Mexico mission trip is an inspiring experience that will change the way you look at your relationship with God, and your connections with other people."

"It was like entering a place where God was working through them (ICC kids)."

"Purely Amazing. The best God-centered and meaningful mission and school trip I have ever been on. It changed my life. The kids down there stay in your heart forever and ever."

As you can see, ICC mission trips are all about the blessings that God is just waiting to pour out to everyone. We just need to have the desire to know Him more, and through Him, love others. There is more than enough

blessing to go around for all!

ICC is scheduling mission trips to Mexico, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala and Romania right now! If you would like to organize a mission trip for your school, church or group, please contact our ICC office, and we will be more than happy to help you start planning how your lives will be blessed and changed as well.

Doug Congleton

A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

Last month, I shared with you part of the story about the homeless children I found staying at a jail near our home in Costa Rica. I received permission from the social worker to take them home with me for the day. How they enjoyed sitting around a table and filling their little tummies with a home-cooked meal! When Ken arrived home, he joined us at the table and then spent the rest of the day playing with them.

We hated to take them back to the jail, but we let them know we would see them again.

The social worker was there to take care of them, but she wanted to talk to me before we left. "I can see that you folks love children. I've been wondering if I could ask a favor of you. I've just learned from a family that there is a baby girl up in the mountain that was left at their house. I need to go and get her but I don't have a car available. Would you take me?"

"I'd be glad to. Shall we make it tomorrow?"

The next day we went by the jail to pick up the social worker and went up the hill and found the little girl. She was probably ten months old or so, a darling little thing, in spite of the obvious signs of neglect, with dark, curly hair and big brown eyes. She had nothing on but a thin little shirt. I took her in my arms and she snuggled down.

"What are you going to do with her?" I asked

"I don't know," she answered. "Would you like to take her home?"

Well, I would be willing to keep her until we can find a home for her," I answered.

We did take little Vicky home, and I spent the next few days making diapers and little gowns for her. She must have been breast-fed before being abandoned as she was in pretty good shape.

God must have had a plan for these children, because in a few days two American families came to volunteer at the University for a project, and the two women had time on their hands. I told them about the children at the jail, and they learned to know little Vicky and went to see the children at the jail.

I was thrilled when all of these children were adopted between these two families who were friends and lived close to each other. The social worker was glad to help with the legal papers.

The McLinds from Southern Oregon took Luis and one of his siblings as well as Vicky. Luis couldn't forget his day with us, and he became one of "our kids." Every summer at the Oregon camp meeting at Gladstone, Luis would find me and come for a big hug. I remember one time, years later, he brought his lovely wife, Tiffany, to meet us. From then on it was the two of them. And then one day they were pushing a stroller! But Luis never failed to find us.

Now they have their own family, and he has his own auto repair shop in Battle Ground, Washington, not far from the ICC office. Not long ago he had a class for women to show them how to take care of their cars. I was told that it was very good and informative.



Luis in El Salvador

Luis has had the dream of someday volunteering for a mission trip for International Children's Care. Just recently he realized that dream. Rick asked him to come to his office. They had a need at our children's village in El Salvador for a mechanic to come and work on some vehicles and equipment that had broken down. He traveled with Rick and Sharon to Salvador to work on them, and Rick told me, "We are happy to have someone now that really knows his business and can get away for a few days now and then to work on equipment."



Becky, Alcyon, and Luis

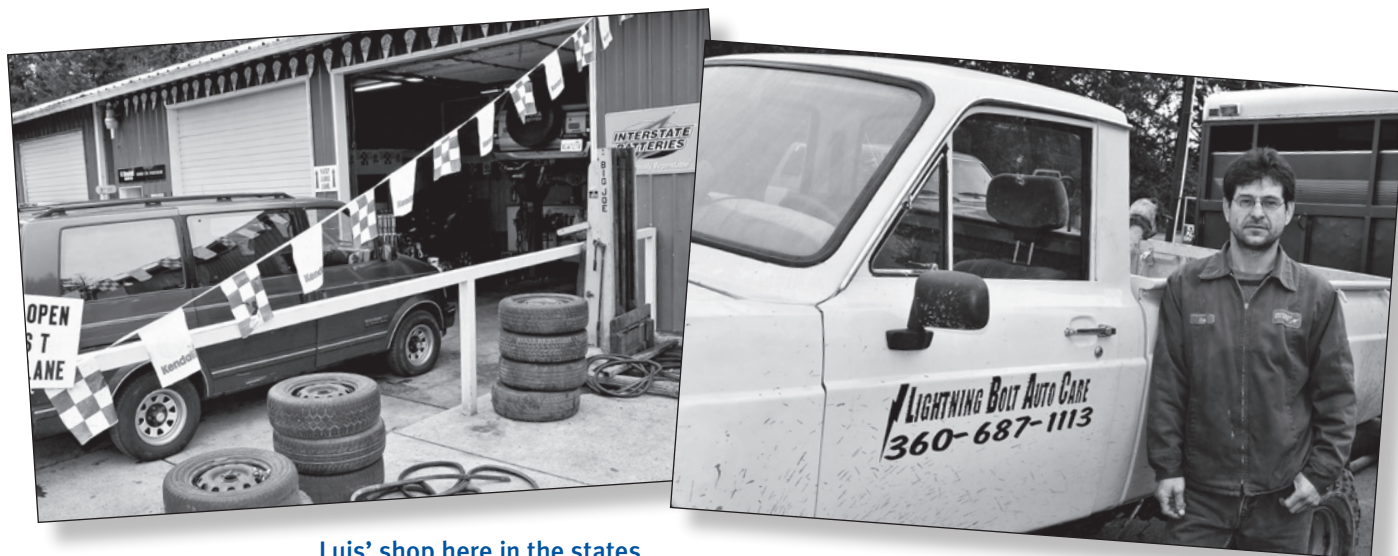
Luis takes care of my car – checks it out every year before I take it to the desert. And he is still very much one of my kids. We have a "vehicle repair" fund that we use for Luis to travel to an ICC children's village and get the parts needed to maintain our vehicles. He will be thrilled if you can send a donation to ICC for that fund.

A year ago I was asked to talk at a breakfast fund raiser and who should I find as I walked in but Luis and his little sister, Becky. When I told their story they were happy to stand up there with one on each side of me. I thought back to the day so many years ago when God brought me these precious children, not just to find a home with loving parents, but to grow up knowing the God, who is the Father of the fatherless. They were among the children I had found through my years in Central America, who inspired us to accept the challenge of International Children's Care. It has been a thrilling, rewarding life, and I wouldn't exchange it for anything!

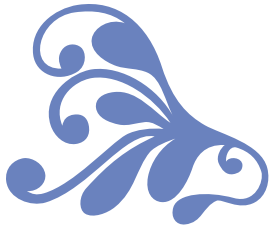
We are thrilled to see the ripple effect as Luis reaches out to help others in his new ministry with ICC.

With my love,

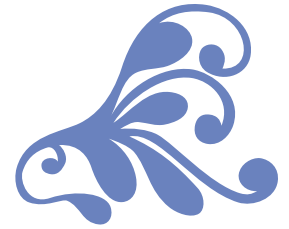
Alcyon



Luis' shop here in the states



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