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# QUE PASA

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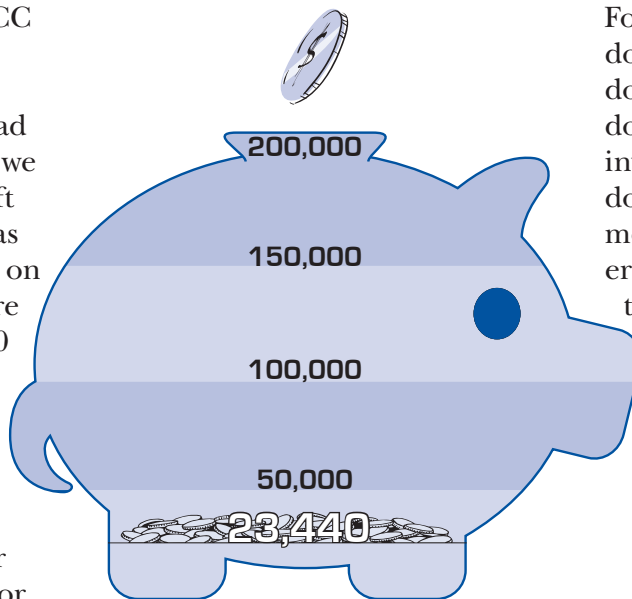
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## \$200,000 MATCHING GIFT FUND UPDATE "ALCYON'S ANGEL FUND"

It is so rare for us here at ICC to have an offer of a large "Matching Grant" for our children's program. If you read our Que Pasa, you know that we received such an offer of a gift in January of this year. Well, as you can see from the graphic on this page, we are not anywhere near the total of the \$200,000 matching offer. I am writing this today to ask if you are able to give anything to help with achieving this grant, please send your donation into our office and mark your donation "Matching Funds," or "Alcyon's Angel Fund."

Remember, this fund is set up to provide for the budgets for the children's projects during those lean months when there just is not enough money to go around. This is something that has always weighed heavily on Alcyon's heart, not having enough to go around through the difficult months each year. Well, this fund is the answer to those issues this year if we can just "fill the bank."



For every dollar donated, another dollar is given. That makes two dollars out of every one dollar. I don't know of a greater financial investment than being able to double your money in the same month you give it! Please consider taking part in this rare opportunity for the ICC kids.

God bless you for considering helping with this amazing chance to give for His kids.

*Doug Congleton*

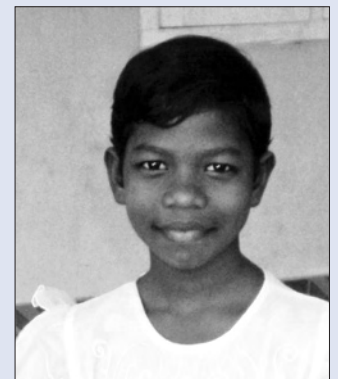
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#### My name is Daya

I need a sponsor. I am 9 years old and live in India. Please return this coupon to sponsor me each month. God bless you for helping me have a chance.

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# A Personal Note

## Give till it Hurts

It happened so fast it was hard for me to think what to do. It was a cool morning and I was about 30 miles from my home, alone in the forest. As I was walking up a hill toward a small rural house I heard them – running toward me, growling. As they charged towards me, I saw the look in their eyes. It was a look that said, “You are not welcome here. We will attack you.”

I am sure you have heard the stories of people attacked, mauled and even killed by Rottweilers. So have I. But I’m getting ahead of my story.

20 years before, I received a parcel of land as part of a debt payment in a real estate transaction. The property was just outside of a small town. Based on the challenge to “give until it hurts,” I had decided to donate the sale proceeds of this property to International Children’s Care.

Since the property was mountainous and covered in trees, I decided to “flag” the property boundary lines with red survey flagging. Having once been a full time land surveyor, I was looking forward to the task and the physical exercise. The real estate agent selling the property said this surveying would be very helpful in selling the property.

So, I drove to the property that morning, parked my car, found the first property corner and began flagging the boundary with my compass in one hand and a roll of red flagging in the other. No axe, gun, pepper spray or anything else. I had prayed about this gift and trusted the Lord was with me.

On a previous visit, I had noticed a small house on the adjoining property surrounded by a lot of rubbish. I remember thinking: “I wonder what type of a person lives there.” This morning I had forgotten about that house. I was a long way from my car as I headed up, flagging this last property line.

As the two dogs bounded over the top of the hill and started toward me, mouths open, eyes locked with mine I said “Oh Lord help me!”



[Paul surveying the land for our Nicaragua project](#)



[Paul surveying the land for our Congo project](#)

The next words from my mouth were, “Hi dogs! Nice dogs, nice dogs.” I couldn’t believe what happened next: Those two massive Rottweilers skidded to a stand-still right at my feet. After a few seconds, I started slowly backing up. They followed my every step, growling all the way.

After about 100 meters, they gave me more distance. I got to my car, got in and closed the door. Exhaling in relief, I prayed: “Thank You Lord for taking care of me and hearing my prayer.”

I had thought the property would now be worth around \$35,000. I was anxious to hear what the agent thought it might sell for. She said \$65,000! I had my reservations as to whether we would get an offer anywhere near

that amount in this current economy. Within two months, she had sold the property for \$60,000!

Now when I look back, I realize I was not alone that morning. Oh yes, I know there were the two vicious dogs, but my guardian angels were also there and they saved me from a certain attack. "Give till it hurts" has a new and more powerful meaning for me now than it ever did before.

Paul Edgren  
ICC Board Chairman



Paul and his wife Janet in Nicaragua

*Editors Note: Our donors and supporters are a tremendous blessing to ICC children. No doubt, during this time of economic difficulty, many of you have to sacrifice or "hurt" in order to maintain your current level of support for them. On behalf of the children, we offer our heartfelt appreciation for all you continue to do. We trust that you also experience the "joy of giving," as together, we bring new life to orphaned and vulnerable children. Thank-you for continuing to make a crucial difference in their lives.*

## Happenings at ICC Nicaragua

### **Pineapple Crop "Starts"**

Felix, director of the ICC children's village in Nicaragua, recently determined that he would plant a pineapple crop. He made a contact with a personal friend who also grows pineapples. Felix's friend was willing to assist him.

They went into the friend's field and began digging up starts from beside mature plants. After awhile it appeared that they had collected about 500 plants. Felix's friend was selling the starts for 1 Cordova (about 5 cents) each, so Felix decided he

wanted a few more. After leaving the field, Felix thought he had about 700. However, it turned out that there were more than 900 when the planting was done in the ICC garden.

Felix was so excited about having this new pineapple crop that he decided to get some more. When he went back to his friend's field he got another 1,000 starts. In all, nearly 2,000 plants are now flourishing in the ICC Nicaragua garden, and Felix only spent about \$100. Since many of the starts were pretty mature to begin with, they will start to produce in about 9 months.

### **Farm House Completed**

A group from Canada who have been friends of our project for many years came to Nicaragua to do some other projects. They stopped by to see Felix and Angelica and asked them what they could do to help. Felix told them about the need to get the farm house finished – floor, doors and windows – so that someone could live in it and take care of the farm. These friends provided all the funds to do that. Now Felix has hired a couple to take care of the farm and live in that house.

# First Fruits at DEWS Sweet Home

**R**ick and Sharon Fleck have recently visited ICC's DEWS Sweet Home in India. You may recall in January we wrote that extensive flooding swamped our children's village, as can be seen in the photo below. There was great concern about the welfare of our campus gardens. However, God was merciful and the project recently harvested some of the produce.

Rick sent a report that included this photo of Kumari, our chil-



dren's services director. She is displaying the first fruits of the string bean crop. They presented these beans as a special offering in church. This was to make a public declaration that we owe everything to God. Our ICC India family is very happy that they were able to give this special gift to God.

The older boys and house fathers at Sweet Home are the ones mainly responsible for working in the gardens. Together they have put forth the effort to make the gardens productive and beautiful once again. What a blessing that the gardens have recuperated after the devastating floods.



## Memorials

### **Nellie Swenson**

By Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Swenson IV

### **Evelyn Trefz**

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### **Miles & Mary Wesson**

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### **Nonie Wickward**

By Mr. & Mrs. Norman Knapp

### **Calvin Wiggers**

By Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas

### **Faith Wresch**

By Pastor Samuel Elie  
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Williams

### **Carla's Sister**

By Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smith

### **Leonard**

By Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smith

### **Patrica & Del**

By Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smith

## HONORS

### **Adams + Glass Marriage**

By Mr. and Mrs. Galyn Cyphers  
Ms. Emilie Hansen  
Ms. Melody D. Snow & Mr. Donald C. Hines  
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Potter  
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Ms. Lisa Schoonover  
Mr. Chris L. Schroeder  
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Seward  
Mr. Bill Stines

### **Gustavo Bolanos**

By The Neiman Marcus Group

### **Red & Sissy Wedding**

By Ms. Linda Lewis

### **Jean Duncan's 90th**

By Mr. and Mrs. Michael Harbold

### **Kristin Hohensee**

By Mr. & Mrs. William Hohensee

### **Bernadine Irwin**

By Ms. Alyson Long

### **Jesse & Kathy Mathews**

By Elder & Mrs. Robert Cowan

### **Daniel Orellana's Birthday**

By Mr. and Mrs. Greg Auman  
Ms. Janet Burg  
Mr. and Mrs. Eric T. Whittington

### **Doris H. Stewart**

By Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Calhoun

### **Irelis Suarez**

By Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Suarez

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