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# QUE PASA

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Dear ICC Family,

I'm pleased to send you this Special Edition of the *Que Pasa* which features updates on all of our ICC projects. As you read, I hope you realize that you have been a part of God's abundant blessings to our ICC family in 2011. You have made the successes of our programs possible, and we thank you for being faithful supporters and prayer warriors. As we journey together through another year, we know that we can count on your support to provide the best possible care for all of our ICC children in 2012. We feel that some exciting things are in store for our children in the weeks and months ahead. We'll do our best to continue to keep you informed within the pages of the *Que Pasa*. May God bless you and your family this New Year.

Doug Congleton

## EL SALVADOR

56 CHILDREN  
10 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Our population on campus continues to decrease as the government is sending children back to their biological families. We take one day at a time as we watch to see what will happen regarding the future of this project.

The courts did send us one new child who was 15 years old on a temporary basis. But when the time was up, he didn't want to leave. He said that he has never been treated so good as on our campus. He attended some evangelistic meetings while with us and wanted to be baptized. This

is a statement of the care that is given on our campuses. He was sent to us for protective custody by a court who felt that we were the best place for him.

Five of our children graduated from secondary school in November. They will be working for a year before continuing on with advanced education. We sent a couple more students to Linda Vista in Mexico for university studies this year.

Advanced education is a real challenge for us right now due to finances, but it is the finishing touches for successful independence.

## CONGO

152 CHILDREN

The Patmos Island Children's Village has added four children this year. We don't have a lot of extra room, but these children were in great need of help. The children were malnourished and in danger of dying in a few months if not cared for.

A lot of things have been accomplished on the project this year. The first phase of building canals to solve the erosion problem has been successfully completed and functioning like we wanted. Now we need to do the same thing on the other side of the campus by the new secondary school.

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*Congo continued —*

The school year has started out well. They are very happy to have the first half of the secondary school building completed and are looking forward to the second half being completed this coming year.

There are still great needs on campus. Staff housing is a big need at Patmos. We also need to complete our drinking water project so that we can have a functioning water system on campus. Unfortunately this project is very costly.

The children are happy and healthy as a whole!

## **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

**62 CHILDREN  
15 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

We have four new children this year and there are three more waiting on the list! Because of the lack of funds, we have not been able to take in very many new children in the recent past.

In June we had a terrible localized wind storm. It did a lot of damage to our campus. The flooding destroyed our yucca crop, the wind blew down our plantains and destroyed our green house. Other trees were also blown down. We estimated that we had \$11,000 worth

of damage. We were blessed once again by the Versa Care Foundation who gave a donation to help cover this loss.

As a result of a grant from the Taiwan Embassy, we are now starting a honey industry. Our beehive project did have a little setback at first. Some of the hives had sick bees which we lost. We expect our first honey harvest in January!

Three volunteer groups are scheduled for next year in the Dominican. They will be working on the painting of the school and also the remodeling of two bathrooms. Our plans are to build a wall around the farm so that we will not lose our crops to the thieves in the local area.

This last year we had one child graduate from 12th grade as well as two weddings.

## **INDIA**

**63 CHILDREN  
12 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

We have taken in several new children and there are two more waiting to be accepted!

The president of the graduating class is one of our boys again this year! He is a top student and has a desire to study medicine. We had seven students graduate from high school this year. They still have to take national exams in February and March. We pray that the Lord will help them all pass.

Lilly our administrator is requesting that we build a wall around the garden property. Apparently water buffalo are getting into our gardens. It's not everyday you get to say that.

## **GUATEMALA**

**89 CHILDREN  
5 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

The biggest news is that the government has contacted us to see how many children we could take into our facility. They have 600-800 children that they need to place in facilities and wanted to know how many we can take. With the departure of some graduate students, our administration felt that they could accept



10 of these new children for now. It is not a huge number, but right now we can't raise the budget to allow an additional home to be open. They have not yet arrived but are being processed.

We have had six young people graduate from ICAP this year. It was also graduation for our primary school where we had 13 graduate. Our graduates from ICAP completed their practicum before graduation. For a couple of students, the place where they did their practicum want to hire them after graduation!

We've also had some rough times at the project. We had our van stolen at the end of May while the chauffer was picking up donations. She was assaulted and really shaken up. We think that we will replace the van with a pickup that will not be such a target since we are no longer transporting children at the center.

Drug trafficking has picked up around the Poptun area again. Our administrator and his family's lives are being threatened right now if they don't leave the project. Please pray for the protection of this project and its people.

## **GHANA**

**11 CHILDREN**  
**1 UNIVERSITY STUDENT**

For several years, ICC's project in Ghana has remained relatively small. We have just twelve children in a single rented home. One of our children is currently studying at university and two others are in secondary school.

This project is poised to grow should a donor or donors pledge a significant amount of support for future years. The needs of Ghana's orphaned children are great and ICC is making a positive impact on this nation.



## **ZAMBIA**

**3 CHILDREN**

We are slowly phasing out this particular project. Our oldest boy graduated this year and has plans to become independent, and he is looking for a job.

The three other boys in the program are in the 8th, 9th, and 11th grades.

## **ROMANIA**

**26 CHILDREN**

We have been working in Romania now for twenty years!

Our bakery is slowly taking shape. We are anxious to have it completed and functioning. We are also making plans to build a new home for more children if we can get a donation for the building and five years of initial operating funds.

Our children's choir has been a blessing to the campus and to the communities surrounding our campus. Frequently they are invited to sing at churches throughout Romania.

## **NICARAGUA**

**16 CHILDREN**  
**1 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

This project is doing really well. The Children's Ministry Department of the Nicaraguan government is very pleased with our program and we hope to have more children brought into our program.

Our cattle herd is expanding and they are a life saver when funds are lacking. We've received a grant through the Rotary club in the Netherlands to buy nine more cows, plant more pasture,

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and to buy a water tank for the cheese factory. We now have forty cows. When members of the local Rotary club visited our campus they were amazed at what we had and they want to help us more.

We use organic techniques in our agriculture program and we are hoping that this will be a positive marketing factor. The produce that we grow provides quality vegetables for our children. We are able to sell to the public any extra produce from the gardens.

## **COLOMBIA**

**15 CHILDREN**  
**5 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

The children that ICC continues to sponsor in Colombia are young people who are able to live with extended family or are children whose families need a little help. Currently, we assist fifteen children with some of their educational expenses and basic necessities.

## **ASIA/PACIFIC**

**PROJECTS**

PLEASE NOTE: With the exception of India, ICC projects in the Asia/Pacific region are supervised by the ICC Australia office. News updates from ICC Australia can be found at the following link: <http://www.iccaustralia.org.au/news/update.html>

## **MEXICO**

**46 CHILDREN**  
**4 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

Two children graduated from 12th grade this year and one from university! Donors have paid for our university & prepa student's educational expenses. This has been a tremendous blessing! The Baja racing community is really making a difference for our project in Mexico.

The remodeling project in House Two is nearing completion. We hope to reopen it soon and return

the family to their home. House Three is currently being remodeled as well.

Solar panels are being installed to supply electricity to our homes. Unused power will be reclaimed by the power company.

## **BRAZIL**

**5 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**  
**6 DAY CARE CENTERS**

ICC is partnering with Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) offices in three different Adventist conferences in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Currently through ICC, a few sponsors are supporting five orphan children along with six day care centers. These centers are places where very poor children can come and receive food and an education. The children at the Grandma Josephina Orphanage are all in boarding schools and the facility has been converted into a day care center.

## **ICC Founder Alcyon Fleck to Receive the Charles Weniger Award for Excellence**

We are pleased to announce that ICC's founder, Alcyon Fleck, has been selected to receive the Charles Weniger Award which is given annually to individuals who have set a standard of excellence as exemplified in the life of Charles Weniger.

Charles Weniger was a professor at Pacific Union College and Dean at the Adventist Theological Seminary. His students knew him as a man who strived for excellence and encouraged them to do the same. Former California congressman, Jerry Pettis, who himself was a student of Charles Weniger, established the award in the 1970's.

The award is to be given in Loma Linda California on Sabbath, January 28, 2012. Alcyon will be

introduced to the Loma Linda University Church congregation and LLBN's world-wide television audience during the 9:00 and 11:45 a.m. church services. There will be a special meeting that afternoon at 4:30 in which Alcyon will be presented with the award and given an opportunity to speak. Rick Fleck, Alcyon's son and current president of ICC, will sing a song about orphan children that Alcyon composed. This program will also be televised by LLBN.

Other individuals who will also be receiving the Charles Weniger award this year include Herbert Blomstedt, Conductor Laureate of the San Francisco Symphony, and Howard Gimbal, a renowned eye surgeon who also happens to be Alcyon's cousin.

Congratulations, Alcyon! This prestigious award recognizes your dedicated service in promoting excellent care for orphaned and abandoned children through the ministry of ICC.