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Cancer Claims Treasured Colleague



LAMBRO TRIANTOS 1968–2012

On August 25, 2012, ICC lost a champion for our children. Lambro Triantos was our European Regional Manager for ICC, and the loss to our children and our program is a great one. Lambro was someone who always put our children first in everything he did in his work life. He traveled to numerous children's villages, and when he would leave for his return trip home, he was always surrounded by children who now considered him their friend.

Lambro was so active in his work and it was such a shock to us

all when we heard he had cancer. He went from feeling fine to passing away in a period of 7 weeks time. As you can imagine, the rapidness of all of this has been difficult on his own family as well as all of us at ICC who loved Lambro and called him our friend.

Lambro is survived by his wife and two young children. He lived in The Netherlands and his wife, Kalin, continues today in carrying the torch for Lambro in working for the children of ICC. We will never forget our friend and brother, and we look

forward to the day when we will be reunited with Lambro, his family and all the children of ICC in one big gathering in our forever home. What a day of reunion that will be when we can again spend time with all of the ICC warriors that have gone to sleep in Jesus.

Thank you Lambro for everything that you have done and sleep well in Jesus my brother.

Until that day,

Doug Congleton

Executive Director, ICC Americas

Bring ICC home for Christmas!

Once again we are offering Christmas ornaments to those who would like to make ICC part of their Christmas. Proceeds from your purchases will go to support the Christmas fund for our kids.

This year our limited-edition ornaments are red and we expect them to be very popular. Once this year's ornaments are sold, no more will be available. So order today for a *minimum donation of \$10!

You may receive your ornament by donating one or more for a minimum donation of ten dollars each. You may contact ICC to order your ornament by emailing Jenny Reyes at jenny@forhiskids.org, calling (800) 422-7729, or online at <https://www.forhiskids.org/donation.php>. Be sure to type "Christmas Ornament 2012" in the description field when ordering online.

Thanks for all you do for "His Kids" and be sure to order your limited-edition ornament today!

** Receipts for your donation will be based upon IRS stipulations.*



Custom Gift Cards From ICC

A young lady and high-school student who works here at ICC HQ is also a very talented artist. She has kindly consented to create—especially for ICC—five drawings of our children that we have made into sets of gift cards and note cards.

Each individual card will have one of the five drawings printed on its face. For your donation of a *minimum of \$20, you will receive a set of ten "special occasion" gift cards. A set of ten note cards would be a *minimum donation of \$15. The interior of all cards will be blank so that you may write the personal message of your choosing.

To order your cards contact Jenney Reyes at ICC by emailing her at jenny@forhiskids.org, or by calling (800) 422-7729, or online at <https://www.forhiskids.org/donation.php>. Be sure to type either "Gift Cards 2012" or "Note Cards 2012" in the description field when ordering online.

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A Personal Note

An Interview with ICC's Founder, Alcyon Fleck

ICC's International Development Director, Kent Greve, recently interviewed ICC founder, Alcyon Fleck. Here is an excerpt from what she shared:

KG: How are you staying active these days?

Alcyon: Well, maybe I'm not always active (Laughing). Ken and I used to go down and spend part of the winter in Desert Hot Springs, CA. We had a house there in one of the mobile home parks. I did a lot of my writing and wrote several books there. When Ken passed away, I still went down there some, but it got to be kind of a hassle. This last year I began to pray about this, "Lord, is this what I should be doing?" I was talking sometimes in public and telling about ICC. But I began to feel like I wanted to be home a little more. Before I left this last time to return home, I left the key with one of the girls that I knew so if anyone wanted to buy my place they could see it. I hadn't been home very long when I got a call from a lady. She had seen my house, and she loved it and wanted to buy it. So I sold it. I'm still trying to get everything put back together in my home up here. In the meantime I've had people calling me quite a bit and wanting to know things about ICC.

One other thing I've been doing is rereading some of the books I've written. It's proved interesting for me to do that. It refreshed my memory on some of the stories, some of the things that happened, especially some of the miracles. There were so many.

KG: What was the driving motivation to start and continue the ministry of ICC through the years?

Alcyon: The first thing was the earthquake in Guatemala. News reports said that 25,000 people were killed in a moment and among them a lot of children were left homeless. Elder Folkenberg (Sr.) was president of the Adventist Central American Union at that time. He was very busy working with the government to do some of the work of trying to help people. There were about 5,000 children left out on the street. A group of doctors from Loma Linda got together and raised \$40,000 to build a building out on the mission school property in northern Guatemala. Their idea was to start an orphanage out there. First they had to find somebody that would run it. They voted to ask me to head it up. I told them "I'd like to help, but I'm not qualified to head it up." They wouldn't take no for an answer! That's why I got involved - because of the big earthquake and because of my interest in children.

Once you begin to take in these children and you see the drastic difference you can make in their lives, it is very motivating. There are so many more than you can take care of. The need is so great that you feel you could be busy the rest of your life just helping those children. Some of these children, while they were forgotten by people in general (didn't have homes or were in the streets), I found out that many of them were very, very intelligent and all they needed was a chance and an education and they could be something. That has been very motivating for me.

KG: Through the years, what have been the hardest obstacles for ICC to overcome?

Alcyon: We profess to give children good care, not stack them in big buildings and just give them medium care. I had been reading in Mrs. (EG) White's writings. She said they should not be put in big institutions. They should be put in a Christian home. I began to think about it, and I came up with a plan where we could have a village and buy land so we could have room for every house to be on an acre. The houses would be big enough to accommodate at least 10-12 children with Christian house parents to take care of them. We would have schools, primary and secondary, and then we would find people to sponsor them in



college. All our children have the option of an education. At the same time they are living in a community where they feel this is their home. They have a normal life.

Every one of these villages, up to now we have about 16 around the world, you have to send them a budget every month. They have to eat. They may have gardens there, but they still have to buy things. It is challenging getting enough money to keep going. We're constantly trying to get more sponsors, people who want to sponsor a child. That seems to be our best resource.

KG: In your mind, is there a particular story that reveals the power and impact of this ministry?

Alcyon: There are several. I was impressed with the story that one of our leaders in Guatemala told me. They have villages all around our village. The children like to go and do missionary work. The pastor would start meetings in one of the villages. Some of the children who were old enough would go with him. They would scatter literature, visit the homes and take Bible studies to homes and go back and pick them up again. The children love to go on these missionary trips.

One time they were having meetings in one of the villages not too far away. Two of our girls were out on Sabbath visiting. They were knocking on doors giving away tracts and material. At one house a lady opened the door and was crying. One of the girls asked, "What's the matter?"

The lady said, "My children are all very sick, and I don't have any money or any medicine. I'm afraid they're going to die."

One of the girls said, "Would you like to have us come in and pray for you?"

"Oh yes. Would you do that?"

So those two girls went in. They saw the children in bed and they prayed that God would help this mother to help her children to get well. The next night, Sunday, the mother and all the children were there at the meeting. That tells a little bit about the training that our children get when going out and doing missionary work and sharing their faith.

KG: Is there anything you'd like to tell our ICC supporters?

Alcyon: If they talk to any of the people who have consistently sponsored children, they would realize what a blessing it is. I would like them to remember that when they support a child they are doing something really good for Jesus. It is wonderful to help a child get into one of our homes and to learn that Jesus is coming soon.

I have many times thought I wish I could do it all over again. It was the best life I could think about. I was so happy having all those children that call me Mommy Fleck and that I was able to make a difference in their lives. I know it wasn't me that made the difference. It was God working through ICC to help save many, many children – to live their lives and also to be a part of our family in Heaven.