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A SPONSOR'S HEART

What a blessing it has been to read what sponsors are saying about their sponsored children and how it has changed their own lives as well. As a sponsor myself, I understand the amazing changes that can take place in a child's life if only someone will take up that call to help. For me, it has been such a blessing as the children I have sponsored have grown up and now are doing amazing things in their own countries for others.

Everyone that has spoken to me has said that they really enjoy reading these testimonies of sponsorship that we have been able to include in the Que Pasa. We want to continue to have this column in our monthly Que Pasa, but

we need more sponsors willing to share their personal experience with us. So, if you are a sponsor, and you would like to share your experience with others, and perhaps encourage someone else to become a sponsor of these precious lives, please email your story to me at Doug@forhiskids.org.

I hope that as you are as blessed as I have been by the following story that one of our children's sponsors has written:

Dear Doug,

In the last newsletter, you asked for sponsors to send in experiences.

For a number of years (maybe 10?) we sponsored a boy at Los Pinos orphanage in Guatemala. His name—Arturo*.

In Feb. of 2011 we were privileged to spend four weeks in Guatemala with Gary Bartholemew of the Water 4 Life organization. While at ICAP (next door to Los Pinos), we asked



if anyone knew Arturo. They did and called him to come from Guatemala City to meet us.

What a joy to meet the boy we had sponsored all those years. Arturo is now out of school and living with his brother in Guatemala City. As you can imagine, he was happy to meet us as well.

We are thankful the Lord gave us a foretaste of heaven—when we will meet all those whom we have been privileged to help while on earth.

God bless your ministry. You're doing a good work.

Sincerely yours,

Tim and Ruth Davis

**Name has been changed to protect the privacy of the child.*



A Personal Note

Congo Update – New children for the ICC family

Dear ICC Family,

Each month, we typically try to feature a different ICC project in this section of the Que Pasa. However, recent developments in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) are so compelling that we feel it is essential that we provide an update and share recent communications to and from our project there.

Friday, February 8, 2013 – (From Desire, ICC Project Director in the DRC)

I received an invitation on Tuesday 5 February 2013, from the Ministry of Social Affairs. On arriving in Bukavu, we were gathered in the room of OCHA (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)...

Two items were foreseen on the agenda including:

1. The dispatch of 116 orphan children and other non-accompanied children due to the recent war
2. The security situation within our two regions of North Kivu and South Kivu

After a long debate, we noticed that the concerned children have the age between 2 – 12. For some children, their parents are dead. The addresses of the parents of other children have never been found despite the efforts made by CICR (International Red Cross)... Those children have been proposed to be taken by 5 orphanages of North - Kivu and South-Kivu. **(Editor's Note: ICC has been asked to take 14 of the 116 children)**

In that meeting, I insisted on explaining to them that we don't have enough places for the children we have and that their care and expenses are numerous and expensive. The Minister of the Social Affairs besought me saying that the government has no other solutions to take care of those innocent victim children. He went on saying that according to the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) report, 12 among those children have died of cold, malnutrition and other different infections due to the lack of adequate care given and that they no longer have parents to look after them. The minister of interior also said that if we refuse to assist those children, they will all run the risk of dying.

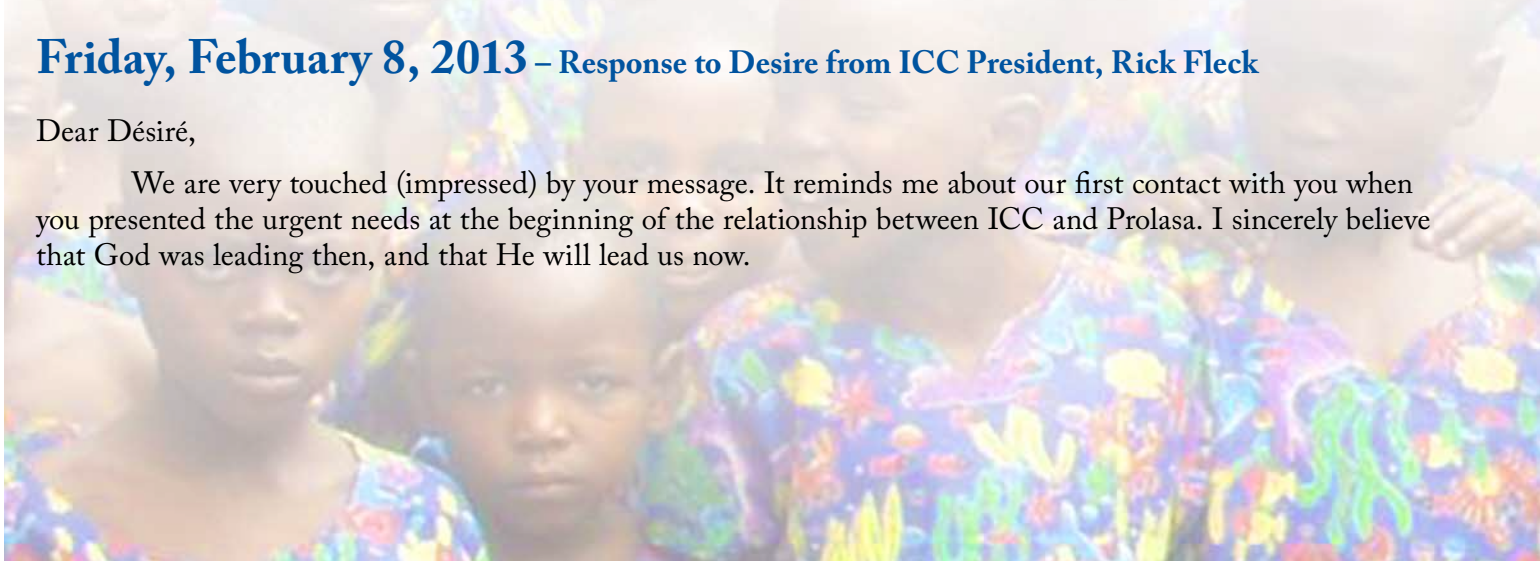
I send you this outcome of that important meeting to let you know about the situation going on in the Eastern part of DRC and to see how to intervene and plead for their humanitarian needs...

We go on praying for that difficult task, and may the Lord open for us doors and be attentive to hear those victims of the war in DRC.

Friday, February 8, 2013 – Response to Desire from ICC President, Rick Fleck

Dear Désiré,

We are very touched (impressed) by your message. It reminds me about our first contact with you when you presented the urgent needs at the beginning of the relationship between ICC and Prolasa. I sincerely believe that God was leading then, and that He will lead us now.



As you know, we have been facing very difficult financial times...This has caused much hardship with our projects. However, God is still leading ICC, and this ministry belongs to Him, and He is our Leader. So we must daily put our trust in Him and look to Him for direction and ask Him to provide for what He asks us to do.

God will not ask us to do something without providing the means. So we are now asking Him to show us His will. Our Administrative Committee met today and prayed two times together and discussed this situation. Some of our board members plan to meet together to pray and talk about this soon.

So, Désiré, what is your opinion about this? What do you propose that we do? And what costs are associated with your proposal – both short term and long term?

We will be praying for you!

Monday, February 11, 2013 – A portion of Desire's response to Rick Fleck

If you think that creating a reception center for those children is very expensive, we can immediately send them to Idjwi (the island where ICC's project is located) provided we create another Home for them. I think this is so because they are still in regrettable health, psychological behavior conditions, and perhaps would not be accepted by ICC Patmos Village children, who are already integrated.

Those children need intensive mobilization in order to root out from their minds the tribalism, banditry and aggressive behavior they have in them and little by little explain to them our philosophy and logics of the ICC project. Moreover, they need regular psycho-social care. Fortunately, we have a psychologist educator.

If your decision will require them to go to Patmos village, a long-term suggestion will be to ask you to increase the budget of Patmos Village with a monthly amount of \$2,468.00 this is to say, an annual amount of \$29,616.00. We foresee the need for the construction of their home in the Patmos Village.

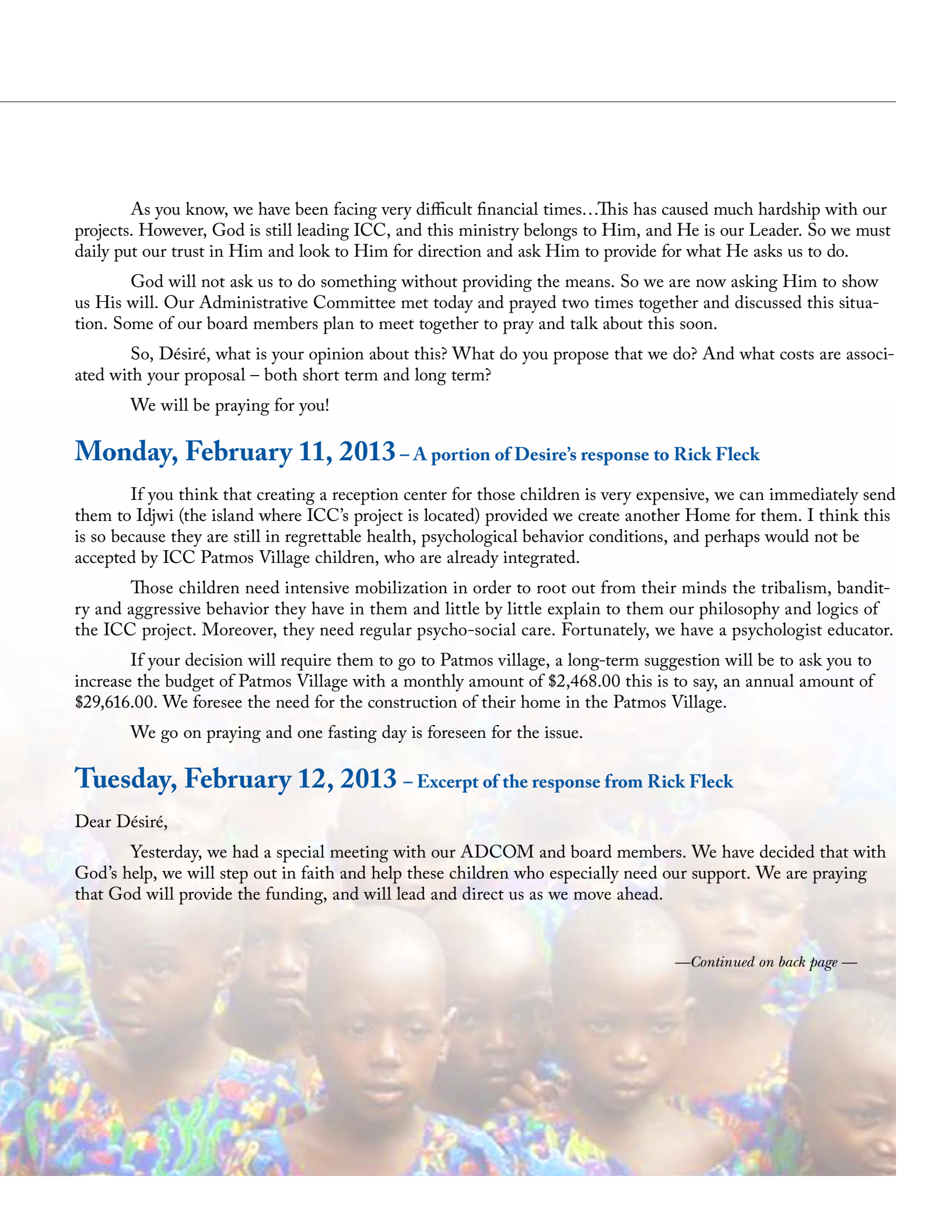
We go on praying and one fasting day is foreseen for the issue.

Tuesday, February 12, 2013 – Excerpt of the response from Rick Fleck

Dear Désiré,

Yesterday, we had a special meeting with our ADCOM and board members. We have decided that with God's help, we will step out in faith and help these children who especially need our support. We are praying that God will provide the funding, and will lead and direct us as we move ahead.

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A background image showing a group of children, likely from the ICC project, wearing colorful, patterned clothing. The image is slightly faded and serves as a backdrop for the text.

A Personal Note – Continued



If you're a long-time supporter of ICC, you probably recognize and understand certain key elements in the situation we face as an organization that defines who we are. God inspired the founders of ICC to establish a ministry for children. We recognize that God has called this ministry to continue to reach out to suffering children where their needs are brought to our attention. Though we can't help every needy child everywhere, we feel compelled to help children for whom a specific request is made to provide assistance. We also recognize our utter dependence upon God to supply the funds and resources that these children will need now and for years to come.

Our children's services department has sprung into action and is assessing the best approach to initiate the care of these children. ICC's years of experience in caring for orphaned and traumatized children will be crucial in this latest crisis. Our development department has mobilized to spread awareness of the plight of these children and of the financial undertaking that is required for their care.

We continue to pray and seek God's guidance. This is a time in our history when resources are stretched to the limit, and yet the needs of children like this compel us to reach out and literally save their lives. Can we count on you, our faithful family of supporters, to continue to stand with us?

Sadly, with each passing month, more and more of our child sponsors find it necessary to stop their support because of hardships they themselves face. We need you to help us fill in the funding gaps. Perhaps you could sponsor another child or even one child if you are not yet a sponsor. We need referrals and help getting the word out. Please join with us in praying that God, who "has a thousand ways to provide for us of which we know nothing," will work mightily in behalf of "His kids" in the DRC. We trust Him. He is faithful. May He give us strength to also be faithful in fulfilling the mission which He has given to us.

In His Service,

Kent Greve

PLEASE SPONSOR ME!

I need a sponsor. I am a refugee headed soon for my new home at Patmos village in the Congo. Please return this coupon or call the 800 number below to sponsor me each month. God bless you for helping me have a chance.

\$30 \$60 \$ _____

(800)422-7729

Sponsorship Department

We have not yet received photos of our new ICC family members in Congo.

