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## 35... Of Changing Lives

Years

**O**ur ICC Family has been changing the lives of destitute children for 35 years now. What an amazing story this is for the children who have passed through the doors of the children's villages. Children who would not have had a chance in this life are now Christian adults working in their own countries, changing other's lives for Him!

Each one of you, our ICC Family has been responsible for this amazing act of unselfish love. We want to celebrate this milestone with all of you and also give you the opportunity to participate in this special time.

Did you know that more than 33% of the financial support for the children comes to ICC in the last quarter of each year? We are praying to financially have the greatest last quarter in the

history of ICC these next three months as this year comes to an end. We need to be able to send full budgets to our projects by year end so that the children can experience the blessings Jesus has for them. We want them to celebrate with us in the miracles that God continues to show in their lives. We are so blessed to be a part of this wonderful miracle for these children. We need to show them that they can depend on us to provide for them until He takes us all home with Him to a place where the word "Orphan" will cease to exist.

This can only happen with a strong commitment from each one of us to financially provide for this celebration for the children. We want to help these kids have a wonderful Christmas where they can feel the security and love from all of our ICC Family. Please help us reach our goal by the end of this year and make this the greatest quarter ever in the history of God's work here at ICC! Prepare your year-end giving plans right now in order to

make sure that the children are included. Jesus tells us in James 1:27 to take care of His children until He comes again. This is a responsibility that has been left on our shoulders. Let's carry this privilege proudly in these last three months and make this the best Christmas gift ever for His kids!



**CHANGING LIVES ONE CHILD AT A TIME**

# Only a Small Child

**H**e was only a little boy, no more than 10 years old. Vivacious and fast moving as he came into the resource tent at the Alberta camp meeting. He didn't take much time as he quickly scanned all the displays. It was as if he was looking for something very specific, and as soon as he realized it was not there, he would move on. "Perhaps he has lost something," I thought to myself as I studied him. He came by my display booth and checked it out with the same brevity as he had all the others. I smiled at him. He politely returned my smile and moved on. I observed him as he left the resource tent through the opposite door he had come in. He ran through the open field, waving his arms and calling at a man farther ahead. The man stopped, turned around and began to walk in the direction of the child. I watched as the man approached the lad and put his arm around him. They spoke for a bit and began to walk back in the direction of the resource tent.

Both man and child were smiling as they came. With a sense of urgency, the child walked in front of the man, glancing back from time to time to make sure he was still there. They came all the way to where I was standing, and as they approached the man said to me, "My son has a little fund he has created by saving his allowance and other resources and he would like to give a donation to this ministry." I looked at the child. He gave me an almost apologetic look as he proceeded to extract wrinkled bills from his pockets and place them on the table.

As I stood before this young man pulling wrinkled bills from his pockets I couldn't help but be moved. He was only a small child! What motivated this boy to take such a step? What about a new toy? What about saving for one of the many electronic gadgets that seem to enthrall the hearts of the young? As I stretched and counted the money the young philanthropist had placed on the table, I began to realize it was not a small amount.

Before giving my young friend a receipt I asked him, "Are you sure this is what you want to do? This is a lot of money, and you could get a lot of things for yourself with it."

The father smiled confident of his son, "Oh yes that is what I want to do" the child replied.

I turned to the father and said, "I need you to know that I am extremely moved and impressed by the attitude of this young man, this is not normal. What have you done with this kid?"

"The other day we were talking about how blessed we are as a family," he said, "and in the middle of the conversation my son said he wanted to give a gift to the needy out of his savings. As we left for camp meeting he put some money in his pockets, but I didn't know how much it was until right now. He has given you all he has."



## *Living by the Word*

*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 17 This is my command: Love each other. **John 15:16,17***



I could not stop the tears from swamping my eyes as we prayed together that day. Sometimes my job can be very difficult. I feel a tremendous burden for the orphaned and abandoned children of the world, many of them the fruit of wars, natural disasters, abuse and moral decay. I have been in the streets with these outcasts of society. I have seen their tears and anguish as they endure pain, abuse, hunger, and dreadful loneliness. I have also witnessed miracles in their lives when some caring soul dares to reach out to them and give them a hand. I am the director of public relations for this ministry and visit numerous churches and other Adventist gatherings throughout North America sharing the plea of the children, and I feel a tremendous sense of accomplishment when someone steps forward and says, “I will help.” It can also be very discouraging at times when, after pouring out my heart before congregations and sharing what I have seen and what I know about the children on whose behalf I speak, I walk away with nothing but a pat on the back. I am a human being and I also get discouraged sometimes, but on this day the Lord chose to reveal Himself to me and send an angel in the form of a little boy with a shy smile.

Oh little friend, you have empowered me today. You have reassured my faith in the goodness of humanity. Oh how I wish I could replicate your spirit and disposition and pour it not only on every kid I see, but on all the adults I come across as well. Oh yes, most of them could use a bit of what you have in abundance! Oh if this world had more little angels like you, I wouldn't have a job and that would make me very happy!

*“Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.” **Luke 21:3, 4***



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joel Reyes'.

Joel Reyes  
Director of Public Relations

# CONTAINER UPDATE

## We still need your help!



**O**ur hearts go out to our people in the DR Congo as we hear the tragic stories of what has been, and is happening, in the region surrounding our Patmos Children's Village. The political and socio-economic situation in the DR Congo is volatile and fluid. Circumstances and conditions change drastically from even one day or hour to the next.

Recently, ICC took in fourteen young children who had not only lost everything, but who were also on the verge of losing their lives (as some of their friends already had). We knew funding to care for these new children would be, and is a challenge, but we could not turn our backs on these children.

We are planning to ship a container of relief supplies to our Patmos Children's Village in the DR Congo. Sending a container is not a simple one, two, three process. We are dependent upon

having funds to rent/purchase a container, sufficient amounts of donated supplies, not to mention the availability of a container and then scheduling a ship to carry it.

Even then we are still affected by conditions in the DR Congo and surrounding countries as to whether the container can be safely transported overland to Goma. All of these conditions combine to create a scenario which requires us to be flexible in our plans.

As of this writing our best estimate for delivering this container will be late this year.

We are still accepting donations for this shipment of provisions. So, we would deeply appreciate your continuing to furnish contributions. What we need most are personal items for both boys and girls such as denim jeans, shirts, dresses, shoes, socks, under-clothing, soaps, shampoos, toothpaste,

toothbrushes, deodorants, and other personal things for both boys and girls. Also, we need funding to purchase any needed items that may not be donated.

The items needed are in our Congo Container Needs List. Please go to our website at [www.ForHisKids.org/Container](http://www.ForHisKids.org/Container) to download the list or click on the "container needs" graphic on our website's home page.

You can help us by either donating items on the list or providing funds to cover purchasing and shipping. Your monetary donations will help us rent a container, pay to have it transported as well as cover the necessary customs fees.

God bless each one of you for caring about "His Kids" and for your invaluable and unselfish support of these precious lives.

## Christmas is coming – order now!

**O**ur new ICC Mugs, Hats and Ornaments are starting to arrive here at the office! Plan ahead and make sure that you go to the ICC on-line catalogue and order your items right away. These gifts promise to be great Christmas items for your family and friends, and they are a wonderful reminder of what amazing things you are doing in this world for children who need your help so much. Get your orders in right away!

<http://catalog.forhiskids.org/>

