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Thankful for the "YOU" Factor...

Have you ever thought what it would be like to be all alone, not knowing anyone, not having anyone to care for or about you? You have nothing to eat, no money to get anything with and all you can do is wait somewhere for scraps that are thrown away in order to get nourishment. What a terrible existence this would be for anyone, let alone a child.

These are the situations many of our children have had to face in their young lives. What a horrible way to live, isn't it?

Well, today, because of YOU, our children no longer have to see the world through such horrible circumstances. YOU are making an amazing difference in the lives of these special children. It is through YOU that these children are now being given a chance in life that Jesus intended for them to have.

This Thanksgiving, the children want to say "Thank YOU" for all that YOU continue to do for them each day. Without YOU in their lives, those of us who know where they came from shudder to

even think about it. As YOU gather this Thanksgiving with YOUR family, just know that there are children out there in this world that are so grateful to YOU. The ICC children are saying a prayer of Thanksgiving for YOU in their lives on this special holiday time.

"YOU," such a small little word, yet what amazing implications it can have in this world for children who need it most.

God bless YOU for everything, and Happy Thanksgiving!



A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

You may recall that earlier this year we shared the plight of dozens of children who had been newly orphaned as a result of the M23 Rebel uprising in the DR Congo. As fighting between government forces and rebels raged in and around the city of Goma, innocent civilians fled for their lives. Fatalities mounted and children were orphaned, often seeking shelter in the forest until someone came along and took them to a refugee camp. Eventually, fourteen of these orphans were placed in the Patmos Island Children's village. They have become members of the ICC family and are orphans no more!



This situation underscores just how difficult and fragile life is in the DR Congo. It also demonstrates how remarkable it is when children from this war-torn country can rise above tragedy in their lives and become successful. Recently Désiré, our project administrator, shared exciting news about the educational success of Benoit. Here is an excerpt from his message:

On August 2, 2013, the Ministry of Education began sharing the results for the secondary level of the National Examination which gives access to higher education and university studies.

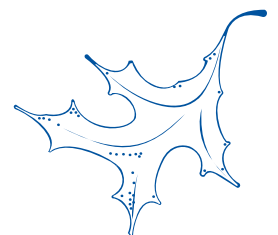
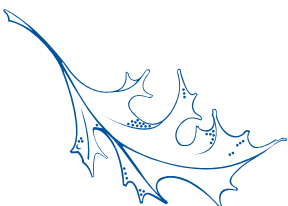
In the DRC, the examination for the senior six pupils is composed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and high marks are often rare because the questions are very hard and challenging to secondary finalists.

Last school year, ICC-Congo had three children in senior six (S6)...Our pupil, Benoit, scored the second best grade at the provincial level. He was second in the North-Kivu Province out of 3,722 students who sat for the National Examination.

Benoit and his two comrades were studying Mathematics and Physics. These subject areas, together with Biochemistry, are highly disliked and feared by the great majority of students.

This accomplishment is really amazing and astonishing since the North Kivu Province is the most hostile and unsafe province in the country because of many armed groups. In this province, whenever there are wars, the population flees and passes the night outside their homes, usually in the forest. The pupils study during the day in very bad conditions and sleep in the forest at night.

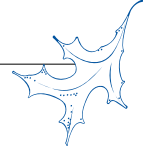
The top 10 students in the region each received a gift consisting of a motorbike and three years studying in public universities free of charge. Unfortunately, they will be studying even on the Sabbath day which won't be acceptable for Benoit.





Living by the Word

Oh, the joys of those who are kind to the poor! The Lord rescues them when they are in trouble. The Lord protects them and keeps them alive. He gives them prosperity in the land and rescues them from their enemies. The Lord nurses them when they are sick and restores them to health. Psalm 41:1-3 (NLT)



We highly and sincerely thank ICC and its donors for their support and assistance. Benoit and his comrades have benefited from them.

May God provide you with his everlasting life and joy.

For ICC-Congo Project
MURHIMA Désiré
Administrator

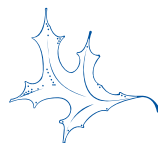


Benoit's success provides a positive example for all the ICC children in the DR Congo. They can put the past behind them. ICC is giving them an opportunity to achieve great things. Notice also that Désiré is quick to recognize and appreciate the contribution of ICC donors. Quite simply, if it weren't for you and many other generous supporters, children like Benoit and our 14 new children simply wouldn't have the opportunities given them to succeed.

This Thanksgiving season we join Désiré in thanking you for your generous and ongoing support. It continues to make a difference in the lives of ICC children like Benoit. And as you celebrate with friends and family during the holidays please remember the ICC children who continue to depend upon you.

In His Service,

Kent Greve



P.S. One significant dilemma we face now is how to provide advanced education for our children in the DR Congo. We already have university students, and more will be graduating this year from secondary school and want to further their education. Yet, within the past year, our education budget has doubled while levels of support have not kept pace. About 50 ICC children (1/3 of the total) in the DR Congo are over 18. We need extra funds to help put on the finishing touches for their life preparation, for if we aren't able to help in this way, these children may have to leave our care. We worry that without an education they may join the army or rebel forces. You can help us help them. Please consider providing an educational sponsorship for one or more of these children. Contact the ICC office for more details. Thank-you!

WAREHOUSE DONATIONS

We are currently taking donations in cash and items for the upcoming Congo Container. Please go to our website (www.forhiskids.org) and look at the list of needed items for this container. Please remember that the majority of our children in Congo are now between the ages of 16-19 years old, so donated clothing should be geared towards those ages. Also, we have recently been finding very dirty and soiled items in many of the donations, some even with large holes in them. These are things that we cannot send to our children. Our policy is to make sure that we send things that are in nice condition to our children so



they know how much they are cared for. We just don't want to send them items with holes, dirty stains, worn out, and sometimes filthy condition articles of clothing. When we find these types of things, we end up having to pay to throw them away. Please be judicious in your selection process as you make your donations for "His kids." We know most of you always take that into consideration, and we are so grateful to you for always doing that. This is just a note to those who may not have known this in the past.

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CONGO ITEMS NEEDED...

We have need of some "not so normal" items at our Congo children's village. Our administrator needs a good-quality 125-250cc motorcycle. These are widely used in the Congo for inexpensive transportation. Brands that can be serviced locally are Honda, Yamaha and Suzuki.

Also we need a large outboard motor to power our boat. We use this boat to transport our people and supplies to and from the mainland. This motor needs to be 70 to 100 Hp Outboard engines that can be serviced locally are Mercury, Yamaha and Suzuki.

We also need 100 choir robes for the several children and adult choirs from our project. These robes would be worn when our choirs sing for other churches and at events.

Please contact us ASAP if you are able to donate one of the above items to this project.

The 2013 Christmas Ornaments Are Here!

Each year we offer to you a unique way to help support our Children's Christmas fund. This fund helps us provide a special Christmas dinner for the children. We raise the funds for this annual event through the sale of limited-edition Christmas ornaments.

This year in order to honor our 35 years in ministry, we've added a distinctive logo to each of the ornaments. By purchasing one of these ornaments for \$10 you will be ensuring that our children have an exceptional Christmas!

You may order your ornament by visiting our online catalog or calling (800) 422-7729.

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