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A Special Challenge for Special People...

It is so rare that ICC Children get the opportunity to receive a matching grant. Well, not only do you have that opportunity right now, but it is the largest matching grant offer that I have ever been aware of for the children!

There is a **\$200,000.00** matching grant proposal available right now that will go to provide immense help to the children if we can find people who will participate in this grant. The best thing of all is that this money goes directly to "Alcyon's Angel Fund 2014."

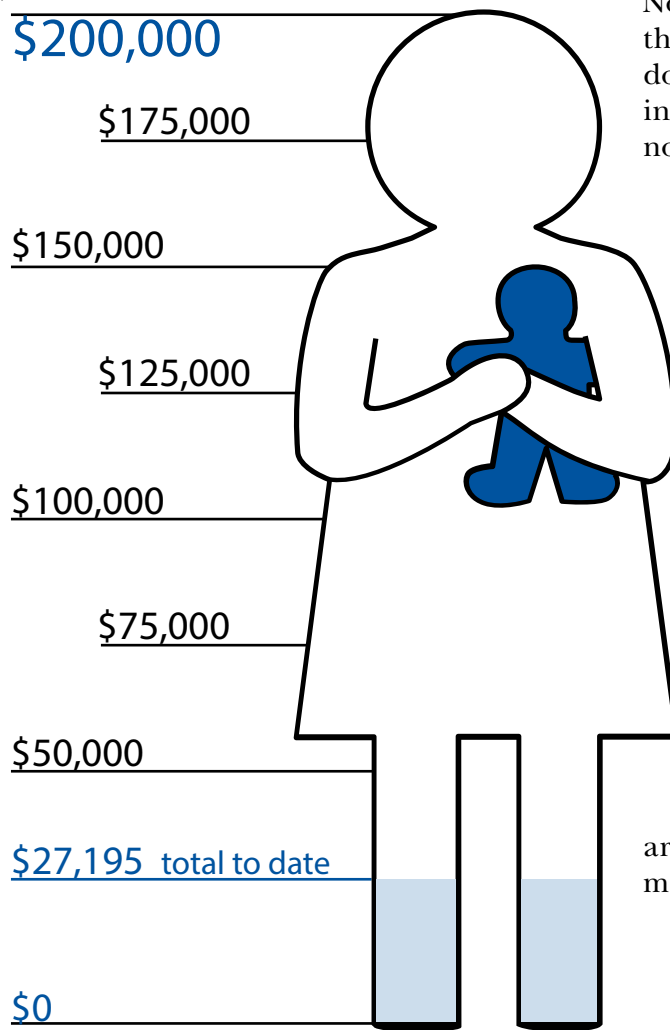
This fund is the last fortress of hope for the children when their monthly budget is not fully covered by sponsorships. The funds are sent to "rescue" those project budgets to provide for the basic needs of the children. Since most ICC

projects are not fully covered by sponsorships, this fund is the

last hope for providing the full budgets.

Now, this is not just something that we should steer our normal donation toward. This grant is intended for "New Money" that normally would not have come as a regular monthly donation. These anonymous donors are challenging each one of us to send in an extra donation to this matching grant that we would not normally have given, to see if we will dig deep to make this happen. What a neat idea to build "Alcyon's Angel Fund," and what a great way to provide something very special for the children!

We will be providing a barometer of some sort in each month's *Que Pasa* to allow each one of you to see how close the children are to attaining this tremendous matching funds offer.



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A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

It has been a long time since I have written a letter to you. My life has changed to living here alone in Battle Ground, Washington in my own house. Most of you know that I lost Ken, the love of my life, with bone cancer. It has been a challenge to learn how to run my own life without his valuable help. But he fell asleep in Jesus and I know I will see him again on the resurrection morning. I can hardly wait for that day to come.

International Children's Care is still a priority in my life, and all of these needy children are the objects of my prayers. I thank the Lord every day for our ICC family and your faithful support for our children. There are still new children needing homes, and it is a challenge to be able to take them all in. Right now we have room for more children, but we have to have the budgets with enough funds to feed and care for them. It is hard for me to hear that there are children waiting for lack of funds. But we are accepting new children as fast as the funds are available, and many of you are doing all you can to make this possible.

Recently a group of primary age children came to my house to hear some stories. I told them stories of children who have found homes in one of our projects. One story they all like to hear is what we call the "Jesus Truck" story. It is about one of our facilities where evil men were in a village, shooting and killing people. They came to a house where the pastor had opened a house for children who had lost their mothers. The pastor had brought his pickup to rescue the children to take them across the line to the country next to them.

Two of the guerilla soldiers came to where they were loading the pickup to flee to safety. The gunman demanded the keys to the pickup. Just then one of the little boys stepped up and said, "You can't have this truck. It belongs to Jesus."

"Who is Jesus?" the robber said.

"Don't you know who Jesus is? Everybody knows Him!" the child said. The soldier turned to the man with him. "Do you know who that is?" But he didn't know either.

The little boy kept asking, "How come you don't know him? Everybody knows Jesus." Finally the two men decided to leave. Maybe Jesus was someone very important.

These little children who have come to us to find a home have also learned to know the Jesus who loves them.

We are looking forward to the day when that same Jesus will welcome them to their Heavenly home, and that will be a permanent home.

In closing I just want to thank each of you for your loyal cooperation in helping us care for so many of these precious children whom I know are precious to Jesus too.

With my love to each of you,

Alcyon
Alcyon



Alcyon Fleck, Founder of ICC

P.S. I'm honored that the "Alcyon's Angel Fund" has received such a wonderful boost (see article on front page), and I'm excited to watch that fund grow as our faithful donors help by contributing an extra donation for the children.

Doorknobs Bring Happiness

The Hogar Escuela Adventista campus in El Salvador does not have a maintenance person on staff. So necessary jobs like painting, campus improvements and home repairs can often go undone for quite some time.

That is why in March of 2014, a group of high school students from Columbia Adventist Academy and the Adventist Community Church of Vancouver, Washington, spent their spring break in El Salvador. As a combined group of volunteers they helped the families of Hogar Escuela Adventista accomplish those tasks which had been left undone due to lack of resources and manpower.

The students worked on a number of repair and improvement projects while in El Salvador. They constructed 60 feet of the 12-foot, cinder-block wall that encloses part of the campus, painted the staff office complex, made electrical repairs, made plumbing repairs and rebuilt an entire bridge.

They also installed a radio-controlled pump that will automatically keep the holding tank for the campus water supply filled. No longer will the hours necessary to have a staff member monitor the filling of the tank in person be needed.

All of this was done while working in extremely hot conditions. Drinking water was a very popular commodity. Yet many of the residents of the children's village commented on how hard the volunteers worked, not wanting to quit till each job was completed despite the heat. The strong servant attitude demonstrated by the students deeply impressed the families in El Salvador.

But this trip was so much more than just fixing things. We talk a lot here at ICC about making a difference in, and having an impact on, the lives of others. It was those things, having an impact and making a difference, that were the real benefit to the volunteers and the families in El Salvador.

The impact to the volunteers first became evident during the daily evening worship held for the volunteers. Once the day's work assignments had been completed, the students gathered in a lawn-covered common area on the campus. A group leader would then conduct worship for the volunteers.

During the first worship a few of the residents of the children's village observed. As the days progressed, more and more residents became active participants. The final few days saw the entire campus as well as the volunteers worshipping together.

The difference made by the volunteers was further manifested in the children living at Hogar Escuela when it became apparent that the volunteers and the kids enjoyed spending time together. Even though few of the volunteers spoke Spanish and even fewer of the Salvadorian kids spoke English, they still communicated and, in just a few days, formed strong friendships.

These friendships resulted in a very special music being given during the second weekend of the group's stay in El Salvador. A number of volunteers and kids joined together that Sabbath to present music during church.



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The same song was sung simultaneously in two languages by both students and kids from Hogar Escuela. The music blessed all those who heard this wonderful collaboration.

So what was it with the doorknobs? Imagine having no doorknobs in your home, including the bathroom door, for years. Even a small breeze could render privacy moot, not to mention some of the few doorknobs that were actually installed tended to lock you in and trap you in the room you had just entered. That is why the families were very happy to have proper, functioning, useful doorknobs installed in their homes.

It was the admonition by the group's leadership at the beginning of the trip to follow the words of the Ultimate Example and just "love one another" with a servant's heart that set the tone and tenor for this adventure. As the students lived out this concept, the results were evidenced in changed lives.

You too can have an experience such as these folks had. You can encounter what it means to be physically exhausted from manual labor yet be empowered by spiritual fulfillment.



We mistakenly believe that it is great leaders who change the world. They do not. It is the servants who effect true change by transforming individual lives. Those we habitually assign as leaders too often are powerless to change much more than

circumstances while leaving lives untouched.

We may see the servant as being too inconsequential to change circumstance but the servant will, by the virtue of sacrifice, a singular focus on the task at hand, and a willingness to toil regardless of reward, change lives.

If you would like the opportunity to serve and to change lives, to create a mission group whose effect will be felt far beyond any physical accomplishments, you can do so by forming a mission group of your own and contributing your time and labor at one of several ICC's children's villages.

To establish an ICC mission group, contact Jenny Reyes at ICC HQ through her email [jenny@forhiskids.org] or by telephone at (800) 422-7729. We look forward to, and deeply appreciate, your service and as always, thanks for all you do for "His Kids!"

Ken Wilson
Media Director

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If you want to participate in this matching grant challenge, please call or send in your donation to the ICC Office and let us know that you are answering the challenge for "New Money" to the children of ICC. This opportunity is something that you can make a pledge to as well. If you don't have the extra funds today,

but you can send in monthly or a specific amount later, please contact our office and make a pledge that you can fulfill by August 31st of this year. It is as simple as that, and you will have literally doubled your gift of love for the children! That is a 100% return on your donation! I can't think of better interest of any

kind, not to mention the culmination of lives changed for Jesus that I am sure will be the result of each one of you reaching out and touching the hearts of the children with your gift of love.

Doug Congleton
ICC Executive Director