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A FRIEND MOVES ON

Recently, Joel Reyes, ICC's director of public relations, was approached with the proposal that he become the principal of Livingstone Adventist Academy in Salem, Oregon.

After much prayer and consideration, Joel accepted. Joel's degree is in education and he was serving as principal of the SDA school in Scappoose, Oregon, just prior to joining ICC. Upon joining ICC, Joel was first the administrator of the El Salvador project and then our director of public relations.

Even though Joel is leaving ICC, his wife Jenny will continue her work here commuting from Salem.

We will truly miss Joel's unequaled passion for ICC's kids. No better advocate could be had for not only the children of ICC, but for all those orphaned and abandoned children who still need a home and family.

Thank you, Joel, for everything you've done for "His Kids!"



The early years. Reyes family 2005

Joel sent a letter to his coworkers here at ICC after he had announced his departure and we would like to include here his thoughts as he anticipates the next chapter in his life.

Dear Team,

I will never be able to express in words my feelings of appreciation to each one of you, and I don't think I will ever again work with a team like this one that functions like a real family. Thank you for making me part of your family.

I will be working somewhere else but the family will remain. I will always consider myself part of the ICC family, and shall continue to promote it and uphold its mission.

I pray that someday when our situation has changed and if we are still traversing this world, perhaps we will be brought back together. Thank you for being a family.

Joel Reyes

All of us at ICC, as well as the children will miss Joel greatly. We wish him God's blessings in all that he undertakes in the future.

A Personal Note

Amazing Grace

When she entered the ministry resource tent at the camp meeting in Hope, British Columbia my attention was immediately drawn to her. She stopped by the first display booth and eagerly talked to the presenter. I could tell she was enthusiastic about the work of that ministry. *This must be the reason she came into the tent, I thought to myself.*

After a pleasant conversation, she moved on and began speaking to a gentleman at another display. She seemed to have a relationship with that ministry as well. Feeling a little bit on the sideline, I wondered to myself if she knew anything about our ministry for orphaned and abandoned children.

In a few moments her conversation ended, and she turned my way. She took a couple steps and looked up at our display banner which boldly proclaims, "You have the power to bring orphans new life." Excitedly she exclaimed, "Oh! You're ICC!"

That was my introduction to "Grace."

I very much enjoyed talking to Grace during the time we spent together. I found out that for thirty-six years she had been a teacher in different locations throughout Canada and the Yukon. Over the years she had moved 15 times. As she shared with me, I could tell that Grace loved children and the teaching profession.

Grace also took some time to tell me about her relationship with ICC children.

"I've sponsored three children with ICC," she said. "The first was Brenda. She became a teacher." It was evident that Grace was very pleased to have been able to help an orphan child follow in her footsteps and to also become a teacher.

"Then I sponsored Laticia," She continued. "When she was grown I started sponsoring Lorraine. She's from Congo."

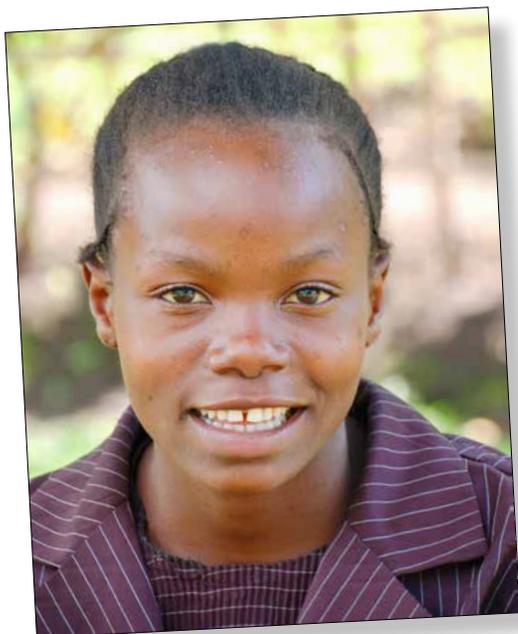
Grace spoke of these children with pride - as if they were her very own. She had taken her role as a sponsor very seriously.

Grace inspired me. She's an amazing woman! However, as you might have guessed, Grace is not her real name. She didn't want me to use her name if I told her story. So I chose to call her Grace because she embodies this spirit towards children in desperate need of it. Take Lorraine, for instance. She's the girl that Grace currently sponsors. Here's how Lorraine came to need grace - and Grace.

One night armed robbers came into the house where Lorraine's family lived there in the DR Congo. The robbers demanded that her father give them money. When he couldn't find any they killed him. Three years after Lorraine's father died, her



["Grace" and Kent at Hope campmeeting](#)



[Lorraine in her younger years](#)

Living by the Word

Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Prov 3:27 (NIV)

mother died of an unknown and sudden illness. After the death of her mother there was no one to take care of her. Fortunately, through Grace and other caring individuals like her, Lorraine has found a home within the safety and security of the Patmos Island Children's Village that your donations help to support. She is now an important part of a loving family.

Lorraine recently celebrated her 15th birthday and is thriving! Take a look at some of the things revealed about her in her latest progress report. She...



[A more recent picture of Lorraine](#)

- likes to work by her housemother's side preparing food and doing other household tasks.
- is intelligent and likes to participate in her classes. This has helped her earn excellent grades.
- is highly motivated in ecclesiastical (spiritual) activities.
- sings in the Patmos choir, and she is one of their best singers.
- likes telling stories to her housemates and always shares her food, making sure everyone is getting enough.
- would like to become a medical doctor.
- is committed to hard work and likes helping the younger children.
- Isn't it amazing the impact that grace is having in Lorraine's life?

And isn't it amazing that Grace continues to sponsor, love and care about a third generation of children who have been orphaned or abandoned and yet who have found restoration in the care of a children's village that you help to support?!

Grace – truly amazing!

In His Service, For His Kids,

Kent Greve

International Development Director

P.S. There are several children in places like the DR Congo, Guatemala, Romania and India who are in need of a sponsor. Why not join Grace? Sponsor a child today! Call Alanna at 800-422-7729.

Shoe Drive for Orphans

When was the last time you heard a child make one of these statements? “My shoes are hurting my toes!” or “Look, my shoe is coming apart!” Having shoes that feel good is something to which every person can relate. Many of the children who come to ICC arrive with no shoes or very worn shoes. At ICC children’s villages, we commonly recycle shoes from child to child until they wear out.

As pictured, the Spartanburg SDA Church’s Earliteen Class recently collected many pairs of shoes for the ICC kids. This class knew how expensive shoes can be. For example,



Tired soles



The Spartanburg SDA Church’s Earliteen Sabbath School Class, along with the students at the Eddlemon school.

a pair of shoes of good quality costs about \$20 in most of the countries where our children live. Imagine having to replace one pair of shoes a year in a family of hundreds of children! In the ICC family, it would cost thousands of dollars just to buy each child one pair of tennis shoes. This year, people, schools, churches or groups can really help these children by providing new shoes for them.

Jesus has a very soft heart for orphaned and abandoned children. He wants us to be His hands

and feet, to go to these little ones and lift them up. There are many ways in which you can get involved, but that is what you must do—get involved. You really can make a difference in the life of an orphaned child.

One of our goals is to help these children by filling as many boxes with shoes as we can during this calendar year.

You can create a “Collection Site” at your school or church. Just bring new or slightly used shoes, ranging in sizes for children ages 2–18 years old. Tie the laces together, and write the size of the shoes on the soles with a Sharpie. Once you have your shoes collected, you can send them to ICC or directly to one of the children’s villages, where possible.

For any questions, please call our development department at (360) 573-0429. The children thank you so much!

ICC is run solely on donations, and yours are definitely needed!

PLEASE SPONSOR ME!

I need a sponsor. I am 12 years old and live in India. Please return this coupon to sponsor me each month. God bless you for helping me have a chance.

\$30 \$60 \$ _____

(800)422-7729

Sponsorship Department

