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VBS Project – Shoes for His Kids

ICC recently received the following letter:

The Vacation Bible School planning committee at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church chose International Children's Care as this year's missionary project for several reasons. 1. The idea of kids helping kids was appealing. 2. We hold our VBS near the end of the summer when many of our kids are getting new shoes for school so giving shoes to kids who do not have that luxury made it real to them. 3. In researching different organizations, the committee felt good about the work of International Children's Care and the message of Christ that they are sending to the world.

Each evening as the children entered the sanctuary for the opening and music time they put their offering in a shoebox (of course!) that was surrounded with pictures of kids from all over the world that could benefit from their gift. They were encouraged to do extra chores for family and neighbors to earn extra money to give. Their generosity and giving hearts were a blessing to all of us!

In order to get the whole church involved in the project, our



Missions director purchased 12 globe beach balls to represent spreading God's word around the world along with the shoes for His kids. She then asked for 'sponsors' for each of the globes. Each globe was numbered and that number matched up to a donor on the list. Some globes were worth \$20, some \$50, etc. Each evening of VBS everyone was split into 12 groups (including adults) and given a globe. Each group had to try to keep their globe up in the air while the whole group sang "He's Got the Whole World." All

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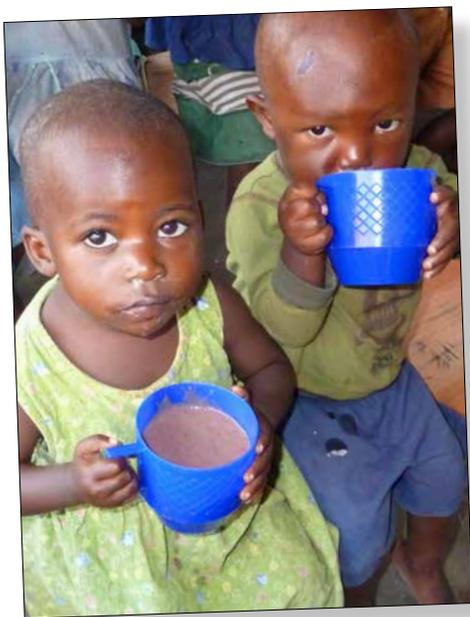
A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

Many *Que Pasa* readers will recall the urgent messages we received early last year from Désiré, our project director in the DR Congo. In one message he told of a meeting hosted by the Ministry of Social Affairs. They had identified 116 orphan children resulting from the civil war. They ranged in ages from 2 to 12. Despite the efforts of the International Red Cross, the children's parents had not been found. Many were presumed dead. Désiré stated at the time that, according to a report by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, "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."



Refugee camp where some of the children were held



Taken soon after the children arrived

The government officials asked Désiré to take 14 of these newly orphaned children. This would be a step of faith, because funds were already stretched thin. After prayerful consideration, Désiré received the go-ahead to welcome these children into the ICC family. However, before he could make the necessary arrangements, two of the children died. When Désiré went to pick up the children, two others were placed into his care, once again bringing the total to 14.

These new children were in pitiful condition when they arrived. Désiré knew that intervention would not be easy. He said at the time, "Those children need intensive mobilization in order to root out from their minds the tribalism, banditry/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..."

That was a sobering time for everyone associated with the children. How would so many children adjust to their new surroundings? What would be the long-lasting effects of the tragedy they had just experienced?

Fast-forward 18 Months

I'm happy to report to you that over the past year and a half, these children have made tremendous strides in adapting to their new family at the Patmos Island Children's village. Check out some of the things being said about them in these excerpts from a recent report:

The children are amazing. They are joyful and have already understood that they belong to the same family living like brothers and sisters.



Living by the Word

Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?" James 2:15-16 (NLT)

The new children go to nursery school and can talk, rehearse some recitation as well as biblical verses. Additionally, they play and rejoice with other children and look like non-abandoned children.

The new children follow and imitate other children in what they do such as looking for firewood, fetching water, working in farms and so on.

All the new children are in very good health.

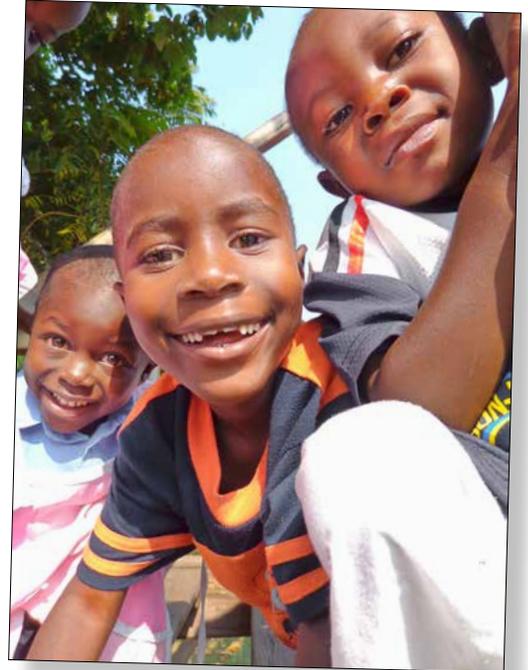
These children love God. They usually partake in morning and evening worship. Also, they pray and sing before sleeping as well as after waking up.

This report reminds me of Psalm 30:11. "You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy." (NLT). To be with these children now means being surrounded by cascades of laughter, joyful shouting and dancing. They are grateful for the new life they've been given at the Patmos Village.

Yet clearly there are challenges that lie ahead for these children. They still carry emotional scars from the trauma they have faced. They will continue to need consistent, nurturing care for years to come. And that point can't be missed on any of us. An orphan child may be rescued while hiding in a thick jungle, or walking along a lonely stretch of road or huddled in the shelter of a ramshackle hut. From where a child is rescued is insignificant compared to the place of restoration they have found at the Patmos Children's Village. Again, your ongoing donations make this work of restoration possible. And the children continue to depend on you for your prayers and generous support. As can be seen in this update, you truly are making a difference in their lives, and they thank you for it.



[The children today](#)



[A smile is priceless](#)

In His Service, For His Kids,

Kent Greve

International Development Director

P.S. Won't you consider taking a special interest in the life of an orphan child by becoming a sponsor? They need you. Please call Alanna at 800-422-7729 for more information.

VBS Project - Continued

globes still in the air at the end of the song were tallied up. At the end of the week the donors were notified of what they owed. (For example, if they pledged \$20 and their globes stayed up 4 of the 5 nights, they owed \$80.) The kids had a great time and worked really hard to make the donors pay!

In order to make things more 'visual' we had shoe racks at the front of the sanctuary and for every \$20 that was raised, a pair of shoes was added to the racks. The kids loved coming into the sanctuary for the closing of each evening to see how many pairs of shoes had been added that night and to hear a story about a child living in another part of the world and the kind of life he or she had. By the 5th night we were out of rack space AND shoes! We prayed a special prayer of blessing over each pair of shoes earned and for each child that would receive new shoes. What a blessing it was to see the whole church body work together on this enjoyable and worthwhile project!

VAN NEEDED!

\$5,000 Matching funds available

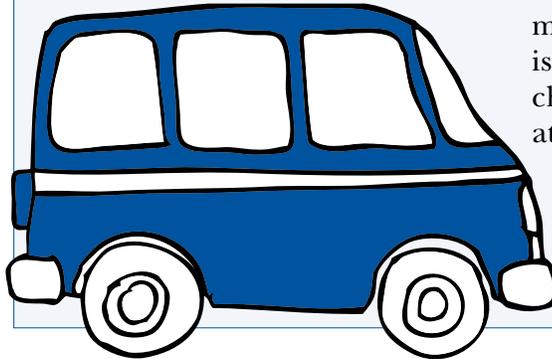
Recently we received an offer for matching funds totaling \$5,000 to help with the cost for a new Dominican Van for Las Palmas.

There are now holes in the metal floor of the van through which you can put your hand. Even though the floor mats cover these holes, this is no longer a dependable vehicle for children to ride in.

We have repaired the van many times over the years but now the

van is at the end of its usefulness for our children. The van plays an important roll at Las Palmas as it is used to transport the children, run errands and carry supplies to and from campus.

If you would like to take advantage of this generous offer and double your donation, please send your gift to ICC marked "Dominican Van Fund" to our address: PO Box 820610, Vancouver, WA. 98682-0013. If you would like to donate by credit card you can reach us at 800.422.7729 and be sure to mention that your contribution is for the Dominican Van. Our children at Las Palmas appreciate any help you can provide for them. And as always, thanks for all you do for "His Kids."



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