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An Answer To Prayer

The following is a telephone conversation as it took place between Jose Agosto, our ICC P.R. director, and a donor that Jose felt impressed to call. We wanted to share this experience with you since it really emphasizes our belief that Jesus continues to take care of His children here at ICC. This is the conversation the way it developed:

Jose – “Hello, my name is Jose Agosto from International Children’s Care. How are you doing Mr. Clark?”*

Mr. Clark – “You said you’re calling me from where?”

Jose – “International Children’s Care.” – [Silence]
“Are you there?” – [Silence.
After a moment...]

Mr. Clark – “Yes, but let me tell you a story. Today, before your call, my wife and I were praying and contemplating the possibility of dropping our financial support from ICC.”

“As we were praying, I asked the Lord to give us a sign. What should we do? You see, the church school is in a great need and they need support from the church members to continue operating.

We were praying for an answer to our dilemma. Should we support our church school and drop ICC, or support them both, and step out in faith?”



Jose Agosto

So I asked the Lord for a sign. And then you called.”

Jose – “Let me tell you Mr. Clark, I was debating between writing you a letter and calling. You know what decision I made.”

Mr. Clark. – “God showed me today that He will provide for both the church school and the children of ICC, if we are willing to step out in faith.”

Jose – “Mr. Clark, both programs are a blessing to children. Let me pray for you and your wife and thank God for the way that He is leading you.”

I prayed with Mr. Clark.

Mr. Clark – “I will continue supporting both ICC and the church school. After all, everything I have belongs to the Lord.”

**Name changed to protect the privacy of the donor*

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A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

Please take a moment and consider what words come to mind when you think about the ministry of International Children's Care. Seriously, if you have time just now, please give some reflection to this and jot them down.

Recently, several ICC board and staff members as well as project personnel and donors considered this question. I was surprised by the number of words that people chose and shared. There were enough words to nearly fill up a large dry-erase board at the ICC office.

The responses were quite insightful. One in particular caught my attention. It was from Rosibel García de Sosa, director of ICC's project in Colombia. The ICC family has supported a small project in that country for many years. The primary focus has been to help orphaned children grow to self-sufficiency and success within the loving care of a Christian foster family. The words that Rosibel chose included meaningful descriptions. Here is what she said.



[Rosibel with two of the Torra brothers](#)

In my experience with the work I have had with the program here, the following words come to mind:

BLESSING – Those who have been accepted (into the program) have received a great blessing.

RESTORATION – Those benefited – immediately their status in life is changed.

OPPORTUNITY – There opens to them a great door which was closed before.

GROWTH – They advance gradually in their lives, education and development in order to obtain the [next item]

DIFFERENCE – which is seen demonstrated in their adult life of service and professionalism.

If Alirio Lanchero had not had ICC's help, right now there would be one medical doctor less. If the Torra siblings had not had that helping hand, surely we would not know about them, but now we know who they are. [Note: The Torra family includes two siblings who became pastors and two other siblings who have dedicated their lives to serving at ICC children's villages in different countries. Use this link <http://www.forhiskids.org/newsletters/QP2010-03.pdf> to see their featured story in the March 2010 Que Pasa.] Also there are others like the Bocanegra family – one is a pastor, another is a musician, etc.

And this servant will add the word THANKFULLNESS, because that is how I have felt all this time that I have collaborated with you all.

Sincerely,
Rosibel

Living by the Word

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Prov 11:25 (NIV)

It's hard to boil down into just one word all that encompasses this ministry for orphaned children. But there is a word that summarizes how the children feel when they consider all that their sponsors and ICC supporters do for them. It is the last word that Rosibel used – THANKFULNESS. The children realize what a great **blessing** and **opportunity** you have provided for them by your prayer and financial support. Through the love and nurturing care they receive in an ICC family, they have experienced **restoration** and **growth**. This has given them hope for the future and has made a **difference** in their lives. Please know that they are thankful for what you have done and continue to do for them. Can they continue to count on your compassion and caring support?

In His Service, For His Kids,



Kent Greve

International Development Director

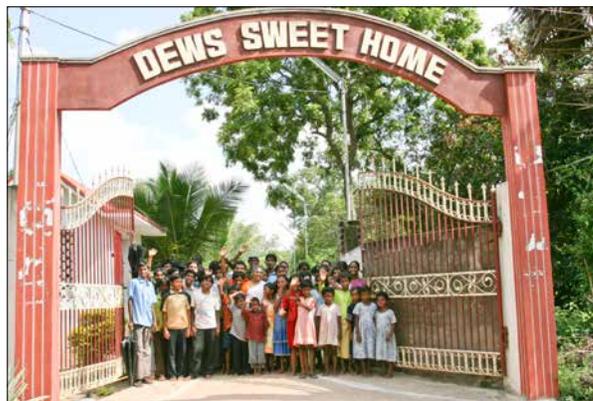
P.S. Do you have your list of words? We would like to hear from you and know what they are. Call them in, include them in the enclosed envelope, or share them on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/forhiskids>.

A letter from India

Lilly, the director of the Sweet Home Children's Village in India, sent the following update and holiday greetings that we thought you might enjoy.

Dear ICC Family and Friends:

My heart is overflowing with gratitude as I look back on 18 years of God's wonderful leading and our kinship with the world-wide loving and caring ICC Family. I thank each one of you for the happiness which you have provided for the children with your generous support and loving letters. Our children never feel that they are orphans, and I thank you for creating in their hearts such a strong



familial bond. I thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

I'm happy to report that our children have done well in school. Four children graduated from high school. Three of our boys are graduating from Lowry College with a bachelor's in business management, and four children with degrees in nursing.

They are already starting to look for jobs. They are very grateful to their sponsors.

One of our girls was very sick, and it was a complicated case—we were all very worried. The ICC Family, the church and our friends prayed earnestly, and our Good Lord healed her. She is doing well now and should be ready to go back to school after the holidays.

We all wish you a Merry Christmas, and a very happy and prosperous New Year. May the Lord continue to protect you and keep you in good health. We are praying for you and your families.

With much love,

Sweet Home Family

Container Needs

As all of you readers know, the Congo container provided an amazing difference for the children living in the children's village on Idjwi Island.

Our administrator there, Désiré Murhima, told us that this was one of the greatest blessings for the children not only to receive all the many items on that shipment, but also to know just how many people there are out there that love them. For the children, this means everything!

We are now starting to work on our next container shipment that will be going to Las Palmas, in the Dominican Republic.

Las Palmas is in need of so much, and have had to go without for so long. We need to send those children a container loaded with supplies that promises to be no less impactful than was our Congo Container.

We have a chance again to provide an amazing difference in the lives of His Kids, but now in the Dominican!

We are currently looking for nice washing machines (standard 120V), many articles of clothing for children, kitchenware for the homes, gardening and farming items (rakes, shovels, hoes), tractor implements, and lots of other much-needed supplies for the children of Las Palmas.

In the coming next few editions of *Que Pasa*, you will find links to where you will be able to find the complete listing of all items needed for this vital support for the children of Las Palmas.

I am asking you to please join with us in praying and pulling off this shipment of love for these precious children in the Dominican who need your help so much.

Special Visitors

We at ICC would like to thank Nancy Wilson for taking the time to visit our Las Palmas Children's Village.

While accompanying her husband, Elder Ted Wilson, General Conference President of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, to a building project being held in the Dominican Republic, Mrs. Wilson made the three-hour trip to Las Palmas.

Mrs. Wilson and several friends visited with the children and took a short tour of the campus.



Nancy Wilson (standing-center) at Las Palmas

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