



# INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CARE

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*"Take care of orphans and widows in their suffering..." James 1:27*

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Dear Friend,

I have something of extreme importance to talk to you about today...

I don't know what the words "**Summer Slump**" mean to you, but I certainly know what they mean to the children living in the ICC Children's Villages. For the children those words mean doing without a healthy diet.

You see, fundraising and the amount of money we can send to the children goes down every summer.

I need to mention that your faithful, regular giving is the rock on which the villages are built. You've been so generous and you've helped so many children. But you and your fellow regular supporters know that not every single cost is covered by your gifts. We see a reduction in funds coming this summer, and that's why I'm writing you this special letter today.

Here's what that means for the kids. Their daily meals won't always include the fruits and vegetables they need to be healthy and grow. Instead, for the next couple of months, they'll eat a repetitive diet of plain staples like plantain, yucca or tortillas, again, and again, and again. This diet is especially hard on young children whose bodies are trying to grow.

The summer slump means that their house moms and dads will sometimes go longer without their salaries in order to provide as much as possible for the children's basic needs.

Will you please send a special gift today for at least one child so the kids don't have to go without this summer?

Your gift will be stretched as far as it can go to provide these much-needed food items for the children in the summer months just ahead. Please place your "**Summer Slump**" gift in the provided envelope and

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return it right away. You have my commitment that this special gift that is in addition to your normal giving plan will be sent out immediately to help solve this crippling problem.

Here's how important it is to avoid the summer slump this year: to send every dollar we can to the kids, we've decided not to print and send your regular *Que Pasa* this month. Instead, I'm sending you this simple letter in hopes that you'll help.

Will you prayerfully consider your gift to the children in order to provide for their basic needs this summer?

Like any responsible family does, when our budget is lower we cut back on expenses. We reduce food costs. We delay maintenance on farming equipment or repairs on the kids' homes. We cancel school outings. Even the house moms and dads might receive their salaries late so that the budget can be put towards healthier food.

So your gift right now is vital for this summer. You'll provide for God's children in very tangible ways over the next couple of months. Please, open your hands and hearts to these special kids with your gift today.

Your ongoing faithful support of the children is an inspiration to me. God bless you as you prayerfully consider doing your part to stop this **"Summer Slump"** for the children. You are the hero that these kids look up to. You make an amazing difference in their life.

God gives you and me this opportunity to be there for the kids when they need us, and the children believe that we will answer that call right now. My question for you today is "Will you be that person that will answer the call of Jesus for His kids?" If you and I don't, then who will?

In Loving Service for His kids,

Rick Fleck



President

P.S. Our fundraising revenue goes down each summer, and that affects what the children are able to eat. Please send a special gift today so the kids can have a healthy diet.