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## Saved And Fed!

**J**alani, a tiny orphaned boy, was slowly wasting away in an African refugee camp. But thanks to your support, Jalani was given a second chance at life in an ICC Children's Village! He was stuck in a horrible situation without enough food, but today he's a healthy, smiling boy growing up with loving house parents!

Your support helped rescue Jalani from the refugee camp in the DR Congo. Jalani's parents are presumed dead because of a rebel raid, and he had to flee



Jalani now has enough food!



from those same rebels. And since he had no adult family members who took care of him in the camp, he didn't get enough food. There were many orphans like him, and some began to die without proper care.

But you stepped in and gave him a new home and a new family! Jalani and 13 other children were rescued from the camp and delivered to the Patmos Island Children's Village.

Desire, the Patmos Island director, knew

there would be challenges nurturing Jalani and his new brothers and sisters back to health. They were in desperate need of nourishing food. They also needed psychological and emotional support. But it didn't take long before there was a healthy glow on Jalani's face as well as the others!

Thanks to your generosity, the nourishing food and loving care of house parents have turned his life around. He and other orphans were saved from the refugee camp. Jalani is so grateful for your care and concern and for your support. Thank-you for rescuing him -- and so many other orphans!

# A Personal Note

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## Dear ICC Family,

I remember three brothers at the El Oasis Children's Village. These boys had lost their parents. Before coming to El Oasis, four-year-old Miguel would go out into the local village and scrounge for food in the city dump or wherever he could get food. He would bring it back to his younger brothers so they could eat.

It should have been no surprise that at the end of their first meal at El Oasis, the two older brothers took food from the table and quickly hid it under their beds. They didn't yet know that you and other generous donors were going to make sure they had enough food! Each boy wanted to make sure that his brothers had enough food to eat.

But let me tell you about a special moment for Miguel and his brothers. It's the kind of moment you make possible for boys like him. It took two or three more meals, but then Miguel began to realize that for the first time in his life he was going to have enough food! Imagine what that felt like for him! Imagine what that freed him to focus on and accomplish with his life!

This happened thanks to gifts like yours. I don't want you to forget this—your gift to supply food for children like Miguel and his brothers is a life-changing gift.

Miguel realized he could have hot food instead of the cold food underneath his bed. He saw that he would be taken care of and receive multiple meals each day. And soon he saw that El Oasis was a place that loved children and would take care of him.

As Miguel grew up he was a helpful child on the El Oasis campus. I remember at Christmas he would offer to decorate the homes with Christmas lights. He also wanted to learn to run the little PA system in the church. He took pride in operating it every Sabbath. He would arrive wearing a suit coat that was much too large for him, but he wanted to look like a pastor or someone important. He would make sure that things functioned correctly in order to make life a little easier for the administrator.

One day the little daughter of Miguel's house parents was learning to take her first steps. The house father was obviously excited by the event taking place. Miguel observed what was going on with great interest. He eventually approached his house father and asked, "Do you think my dad was excited when I took my first steps in life? I wish there was someone that would have been excited for me."



Miguel thanks you for your support!

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# Living by the Word

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. Matt 25:35*

His house father replied, “I don’t know about your biological father and what happened back at that time in your life. I do know that every day I’m thrilled to be your house father. As the days go by, I’m proud of everything you do - for being such a fine young man, for being so helpful and caring of other people. I know that Jesus would have been smiling down and would have been proud of you the day you took your first steps as well.”

That’s the kind of loving care you help provide with your donations! Fast forward several years to 2013 when Miguel was 20 years old. I had the chance to visit with him. Miguel told me how grateful he was to the donors and sponsors who supported him allowing him to have his life changed. He now had hope in his life and was able to pursue higher education so he could do something important to help other people. He wanted to make sure that you knew how grateful he was for helping him.

Today, Miguel is studying dentistry at an Adventist University in Mexico. He has come a long way from the little boy who was so concerned about his next meal that he hid food under his bed. Thank you for the generosity, care and love you have shown him! He will pay your kindness forward as he continues to serve others.

Doug Congleton

## President’s Note

As many of you know by now, my mother, Alcyon Fleck, passed away on Memorial Day. Next month we’ll share about her life and the impact she has had on the lives of orphan children. But you’re part of our family. I wanted to let you know of her passing, and that you can find more information online at [www.forhiskids.org](http://www.forhiskids.org).

Alcyon was affectionately known throughout the ICC family as “Mommy Fleck.” During the past 38 years, thousands of orphan children have had the opportunity for a new life as a result of her efforts to start and sustain this ministry.

Up until the end, Alcyon was deeply interested in the wellbeing of the children. She especially believed that food plays a significant role in the development and security of a child. She insisted that food should not be withheld from a child as a form of discipline.

Several years ago, we established the Alcyon Angel Fund in honor of my mother. This fund recognizes how important it is for the children to receive the basic elements of care on a consistent basis. Donors who give to this fund help to ensure that there is nutritious food on the table for the children. This is especially important during the “hungry season” when there typically is barely enough food. This was important to Alcyon.

Today there is sadness throughout the ICC family as staff and children mourn the loss of Mommy Fleck. She was an advocate for the children. Though her influence will continue, her presence and enthusiasm will be missed. I will miss her as well, for she was my “mommy,” too!

I also want to take a moment to say Thank You to you. Every single donation you’ve made brought joy to Mommy Fleck because she knew that children would be able to eat. Thank you.



Alcyon Fleck 1921–2015

In Loving Service for His Kids,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick Fleck".

Rick Fleck

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