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YOUR Support of Orphan Children is Vital!

Introducing a special Que Pasa series just for YOU!

YOUR support of the ICC children is amazing! And it goes beyond the gifts you give. You've helped to rescue and restore the lives of children. Thanks for all you do!

This and future issues of *Que Pasa* are going to be about the incredible effect that YOU—and other donors like you—are having on the lives of the children you support through your gifts!

It's no secret to any of us at ICC that this ministry would simply not be possible if it wasn't for the faithful financial and prayer support that YOU continue to give. Not only on a monthly basis, but year after year.

With humble dedication and service YOU provide for the needs of "the least of these"—the very ones Jesus spoke about while here on earth. You have taken His example from the Bible and intentionally made it part of how you choose to live your own life.

Because of your gifts of love, the children's lives are made better every day. YOU continue to do

a wonderful work on behalf of "His Kids!"

Some donors like you have asked for a list of needs. Sometimes projects need some very important items and there aren't sufficient funds to cover them within the projects operating budget.

This month you'll see a sample of this on the back page of this *Que Pasa* where we share a list of items that need to be sent to the children in the Dominican Republic.

From time to time, we plan to share lists like this in case you have the means, or know of someone who may be able, to provide a blessing for the kids in this way.

As you read through this special edition of the *Que Pasa* we hope that you will be inspired by the good that YOU are doing collectively for the grateful family of "His Kids."

As you serve the children, any suggestions you may have on how we can better serve you please let us know by calling 800-422-7729.



The child you sponsor sees you as far more than a source of financial support. They see you as a "God-parent." YOUR care for them significantly increases their sense of well-being.



“I’ve Got to Talk to You!”

“I Need to Tell You How Thankful I Am!”

You play a critical role in supplying all the things an orphan child needs when you providing funding by sponsoring an ICC child. When most of the children arrive, they often have nothing more than the clothes they are wearing. They don’t have money to provide for their care, and most governments don’t provide any assistance.

It’s donors like you who stand in the gap and say, “This child needs the loving care of a family. This child needs food, shelter and a place to go to school. I will help to provide these things for this child!”

If it weren’t for caring donors like you, what would have happened to a little Dominican girl we’ll call Constanza? When Constanza was young, her father died. Her mother was poor and had a mental illness. She could not provide the care that Constanza needed. It was fortunate for little Constanza that she was eventually placed in a loving family at the Las Palmas Children’s Village. The care she received was made possible because donors like you came alongside of her to support her.

Constanza received nurturing care at Las Palmas and she needed these things very much. You see, Constanza suffered from depression.

She struggled and struggled. She was given psychological help and counseling and was treated with medication. The staff of Las Palmas worked with her, encouraged her and made sure she was following her treatment plan. Those were challenging days. But through this experience, Constanza became aware of just how much she was loved by all the people who cared for her—including YOU, her ICC family.

In time, Constanza graduated from the Las Palmas secondary school. She then enrolled at the local Adventist university in the nursing program which had just been established. Recently, Constanza become Las Palmas’ first child to graduate with a nursing degree. What a great accomplishment, especially when you consider the difficulties she has faced! But thanks to donors like you who made it possible, she received the care and support needed and she has taken full advantage. Furthermore, her heart is filled with gratitude for everything that has been done for her.

Recently Rick and Sharon Fleck visited the Las Palmas Children’s Village. It was late one evening, and who should come knocking on the guest room door? It was Constanza. She called out to Rick and Sharon. She wanted to talk to them.



Your support is making a huge difference in the lives of orphaned children! Constanza is just one example of a life transformed thanks to donors who invested in her—even during her darkest days when she was very young.

Rick replied, “Constanza, we’re asleep already.”

Urgently, Constanza insisted, “But I’m leaving early in the morning, and I’ve got to talk to you. I need to tell you how thankful I am.

Rick got dressed and let her in. Constanza was then able to express her gratitude—the kind of urgent, heartfelt gratitude that goes to you as well. Again, without donors coming along side of her, supporting her with prayers and moral and financial support, where would she be?

Thank you for your generous donations! This work is not possible without your continued gifts. Children like Constanza bear witness that your investment is well worth it!

Q & A with Rick Fleck, President of ICC

YOUR support of ICC's children is having a lasting effect upon them. In the following interview with ICC President, Rick Fleck, you'll find a more in-depth perspective of the work being done on behalf of the children.

Q: *The news is filled with political debate this election season as well as conflicts in various parts of the world. There seems to be little news concerning the plight of orphans. Is orphan care still a world-wide problem?*

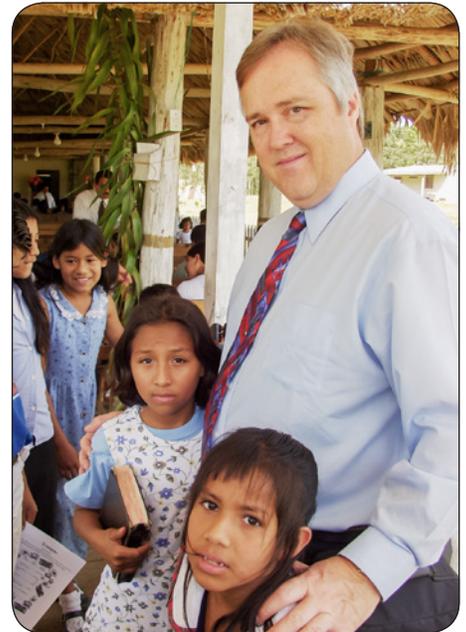
A: Yes, absolutely! Jesus said we would always have the poor among us, and there is strong biblical counsel to help the orphans. ICC children are very fortunate to have many caring individuals who believe and act upon this counsel. The news media is always looking for stories which are exciting and attract attention. The plight of orphans is a constant that happens every day all around the world—so we sometimes get numb and indifferent to their suffering. Actually, it's not popular to help orphans. Governments and non-profit organizations prefer to concentrate on prevention strategies. But, no matter what is done to prevent these sad situations, little children are constantly being left without mommies and daddies, and the wonderful folk who contribute to our mission are very passionate about helping these little ones to grow up and have new opportunities for a better future.

Q: *Which ICC projects appear to have the greatest potential for growth in the future?*

A: As we see shifting government priorities and policies, we also see doors opening and closing for ICC to help children in different areas of the world. Right now I see a great potential for ICC to grow and help more children in Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Mexico and Congo. For example, in Guatemala, the government for several years did not want to place children in institutions. But we have presented our children's villages as a more normal environment for orphaned children rather than an institution. We have empty beds at our Los Pinos children's village, and now government authorities are asking us to take in more children. Just in the last few months, thanks to the generous support of donors, we have welcomed in 18 children to their new homes in Los Pinos. Of course, whether we can grow also depends largely on finances.

Q: *What are some exciting things happening in the lives of ICC children?*

A: I love to see the happy faces of children who have recently come to live in an ICC children's village. They often talk about how much they appreciate having enough food and clothing and the opportunity to go to school. It's amazing to hear little kids talking like that! Of course, it takes time for them to completely adjust to their new home, and they always have a hurt in their little hearts, but we introduce them to their heavenly Father and point them to a future that has hope beyond the hurts of this world.



"I can't thank YOU enough for all that you continue to do for 'His Kids!' This ministry for orphan children has been operating for nearly 40 years, and it's because of people like you, that thousands of children have been rescued and had their lives restored."

Each \$1 donated = up to \$5 worth of supplies!

Deadline For Shipping Container of Supplies to Las Palmas Children Extended

The children of Las Palmas in the Dominican Republic need important supplies. While we've been promoting a container shipment and gathering supplies, unfortunately we've not yet received all the needed items. We've delayed the container a little while longer in the hope that you—or someone you know—may be able to help.

Visit the ICC website at ForHisKids.org. On the home-page you will find a link to download the current list of needed supplies. We also need funds to cover the costs of shipping the container to Las Palmas. It's great way to get a big return on your investment because \$1 donated can send up to \$5 in supplies.

You may ship the items to, or drop them by the ICC office, at 2711 NE 134th Way, Vancouver, WA 98686. If you prefer sending in a donation to help purchase an item or items please designate your gift with the item's name and "Las Palmas Shipment." Thank you very much for helping send these supplies to the kids!

Memorials

In Memory of Leonard Ballance

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Ballance

In Memory of Len Barker

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth H. Ackerman
Mr. & Mrs. Felix Ajayi
Ms. Grace Heinz
Mr. Menelaos Mamouelis

In Memory of Erick Buess

Elder & Mrs. Robert Cowan

In Memory of Carolyn Byers

Dr. LeRoy V. Byers
In Memory of Bernard Christensen
Ms. Lorna Netupsky-Lang

In Memory of Jeanne Christensen

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In Memory of Connie Dacre

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Quishenberry

In Memory of Becky Dick

Mrs. Kathie Bartholomew
Ms. Jeanette F. Bell
Mr. & Mrs. Warren Dick
Ms. Loren Wright
Mr. & Mrs. James Zachrison

In Memory of Frances Dixon

Mr. & Mrs. James Dixon

In Memory of Jean Duncan

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Bascetta
Mr. & Mrs. Mel Blair
Mr. & Mrs. Marcelo Camargo
Mrs. Hazel Eldred
Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan G. Erich
Mrs. Dorothy Holm
Mr. & Mrs. R&y Kreps
Mr. & Mrs. Larry McFeron
Mr. & Mrs. Rick Olson

These Are Our Most Needed Items:

Boys Belts

Ages 5–20

Boys Dress Socks

Ages 5–20

Boys Sport Socks

Ages 5–20

Neckties

As many as possible

Girls Skirts

Ages 8–20

Girls Bras

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Twin Bed Sheets

100 Sets—New or used

Full-size Bed Sheets

25 sets—New or used

New Clothing Irons

8 Needed

Garden Tools

Rakes, hoes, shovels

Automotive Tools

All types of hand tools

Maintenance Tools

Hammers, screwdrivers, Electrical testers, saws, drills (cord or cordless), steel cutting saw.

In Memory of Jean Duncan

Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Sooter
Pastor & Mrs. Dale Ziegele

In Memory of Dorothy Lashier-Eller

Dr. Byron Eller

In Memory of Virgil Fezell

Mrs. Rose Marie Fezell

In Memory of Sylvia Fish

Mrs. Dorothy Holm