



YOU CAN CHANGE LIVES
RIGHT NOW!

BECAUSE OF YOU CARLOS' LIFE WAS CHANGED

Dear ICC Family,

I am writing you this letter, in lieu of the *Que Pasa*, to make you aware of a critical need. The summer months are always the most financially challenging for the children's needs. We are doing all we can to make sure that the children have their basic needs provided this summer, but it will not be possible without your support.

As I write this to you, I get a lump in my throat thinking about a little boy we'll call Carlos. Carlos' story is very special to me because it touched my life. I was there when he arrived on our campus.

I was in a meeting when our administrator told me there were some new children coming to our campus and he would need to leave the meeting when the children arrived. This announcement excited me because it's rare that I'm at a project when children arrive!

We saw the van arrive on campus. Five children stepped out into a completely new world. As would be expected, they were nervously milling around. I noticed one of the young boys wearing a baseball cap, but there was something different about it, something I had not seen before. The boy had the cap pulled down over his ears, with his ears tucked up underneath the cap. This seemed odd to me.

The boy never removed his cap, not for anything. At times he would keep his hand on top of his cap to be certain it didn't come off in the wind. The following day I was walking around the campus on a little "adventure" with some of the children, when one of them said; "Have you seen the new boy Carlos and how he wears his hat all of the time?" She then went on to tell us that Carlos had physical damage to the tops of his ears of which he was ashamed. He always wore that cap over his ears so that nobody could see the damage. Now the cap over the ears made sense to me.

I later learned that Carlos' ears had been damaged by his father. The father who was supposed to protect Carlos from harm would take bolts and heat them to red-hot in the

fireplace. Then he would hold them on little Carlos' ears in order to "teach him a lesson." I remember the sick feelings that welled up in my stomach as I heard that story. The horrible things that people who are not walking with Jesus can do to others is beyond my understanding.

Because of your support, Carlos became a part of our ICC family. The love and care he received made a life-changing impact in Carlos' life. He has grown into a fine young man who loves Jesus. Carlos no longer wears a cap pulled over his ears. Carlos knows Jesus and his ICC Family love him and will always be there for him. He knows that Jesus looks upon the inside, and that Jesus created and loves him just the way he is.

Carlos' story is like many of the stories of our children in the villages. Every child has a story, and many of them are horrific and sad but those stories are in their past. Thanks to you and others like you, each child now has a different story of love and hope.

Today I am asking you to please consider helping children like Carlos. This request is urgent because this past Spring we experienced a particularly difficult time financially. This is affecting the children. We're scrambling to care, feed, and provide for them during these difficult summer months. If you have been considering giving a gift to them, or increasing your gifts to them, right now is the time to do that for the kids. We are entrusted by God to protect and care for each one of these children until He comes again. I know this because of what He tells us in James 1:27. These children count on you to provide love, hope, and a safe place to grow. Please don't let these children down.

Please send whatever you can right now to make sure that the basic needs of the children will be met in the difficult months ahead. These children deserve a chance to have a hope for their futures, and the knowledge of salvation in Jesus. If we don't help them with all we can, who will?

In faithful service for His kids,



Doug Congleton
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P.S. Thank you in advance for doing everything you can to make sure there will be enough "loaves and fishes" for Jesus to multiply in the summer months ahead.