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## "Stepping Out In Faith" Matching Fund

Just in Time to Bless the Children this Christmas!

**"Tis better to give than to receive"** is a truth that we all recognize. What is even better is when you give and that gift is doubled to make twice the impact! This Christmas, you

have a wonderful opportunity to double your gift in support of a child like Eduardo who desperately wants and needs a home.

**Please read on for more details...**

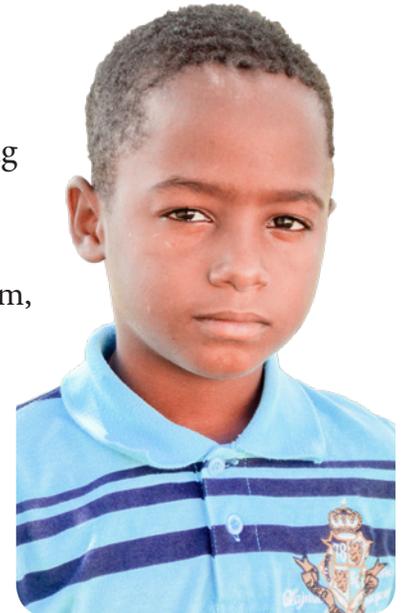
Dear Friend of the Children,

Eduardo's father died without ever recognizing him as his son. His mother left Eduardo in the care of his sick grandmother who was also trying to care for her 18 year old daughter who has special needs. Eduardo's living environment was unsafe, and he suffered several attempts of violation. The child protection authorities rescued Eduardo and needed a safe place for him, so they contacted the Las Palmas Children's Village.

I'm reminded of the story of Jesus who was born in a stable because there was "no room in the inn." Currently, several of our children's villages DO HAVE ROOM for more children. You can help us welcome more children like Eduardo who need the safety and security of a loving home. This Christmas please consider giving the gift of family to an orphan child!

**I have some terrific news to share. From now until December 31, your gift will be doubled, up to a total of \$125,000. What a double blessing and impact your gift will be for the children!**

In the past several weeks, 12 different children have experienced life-threatening events. These suffering children have been referred to us from authorities in Congo and the Dominican Republic. Some of these 12 kids were already dying, and we were told that they would soon lose their lives if we did not accept them into our care. Horrible events took place leaving these children devastated without



families. What were our administrators to do when these kids were placed at their door? Should they have turned their backs on these children, leaving them to die?

The thought of signing a child's death warrant is something I cannot agree with, nor do I believe that God wants our ICC family to do that. I believe that God put ICC here to be the last harbor of refuge from these kinds of storms in the lives of the children — the storms that take their very lives. There must be another answer, and I believe the answer is the ICC family!

Recently, caring individuals provided for a special "Stepping out in Faith Matching Fund." Donations received (up to \$125,000) will be matched and used to support the children of ICC, especially those who recently joined the ICC family or those on the outside just waiting to come in.

Your support for the children within the ICC family has meant a life-change for them. In some cases the saving of their lives. Today, many children are brought to us by the local government, first responders, or relief workers who told us that if we did not take these kids, there was no one else who would, and they could perish.

Hearing this sends chills down my spine. That there is no other answer, and children may perish, is real and something we can't tolerate. With this in mind, I'm writing to you at the end of this year. There are children like Eduardo who need your help and protection. They need the life-saving and life-giving support that you offer. And since your gift will be doubled, it's an especially good time to give!

Again, from now until December 31, you can have your donation matched up to a total of \$125,000. A gift of \$50 becomes \$100. A gift of \$250 becomes \$500.

**Should all the money be matched, it will be \$250,000 bringing hope and healing to the lives of orphan children. What a blessing this will be for them!**

Will you help me with this urgent need for these children who've been placed on our doorstep, which I believe was providential?

If you want your donation matched, please mark it "Stepping out in Faith."

*God bless you for stepping out in faith and saving the lives of the fatherless.*



Doug Congleton  
Executive Director



**P.S.** Thank you for your wonderful support to the children. And now through December 31st your support can be doubled through the "Stepping out in Faith Matching Fund." And since the overhead for this year has been covered, 100% of your donation plus the matched amount will go to support the program for children. **Thank you for being a double blessing to the children here at the end of the year!**

When soliciting funds for a specific need, we occasionally receive more in donations than requested. In those instances when we do receive more money than solicited, those extra funds are placed in "Alcyon's Angel Fund." To protect the privacy of our children, ICC uses fictitious names in the Que Pasa when referring to minor children.