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Thankful For You This Thanksgiving!

"The thankful receiver bears a plentiful harvest"

By Kent Greve

The words above from English poet, William Blake, serve as an excellent reminder of the importance of living with a heart filled with gratitude.

How grateful are the children of ICC, most of whom have been given a second opportunity in life to experience the security and happiness of a loving family!

ICC children bear testimony that a "thankful receiver bears a bountiful harvest." On their behalf, thank you for investing in them!

During the past 40 years of serving orphan children, the ICC family has been able to experience many a happy harvest when children leave our care and are able to live successfully on their own.

As Thanksgiving in the U.S. approaches it's important that we share a collective word of thanks for all that you have done and continue to do to bring hope and healing to the children.

God is working through you to bless and provide for children like Fernando, Eshana and Victor. Because of your faithful support,

these children continue to live within a loving family at an ICC children's village. Here are their stories:

Thirteen-year-old Fernando doesn't know who his father is. His mother struggled with alcohol addiction. She had difficulty providing appropriate care for Fernando, and eventually, the child protection authorities intervened and brought him to the Los Pinos Children's Village where he joined the ICC family.



Fernando

Fernando continues to make positive progress within his ICC family. He treats his parents and siblings well and does his part in helping the campus chicken industry by assisting with vaccinations, washing the drinking fountains and removing the chicken manure.

Eshana's father died of Tuberculosis in 2013. Her mother

is blind and unable to provide care for her. Eshana had been living in a tribal community, and the ICC children's village in India was quite different for her.



Eshana

However, Eshana has adapted well to her new surroundings, and thanks to the loving care you have helped to provide for her, she is doing well. She is respectful of her elders, gets along well with her peers and is diligent in her studies

Victor never knew his parents. His grandmother was taking care of him and his younger brother and sister. They lived in a thatched roof house in the forest in the DR Congo until the war came to their village.

Then they had to move around to try to keep safe. Eventually they were attacked, and the children were separated from their grandmother.

Kids Get Motivated for Missions with ICC!

By Makala James

Classrooms across the United States are getting motivated for mission work with International Children's Care.

A new program called Missions For Kids is designed to teach kids about helping others. It shows them how to live as a missionary, right at home. Lesson plans and consultations, make it easy for teachers to integrate ICC mission projects into their classroom.

This year, classrooms are fundraising to purchase cows for the dairy herd at the Las Palmas Children's Village. As the school semester unfolds, it's evident that the participating students care deeply about helping the kids of ICC.

The music students of Great Lakes Adventist Academy in Michigan, plan to bring "Milky the Moosical Cow" on tour this spring. Each classroom participating in Missions For Kids will get a five-foot, cardboard-cutout cow after raising their first \$100.

Led by music director David Ballesteros, the students plan to take their cardboard cow on tour as they raise awareness and funds.

In the Dominican Republic a cow is usually purchased pregnant or has a calf. Initial cost for an adult cow is about \$1,500. So, the net cost of one cow, and the goal for each classroom, is \$750.

The Great Lakes "Moosical Cow" recently came to life at the school's alumni weekend. One of the students bought a cow costume to promote the cause at events. She did this as a surprise for her classmates and teacher. She wore the



This enterprising student from Great Lakes Adventist Academy purchased a cow costume to promote Great Lake's "Milky The Moosical Cow" fundraising effort during Alumni Weekend. Milky (on the right) is touring with the musical students this year.

costume at alumni weekend, telling visitors about Las Palmas and the dairy herd.

"The kids are excited," says Ballesteros. "They made their own fundraising thermometer on the wall. They carry milk jugs around at our games. They are taking ownership."

Missions for Kids launched at the 2018 NAD Teacher's Convention in Chicago. The convention took place in August, right before the start of the school year. Many teachers expressed an interest in introducing missions into the classroom. Other teachers already had a developed missions program. They just needed a cause to support.

For Beacon Christian School, in Idaho, missions is an integral part of the classroom. Students vote on what cause to support each year. They had already raised

\$750 before school even started... The net cost of one cow!

Terry McGarvey, elementary teacher, felt that the coincidence was providential. She introduced ICC to her classroom and the students voted to purchase a cow for the Las Palmas dairy herd.

"I believe God intervened to help us find you and enable us to help a child who really needs assistance," McGarvey said. "Thank you for the work you do to help those in need."

When Rene and Thomas Coffee, long time ICC supporters and family, discovered Missions for Kids, they wanted to involve the youth Sabbath school that they lead in Gobles, Michigan.

Missions for Kids can be used in Sabbath school classrooms, Pathfinder clubs, team sports, and more. It's not limited to traditional school classrooms.

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Although the Coffees are not teachers at a school, they believe in the importance of showing kids how to be missionaries. As a result, the Gobles Youth Room Sabbath School is one of the first classrooms to accomplish their goal. There will be one more cow in the dairy herd, thanks to those students and the Coffees.

At Spokane Valley Adventist Academy, elementary students are going the “extra mile” with their mission project.

While fundraising for a cow with their classroom, they are also challenging local business to fund raise for a cow.

Teacher, Julia Dewey, wants to encourage her kids to speak about important causes. “I want my students not to be so afraid to talk about something that they have a passion for,” says Dewey.

“The mission of ICC is important to me because it shows the kids how to make a long term difference.

My desire is for them to take that throughout their lives.”

This is only the start of Missions for Kids. The program has a two-fold purpose: teaching children to live mission-minded lives, as well as blessing and supporting the children of ICC.

To be a part of Missions for Kids, sign up today! Any group of any

age can join! Or, please pass this information on to your school and/or Sabbath School leaders.

To sign up or for more information, contact Makala James, Missions for Kids Coordinator, at makala@forhiskids.org, or visit this link on our website: <https://bit.ly/2S2vjdZ> to get started.



Students from Mobile Junior Academy in Alabama are excited to have Milky The Cow as part of their classroom. These students, under the guidance of their teacher, Jennifer Gennick, are raising funds to help add another cow to the Las Palmas herd.

Thanks To You, Matching Rescue Fund Reaches Goal

Once again, you've done it! Through your generosity the Matching Rescue Fund campaign was 100% successful with the intended goal having been exceeded!

Your donations designated for the Rescue Fund were then doubled through a matching grant putting us over \$136,000 being raised during this campaign.

Your gifts were used to help provide for the essential care of the children. You helped support the expenses of housing, food, clothing, and educational materials.

The gifts you gave to the Rescue Fund campaign have been a tremendous blessing for the children.

And since your gifts were doubled — you provided a double blessing. Especially needed during the challenging days of summer.

Thanks to all who participated in this campaign and made it successful! May God bless you richly for your kind generosity.

136K

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Thankful For You This Thanksgiving! — *continued*



Victor

Victor eventually made it to a refugee camp. He was moved to several different camps. The conditions at the last camp he were so bad that he became very sick and exhausted. Without the strength to live, Victor waited to die. That's when the Red Cross found him and brought him to ICC.

Fortunately for little Victor, he has found a loving home at the

Patmos Children's Village. He's eight-years-old and has a special bond with his house mother. This is a big help to him as he continues to face challenges that may be expected of one so small and who has experienced such trauma and tragedy in his young life.

Please pray for Victor and other ICC children who struggle in the process of having their little lives rebuilt. What a blessing that they have loving caregivers and prayer warriors who intercede for them.

Fernando, Eshana and Victor are three of the many children who currently have a home and family because of your caring concern and generous support.

Again, this ministry would not be possible if it were not for you! Thank you for participating with us as we experience the joy of harvest past—and harvest to come. What a blessing you are to the children. Happy Thanksgiving!

P.S. The book of Acts gives this reminder to us. "In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" — *Acts 20:35*

As God has richly blessed you this year, please consider giving a special holiday gift to benefit the children who continue to need you so much. Thank you!

Memorials

We are most grateful for your support of the children. When your gifts are given in memory of those who were very special to you, they carry a singular meaning.

To honor those who themselves made a profound impression on others, we publish these memorials as a tribute to their lives.

These memorials are only a partial listing. Additional names will be featured in upcoming editions of the *Que Pasa*.

In Memory of George Bachm

Mr. Ernest K. Ott

In Memory of Grover Barker

Mrs. Joy Barker

In Memory of Reavis Belin

Mrs. Lillian Wysong

In Memory of Linda Bennett

Ms. Diane Hamilton

In Memory of Joe Berecz

Mrs. Lillian Wysong

In Memory of Elise Binder

Ms. Pamela Bell
Mrs. Teresa Luyet

In Memory of Isabel Blasius

Elder & Mrs. Robert Cowan

In Memory of Shari Booth

Mrs. Marsha Booth
Robert A. Brooks
Mr. Walter Tinlin

In Memory of Gladys Burton

Ms. Dorothy Carscallen

In Memory of Trudi Charles

Mrs. Lillian Wysong

In Memory of M. (Scott) Christensen

Mr. & Mrs. Milton Christensen

In Memory of Iver Christianson

Mrs. Lillian Wysong

In Memory of Helen Lange & Ray Davie

Rick & Vickie Davie

In Memory of Marlin Dunker

Mrs. Susan Dunker

In Memory of Alice Elias

Dr. & Mrs. Ghanim Elias

In Memory of Virgil Feazell

Mrs. Rose Marie Feazell

In Memory of Rick Flett

Mrs. Joyce Patterson

In Memory of Ben & Carol Grant

Mr. & Mrs. Berger
Mr. & Mrs. John Kelley
Ms. Judith Lacasa
Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Richman

In Memory of Phyllis Grey

Ms. Daphne T. Schetky

In Memory of Gary Hall

Mrs. Carolyn Hall
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hall
Mr. Kenneth Heffel
Mel C. Marshall Industrial
Consultants Inc.
Pacific Northwest Precast Concrete
Association (PNPCA)

In Memory of Mike Hackett

Dawn Hailey