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WAYS TO GIVE
OF YOUR

*Time, Talents,
& Resources*



ACTIVATING CHANGE LOCALLY TO IMPACT CHILDREN GLOBALLY

You have been blessed with amazing gifts!

A NOTE FROM
PAULA, ICCM
DIRECTOR



Everyone has been given different gifts, and are in different situations—and as the body of Christ you have been called again and again in Scripture to help the poor, needy, and weak (Luke 4:17-19, Proverbs 31:8-9, Isaiah 58:10, 1 Timothy 6:18).

It can be easy to think that unless you donate a lot of money, it isn't worth it. But even small contributions—no matter its form—can make a big difference!

At ICCM we recognize that giving is a much more broad concept—there are so many ways you can bless others through partnership. Simply being in relationship with churches and families overseas can be a blessing for both sides. By giving of our time, talents, and resources to nurture these relationships,

we learn to love like Jesus did! A biblical model of generosity involves churches and individuals putting in a deep and rich effort — an effort focused on creating and sustaining a give-and-take partnership, and giving strategically based on what we have.

I hope you are inspired by these stories of people giving in their own special way. They were made possible with support from people like you. Consider the special way you can give today to impact a child's future.

Serving Christ together,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Paula".

Paula Moriarity
ICCM Director, Canada



How giving Changes Children



Holistic Child Development

BECAUSE SHE DESERVES IT, TOO.

Young girls worldwide face harsh challenges, but in many countries there is the added pressure of the high cost of quality education. Too often girls drop out because they cannot afford school or must work to support their

family. Too many even face child marriage. These ugly realities rob girls of their childhood and limit their opportunities and dreams. By sponsoring girls, they have a chance at a future and can grow into strong women!



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A CHILD
\$40 per month

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Volunteering



ABBY FLETCHER (LEFT) VISITING A SCHOOL

AFRICAN ADVENTURE

By Abby Fletcher (of Trulls Road Free Methodist)

I have never been to Africa before, and I couldn't believe how each country felt like its own world. Though there were many differences in the countries, the excitement about education was there in all of them!

The children taught us songs, games, and took pictures with us. The property was small, and there weren't any computer labs, libraries, play structures, or any of the extra spaces that our schools have here. But we could see they cared about using the resources they were given effectively.

And despite this, the kids were

joyful about being in school and were so excited to show us everything they did have. In each of the ICCM schools you could tell the teachers loved their jobs and the kids, and the kids loved them back. There was a mutual respect and joy at the opportunity of learning.

It was sad to see kids outside the school fence looking in, wishing they could be in this school, because they knew the value of high quality, holistic education!

Sponsorship makes such a difference because the kids know what a privilege it is to be in school. Anyone who has the opportunity to visit their sponsored child should do it, because it is so amazing to build these relationships and see what the love of Christ looks like across the world!

MORE THAN FAMILY VACATION

By Shelley McLagan

When my husband and I started our family, our earliest dream was to take our kids to the developing world, to see the reality of poverty, learn about other cultures, and value global thinking as we do. This past March, our dream came true with a trip to Ghana, while our kids were 15, 12 and, 10 years old.

We ate new foods (like fresh mango, Jollof rice, and fish with the head still attached), bumped along roads that were more pothole than flat surface, experienced heat like never before, tried to negotiate with local artisans, and learned some local phrases.



THE MCLAGAN FAMILY IN GHANA

More importantly, we stepped into a reality that was filled with rich beauty, and tragic pain.

We saw a culture that wasted nothing, squeezing every last bit of functionality out of everything. We saw tremendous creativity and entrepreneurial grit, as these hardworking people did whatever they could to provide for their families. We saw faith expressions and deep-rooted community in a way that we can't even imagine in our own culture. We saw joy and hospitality at the Voget FM school that hosted us for a few days, and loved sharing a little of our



culture with them by teaching them children's songs and actions and how to fold a heart from craft paper. We added a Canada flag sticker to their paper hearts and told them Jesus loved them and people in Canada did too. This trip has been a formatve experience

for our children and we trust the Lord will use it to grow them into Christ-followers with a heart for those around the world. When we pray for our dear brothers and sisters around the world, these are the faces we see.

“ Engaging with a new culture is good for everyone—it creates a space of creativity, flexibility, and learning! To learn from one another new approaches to working with kids, and to grow together through prayer. ”



- Nedly Nanjowe, Africa Regional Coordinator & Team Leader





MEMBERS OF FIRST FREE METHODIST GREET AT A CANADA DAY SUPPER.

global service in many of the children and adults of the church!

First Free Methodist in New Westminster, BC held three events to fundraise for ICCM's work in Ghana—a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, a Mother's Day tea, and a Canada Day breakfast. With each event, support has grown, seeing 40 attending the Shrove Tuesday supper to over 100 people celebrating at the Canada Day breakfast! The church's location in the downtown core of New Westminster has made it easy for people walking by to stop in for a bite, a conversation, and to donate towards the Ghana school project.

By interacting with their community, educating people about the situation in Ghana, and enjoying fellowship at these events, the church raised over \$1,000!

GETTING TOGETHER TO GIVE

By Emily Goodyear, ICCM Canada

Canadians have been blessed with financial resources; passing on this blessing to families in need is a powerful way to cheer them on from afar. Check out these inspiring stories of people fundraising in order to give towards a project they are passionate about!

Trulls Road Free Methodist Church in Courtice, ON raised over \$700 in a

single week of Vacation Bible School (VBS), purchasing 12 water filters for a school in Kenya! The kids, the majority of whom were not from church-attending families, had been asked to bring in quarters to raise funds after a presentation on Kenya and a demonstration of the Sawyer water filter.

As the week went on, money continued to come in from the children and their families. Some families even sent in the full \$65 that it costs for a single filter, and many children cleaned out their piggy banks, excited to help kids just like them across the world who lack access to clean water. This simple VBS project has sparked an interest in Kenya and a heart for

“ Having a global connection shows our community that church is about more than showing up on Sunday, and can be used as a way to start discussions! ”



- Pastor Brian Hornibrook, First Free Methodist

What can I do?



Hosting a children's program or big dinner may not be your style. There's any number of creative ways to engage your community, raise awareness, and collect funds for those in need:

- **Hold** a bake sale or garage sale
- **Host** a dinner party in your home
- **Collect** donations at work; many companies have a give-back fund
- **Share** ICCM posts on facebook for prayer support and donations

If you're looking for more ideas, or want to talk through your own idea, get in touch with a member of our team at the ICCM office!

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RONICA AND THE LANZONES TREES

GROWING DREAMS

By Harvey Flores, Philippines Project Manager

Pastors Rebecca and Ronie, a Free Methodist pastoring couple in the Philippines, had big dreams for their daughter, Ronica. She is sponsored through ICCM, and her parents put that support to good use and invested in Ronica's future.

While she was quite young, they decided to use a portion of her sponsorship money to buy Lanzones

trees, a type of tropical fruit tree that is fairly simple to care for. What started with 50 trees grew to 100, and finally 300 trees! Now over a decade later and Ronica in her teens, they enjoy the harvest from the first batch of trees planted together in 2006. They were also able to sell some of the produce for profit and even share some with those in need in their community.

Ronica dreams of becoming a teacher someday, and because of her parents' wise investment they have saved enough money to send her to teacher's college so she can pursue her dream! She is thankful to her sponsor, to her parents, and most of

all to the Lord for His blessing. She remains hopeful and excited for what He has in store for her!

EXTRA-ORDINARY EDUCATORS

By Emily Goodyear, ICCM Canada

Teachers are an integral part of our ICCM schools—they are what make ICCM schools stand out particularly in areas where the education system is not high quality, or fails to incorporate holistic development. Teachers never know when or how the seeds they have planted will come to full fruition.



In the Democratic Republic of Congo, ICCM teacher Madame Magdalene bumped into a former student in the street. He greeted her with respect and joy. The young man told her, "I want you to know how your teaching has impacted my life. You were my Religion teacher many years ago and you taught us about the words of God, which I always remembered. As a result of this teaching, years later I have begun to follow Christ and am even preaching to my family that they might be saved, as they are all Muslim. Thank you for the love you showed to me as a child!"



At 19, Maylyn Mabasag is the youngest Project Director of the Ata Hostel for tribal students in the Philippines. Many girls her age are married with children but Maylyn counts herself fortunate to have been sponsored by ICCM when she was 11. As a child her dream was to go to college. She

not only graduated with her Bachelor degree but pushed through to become a licensed teacher—the first from the Ata-Matigsalog tribe!

All throughout her education, she has worked as Ata Hostel Project Director learning valuable skills that have helped her. She can now make budgets for the 41 children under her care, develop holistic activities, and tutor children of various ages.

"I thank Him for the hardships I've gone through," says Maylyn, "these hardships challenged me to keep on in completing my education... Hardships cannot keep you from reaching your dreams."



Gilberte Joseph and Ruth Timothee recently graduated from Haiti Providence University as nurses, thanks to the Emerging Leaders scholarship program, and are using their talents to return the blessing!

These two young women are passionate about healthcare, having partnered with ICCM by going into five of our schools to set up clinics and teach health lessons. They are able to give children preliminary physicals, check their blood pressure, and set up a health record for each student. All of this information is so important to monitoring the kids' physical development.

These ladies have also taught students about hygiene and how to use water filters properly to avoid waterborne bacteria and viruses. In particular, the girl students in these schools have learned a lot from Gilberte and Ruth about female menstrual sanitation. Gilberte and Ruth have even distributed first aid kits for schools to use, and have been gifting water filters to families from the school.



GILBERTE AND RUTH

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES
AT THE LINDA STRYKER
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**A UNIVERSITY
STUDENT'S
EDUCATION**
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200 TREES
FOR REFORESTATION
IN HAITI
\$20 per



SHAPING LIVES FOR 30 YEARS

By Emily Goodyear, ICCM Canada

Serah Nyambeki is one of our teachers at the ICCM Kibera school in Kenya where she has been shaping the lives and hearts of children since 1990.

As a trained early childhood educator with years of experience, she is an invaluable asset at the school. She is also incredibly humble, saying only that she loves to serve the Lord by

impacting kids. She usually teaches Grade 3, with a fondness for Math and Science. Her students love her and often request being in her class!

Not only has Serah been working for many years to care for students, she also has two children of her own who are now grown and in college. Serah took in her nephew Hesbon when his mother passed away when he was in Grade 5. He now works for the ICCM head office in Kenya. He speaks of her taking him in and introducing him to ICCM as a formative part of his life.

We are so thankful to the outstanding men and women serving ICCM around the world—especially teachers like Serah!



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A CLASSROOM
IN KENYA
\$50
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“ When you give an animal, both the child and family are nurtured by it—food and supplies are provided, and the child learns to care for it. A wonderful gift! ”



- Stella Bokare,
Regional
Coordinator for
India



give
A GOAT
FOR A FAMILY
IN BURUNDI
\$75 per

give
A CHICKEN
FOR A FAMILY
IN BRAZIL
\$10 per

Reminders

Updated Info

We are looking to update our sponsor information, so please be in contact with us to make sure we have your correct address, phone number, email, bank account information, or any other important information for tax purposes. Kindly alert us anytime this changes!

Digital Updates

As stewardship is important to us, we want to let you know that you are able to sign up for receiving digital updates—including child letter and picture updates as well as our Catalyst magazines, by emailing emily.goodyear@fmcic.ca. This is an environmentally friendly and cheaper alternative to mailing, so if you would prefer to receive updates via email rather than physical copies, please let us know.

Your Letters & Gifts

Sponsorship is so much more than money—it's about connection! You can connect with your child by sending letters and gifts, especially around Christmas or their birthday. If you would like to send something special, we encourage sending money as the family will know best how to spend it for their child, or writing a letter and starting your own personal pen pal relationship. Keep in mind when sending letters or gifts that this can take a while to get to your sponsored child so be sure to give at least two months in advance of the holiday to ensure they have it on time! Check out our website to give a child gift and write a letter!

Tax Receipts

With tax season coming, if you have any questions about your tax deductible receipt when it arrives, or if it hasn't arrived by mid March, please give the ICCM office a call.

Legacy Giving

If you would like to know more about legacy giving and how to ensure your estate can be working towards a brighter future for children around the world, please contact the office for next steps.

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Donation Form

ACCEPT MY DONATION TO: QTY SUGGESTED DONATION TOTAL \$

- Support the Voget FM School in Ghana (Ghana School Fund) X \$50 =
- Give a Water Filter for a family in Cambodia (Water Filter Project) X \$65 =
- Help Feed Students in Haiti (Haiti Food Fund) X \$35 =
- Provide School Supplies at the Linda Stryker School (DRC School Fund) X \$50 =
- Assist a University Student's Education (Empowering Leaders Fund) X \$150 =
- Plant 200 Trees in Haiti (The Eden Reforestation Project) X \$20 =
- Help Build a Classroom in Kenya (School Expansion/Construction Fund) X \$50 =
- Give a Chicken for a family in Brazil (Animal Giving) X \$10 =
- Give a Goat for a family in Burundi (Animal Giving) X \$75 =

Contact me about **SPONSORING A CHILD** for \$40/month TOTAL:

I have enclosed a signed cheque and would like the funds to be distributed as I have indicated:

SIGNED:

Print Name:

TURN OVER TO COMPLETE DONATION

Thank You

TO COMPLETE DONATION:

MAIL THIS FORM TO:

International Childcare Ministries
4315 Village Centre Court,
Mississauga, ON L4Z 1S2

CALL 905-848-2600

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First Name:

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YOUR PARTNERING DOLLARS

Financial accountability is important to us. ICCM reviews its policies biannually and conducts domestic audits annually. Reports, stories, pictures, and videos are received quarterly to ensure funds are used effectively and children are benefitting.



PARTNERSHIP [receiptable]:

80% benefits your child with food, education & clothing, & the means of getting it to the child or child's school.

20% is directed to Program Development Costs to support services, leadership, & development.

SPECIAL PROJECTS / FUNDS [receiptable]:

100% of your one time donation goes directly to the field. For more information on which projects are available please visit our website.



CHILD GIFTS [non-receiptable]:

100% of all funds go directly to the child for their birthday or Christmas gift.



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