

SPONSORSHIP

Love in Action



Welcome to the International Children's Care family of sponsors where we are caring for orphaned and abandoned children as though they are our own.

We want to help make your sponsorship an experience both you and your sponsored child will cherish.

This booklet is designed to answer some of the questions you may have regarding our programme.



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Thank you...

Providing homes, families and a future for the children in our care does not happen by chance! It takes a large group of people (namely, child sponsors), working as a team striving towards a goal. If you are not already a part of our team, then I invite you join us, changing lives around the world, forever!



Joyce Bullock - ICC UK



Please Sponsor Me!



Meet Witmon (5) and Satish (8), both orphaned, both in desperate need of a home and a loving family. Innocent victims who deserve so much more! If either could ask you for anything in the world they would probably ask for a mum & dad to love them. **Will you love them?**

ICC's Sponsorship Program

In an effort to provide the best possible sponsorship program, International Children's care is continually exploring new ways to make the program more beneficial for our children as well as our sponsors.

Positive and mental growth of the children in our care is very important. The physical damage that is done to some of the children is often beyond belief. However, long after the body is healed, the healing process of the mind is still taking place. Contact with caring and loving individuals such as yourself is the best medicine for these children.

You will come to know the child you sponsor through progress reports, letters they write and the hand-made greeting cards they send. The children know they have sponsors in far away places. Children with active and curious minds often have a strong desire to know you, their sponsor, who love them from afar.

We would like to give you, the sponsor, the



opportunity to allow your sponsored child to get to know you as a "real" person, not just someone who provides their home, family and a future, one most never dream of.

As a sponsor are there are other ways in which I can help?

You can support our programme by telling others, friends, family and colleagues at work what we are doing. Encourage them to become a sponsor also. You may not be able to support another child due to your financial limitations, however, helping us find another sponsor, means saving another child!



We can send you further leaflets, information, please call us on 08700 60 22 55 to make your request.

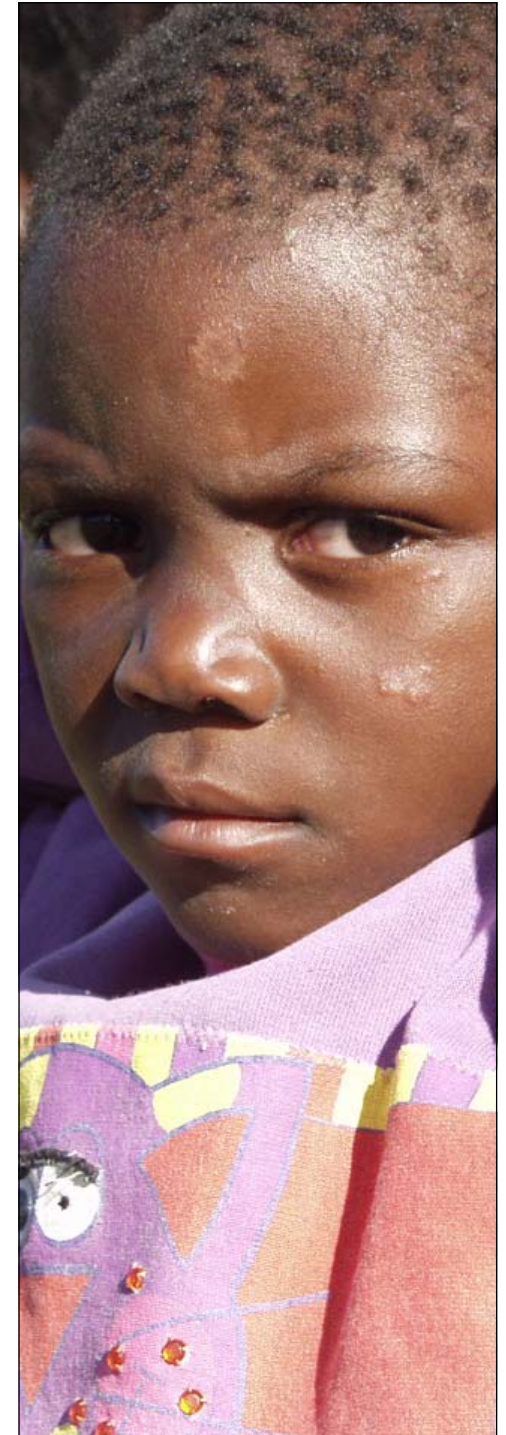
How did ICC begin?

ICC's founder Alcyon Ruth Fleck shares her story in 'Child of the Crossfire' and 'A Leap of Faith'. You can purchase both copies for £10 + P&P by calling 08700 60 22 55.



What countries are we working in?

We are currently working in 18 countries (Brazil, Cambodia, Columbia, Costa Rica, Congo, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Ghana, India, Mexico, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Philippines, Romania, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Ukraine, Zambia). Due to shortage of funds, we have no immediate plans to expand into other territories.





Graduation Story

In the lives of our children graduation is a huge milestone for many who did not have any formal schooling when they came to us.

We have had many graduates with business and medical degrees. Sridhar is now studying medical technology in preparation for medical school. While Sridhar anticipates beginning his medical training in Colombia, Alirio recently graduated from medical school and now faces a new beginning in his chosen career as a physician. We share in the joy and excitement of all these children as they have reached a new level of success in their education, and they owe it largely down to you, for providing the funds to make it all possible.

As a Sponsor, you are turning dreams into reality...

Can I leave a gift to my child in my Will?

Yes, you can. Providing for the future of your sponsored child through planned giving is definitely a Legacy of Love. Please contact the sponsorship coordinator at the UK office for further information.



Give A Child A Chance...

50p a day is all it takes, can you afford not to make such a small sacrifice?

What our children have to say...

"ICC takes care of me." Jerry, Philippines

"I have a new mum and dad who loves me very much." Dorothy, Ghana

"I have never been to school until I came to live at ICC village." Seraphine, Congo



"I have enough food to eat, books to study, clothes to wear and a bed in a very nice home." Nith, Cambodia

"I learn how to sing, play with my friends and be a good boy" Raul, Dominican Republic

What our sponsors have to say...

"I asked God to provide for me and my loved ones so that I can reach out in faith and offer love and hope to one orphaned child. He has blessed me so much that my husband and I are not only providing for one child but two beautiful children". Sponsors from Balham

"Children cannot care for themselves and they do not deserve the situations they often find themselves in. I wanted to give these innocent children a chance in life and a new home." Sponsor from Sheffield.



Your Questions Answered

How long may I sponsor my child?

You may sponsor your child as long as you want from early childhood through to high school, college or until they become independent. Our care does not automatically stop when the child reaches a certain age.

Am I the only sponsor of my child?

No. The costs of the total care of a child can be up to £180 per month depending on the country. If the cost of caring for a child can be met by 4 sponsors then the child will have 4 sponsors. We do not assign more sponsors than is required to meet the costs of a child's care.

How does my sponsorship help my child?

90% of your donation goes directly for the



benefit of the child by providing all the things that parents provide for their own children. We provide their clothes, food, school supplies, book, tuition, housing, recreation, medical expenses, personal hygiene items, and the list goes on.... *if you're a parent, you'll know!*

What education does my child receive?

Most of our Children's Villages hosts its own government-certified primary and second-

dary schools which are specifically designed for these disadvantaged children. Vocational Training, College and even University education are also available to your child if he/she chooses.

Can I set up a Trust Fund for my Child?

Yes. Just call the sponsorship co-ordinator at the UK office who will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements for you. This is an ideal way to invest in your child's future i.e. College or University fees.

May I send gifts to my child at Christmas, birthdays and other occasions?

We recommend that you only send small inexpensive gifts to your child which can fit into an A5 size envelope such as colouring books and pencils, hair clips, socks, etc.

If you wish to send something special for your child's birthday or Christmas, we suggest you forward your special gift to the UK office. We have found that it is easier and more economical for our local staff to buy items that your child/children need. Send your contribution directly to our UK Office stating clearly your name and your child's name. The reasons for using this method are:

- Customs or Regional Post Offices often levy additional charges.
- Packages are often opened and items stolen before they reach the child.
- Eliminates one child receiving more than another simply because his or her sponsor is able to provide a larger gift.





Do I have to correspond with my child?

No. A couple of cards each year for Christmas and birthday is good but you are under no obligation at all.

However, your sponsored child may well write to you, on Mothers / Fathers Day, Christmas, etc.

What should I write to my child?

Write a very short and simply message, for example:

“My name is Jane and I am your new sponsor. I live with my family in a small town in England. I have a pet cat called Timmy. He is black and white and loves to sleep a lot.”

Mention if you are married, have children, have brothers or sisters. It's good to mention children's names and ages. Include hobbies and activities you enjoy ie. sports, playing musical instruments, singing, etc. Include a photo of yourself.

Share your experiences. You have a unique position of influence in your child's life.

How long should I make my letters?

An A5 page is best as it's easy for your child to understand and it also helps to keep the translation time down to a minimum. A simple message on the back of a colourful card is good as your child can easily display it.

How often should I write?

You can write as often as you wish but you need to remember that your child may not be of age to write back or he / she may not be able to write as often as you do.

Where do I post my letters / small packages?

Post directly to your child. ***DO NOT*** post to the UK office. Full postal address is in your Sponsored Child's Folder.

Why does it take so long to hear from my child?

English is the second language for most of our staff, therefore it takes time for letters to be translated. Also, the mail system is not as reliable as in the UK. Please be patient with us but if you have not received a reply from your child within 4 months of you writing, please let us know.

What is a Progress Report?

This is an update written by your child's house-parents designed to allow you to get to



know your child a little better. It should include a recent photograph together with their development in school, church and family life. We try our best to send you at least 2 progress reports each year, however, this may not always be possible due to preparation,

translation and slow mailing from third world countries. If you have not received a Progress Report within 8 months, please contact the sponsorship coordinator in the UK.

The envelope below demonstrates how our postal system does not always work. This is a package received from one of our projects months after it was sent, with half it's contents missing! Therefore, please bear in mind that occasionally, reports and items from your child may be lost, stolen in the postal system.



Should I put my address on my letters?

Yes. Unlike some organisations, we like our sponsors to correspond directly with the children but please be aware that mail delivery in some countries is not reliable. Children are not supposed to ask sponsors for money or gifts. Please let us know if this happens.

What if my child leaves the Project?

Our aim is to keep a family unit together and in so doing, our children occasionally leave our project to live with his/her biological parents. If the child you are sponsoring leaves our project, you will be informed of the situation and you will receive a proposition to sponsor another child if you wish.

What is Gift Aid and how do I become a Gift Aid donor?

For every £1 you give, ICC can claim an extra 28p from the Inland Revenue at no extra cost to you. To become a Gift Aid donor please call for a Form.



Can I give more than £15 per month?

Yes. You can either sponsor more than one child, or alternatively support your child with more funds if you are able to.

If I have questions or concerns regarding my sponsorship, who do I contact?

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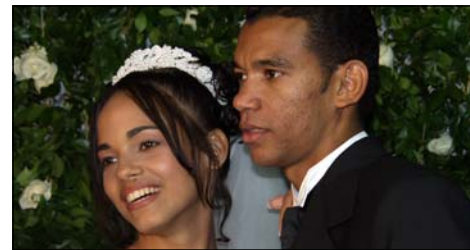
Telephone 08700 60 22 55 or email
sponsorship@iccuk.org.uk.

Exactly what is my money being used for?

Read a few short stories of how your sponsorship money is making a lasting difference.

Treated harshly by her father who had remarried, Ruth escaped, found her birth mother but she was unable to take care of Ruth and brought her to ICC in the Dominican. Her sponsorship paid for her education, vocational training which benefited the whole village.

Today, Ruth is a new woman! Recently married, she speaks of her plans of one day becoming a mother and giving her children something which her parents couldn't (or didn't) give her.. *Love!*



Roclem's Story

Baby Roclem was brought to our ICC village in the Philippines by the Social Welfare Department. He was found buried in the mud and close to death. Seven months, weighing only 8 lbs... it was frightening. He had worms and had previously suffered from meningitis. With food, love and medical treatment his condition has improved. Today Roclem is showing good eye contact, responds to stimulation and cries just like any normal baby.

