

• Mission Update •

Tune to WEMI (91.9) every Sunday, 8:55 A.M. & P.M. for weekly mission updates.



“At International Children’s Fund we are committed to partnering with native Christian leaders to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through feeding, clothing, and helping the poorest and most desperately needy people throughout the world.”

HIGHLIGHTING OUR WORK IN GHANA

One of our most effective partners in Africa over the past years has been Pastor E.Y. Ghansah in Ghana. Through ICF’s ongoing support and assistance, Pastor Ghansah has established over 25 thriving Christian congregations and missions works, and has been a crucial link for ICF to the needs of suffering children and families in his area.

Not long ago Pastor Ghansah discovered that two orphanages in his area, Mother Cares Orphanage and Cherub’s Orphanage, were in desperate straits, with one of the homes quickly running out of food and with no dependable

source of clean water for the children under its care, and another in danger of closing for lack of funds to pay the rent on their facility.

Pastor Ghansah immediately contacted Dr. Bruenning at ICF, and together with our team of volunteers they began to coordinate the delivery of much needed food, medicine,

clothing, and other supplies generously provided through the donations of finances and gifts-in-kind from our ICF partners all over the world.

They even located a truck for the Mother Cares Orphanage, so they could reach the farms and markets to pick up food for the hungry children that came to them.

And with the funding, equipment, and know-how provided by ICF partners, the Cherub’s Orphanage was able to dig a much needed well for clean water, and to move ahead on farming projects to help them become more self-sufficient in providing for the needs of children.

Nicholas Bonsu, founder and president of the Cherub’s



ICF helped Cherub’s Orphanage with a gift of \$3,000 to pay the rent on the facility, along with food, clothing, equipment, and the digging of a well for a clean, dependable water supply.

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Orphanage, expressed the deep gratitude and thanks of his team and the children they serve, noting:

“The International Children’s Fund has been the sole contributor since the establishment of this work, giving us needed assistance to carry on our projects to provide pure drinking water, food, medicine, clothing, etc. to our children here.”

Friends, because of your effective prayer, compassionate giving, and sacrificial volunteer service, the International Children’s Fund has been able to empower these two orphanages to complete the mission to



Grateful staff from Mother Care Orphanage and Pastor Ghansah express their thanks to Dr. Bruenning and ICF’s generous Partners.

which God has called them: feeding, caring for, and educating the most desperately needy children in Ghana — children without fathers or mothers, and with no one else but you in the world to ensure their care!

Most recently, Dr. Bruenning and ICF were able to send a large shipment of medicine worth hundreds of thousands of dollars directly to Pastor Ghansah, who in turn distributed them to several medical works in Ghana, including the National Disaster Management Organisation, Ghana Health Service, and the S.D.A Clinic.

Pastor Ghansah summarized the help he has been able to give through the ongoing support of ICF and its partners worldwide:

“Many wonderful things have been accomplished since our partnership began nine years ago. Orphanages



Distributing pinto beans to a hungry group of children. Thank you, Dr. Bruenning!

have been helped with a vehicle, food, clothing, water, and income-generating projects like crop and poultry farming. Hospitals and other institutions have received good quality medicines and medical supplies.

“Our ministry has also benefited immensely from the various forms of assistance. In some cases the donations have given us favor and created special opportunities for us to share the Gospel with people we would otherwise not have been able to reach.... God richly bless Dr. Bruenning, International Children’s Fund, and all who make such wonderful things happen.” ❖

WHY WE WORK WITH NATIVE CHURCH LEADERS

Pastor Ghansah possesses the qualities that we have always looked for and cultivated in the indigenous pastors and Christian leaders we work with throughout the world: a love for God, a devotion to the work of the Gospel, and a deep compassion for the people of their own countries.

This fiscal year alone, the

International Children’s Fund has shipped over \$28 million worth of crucial medicine, food, medical equipment, clothing, and supplies throughout Africa and the world. That’s a huge fleet of over 20 ocean-going cargo containers leaving our warehouse in



Pastor Ghansah: ICF cultivates relationships with indigenous Christian leaders who demonstrate a love for God, a devotion to the work of the Gospel, and a deep compassion for the people of their own countries.

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Wisconsin and other locations throughout the U.S. and Europe, and slowly making their way to ICF-sponsored works in Ghana, Liberia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Sierra Leone, and elsewhere.

In addition to the over

\$100,000 in relief assistance that each of these cargo containers carries, the cost to ship each container runs from \$6,000 to \$8,000.

As you can see, we rely heavily on the men and women on the receiving end of these containers to be honest, ethical, and self-sacrificing, so that the contents

impacts those who need it most — desperately needy children and their families.

It is devoted men and women of God like Pastor Ghansah in Ghana who have made the difference, ensuring that the dollars and precious goods generously given by you and other ICF partners go where the need is greatest. ❖

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER — THROUGH YOU!



A deserted area in the Buzzy Quarter Community where children are crying for food.

Friends, the support that ICF supplies to our indigenous pastors and Christian leaders is a direct answer from God. Yes, God answers prayer, and most often He does it by speaking directly to the hearts of individuals like you and me, who have in their hands and hearts the wherewithal to bring help, hope, and healing to hurting people around the world.

This means that the 430 bags of beans that we shipped to feed the starving people of Liberia — 43,000 lbs. of life-saving food — along with the clothing, medicine, and other relief supplies that have reached our ICF partners throughout Africa and the world — have come because you and like-minded ICF partners are sensitive to God's promptings to give, to go, and

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to minister His compassion to those in need.

Here at ICF we are often reminded that Jesus said that when we give to the hurting and helpless around us — whether they are in our own neighborhoods and communities or in countries thousands of miles away, we are indeed ministering directly to Christ Himself (Matthew 25:40).

One thing that Dr. Bruenning constantly emphasizes to those who partner with ICF is the need for both material goods — food, clothing, medicine, building supplies, hospital equipment, vehicles, etc. — as well as the financial resources to ship this generous life-saving relief to those who need it.

Yes, we can have a warehouse bursting with the thoughtful donations of our ICF partners, but without your generous ongoing financial

gifts as well, these supplies will never be packed, shipped, and delivered.

Please ask God how He would have you partner with us on a regular basis — with your prayers, your donations of gifts and finances, and with your volunteer service — so the work of the gospel that Dr. Bruenning and ICF have successfully accomplished for over 30 years, can continue for many years to come. ❖



Distributions continue to hundreds of needy people.

MEDICINES TO NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION



ICF's Large shipment of medicine reached Ghana in early summer, helping several clinics and missions works.

**Pray
For Us!**



Please
continue to pray for
**International Children's
Fund** and ALL of our
partners around the world.

UPCOMING TRIPS

- ▶ Cameroon
- ▶ Uganda
- ▶ Sudan
- ▶ Kenya

*Thank You
For Your Prayers!*



Special Thanks

I always feel so humbled to be part of what God is doing today through this ministry. It's only because of so many of you that help! Congratulations on your involvement!



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