

MISSION UPDATE

International Children's Fund

GOOD NEWS, GOOD NEWS, HAPPENING IN HAITI!

We are so thankful for the opportunity to bring life transformation to every man, woman and child in Haiti through the contributions that were put towards the Leveque community. Your partnership and faith in this endeavor is a tremendous blessing. Your donation has changed the lives of this precious family in Haiti.



FAMILY STORY

Gerda and her family are thankful to be living in their block home in Leveque. Because of your prayers and support, their quality of life has improved greatly. This family is no longer forced to rent a home, and it has brought them an incredible sense of peace and stability.

Since moving in, Gerda has already started to cultivate her land. They have planted watermelon, eggplant and banana trees.



Gerda would like the donors at International Children's Fund to know that her family is so grateful for their new home. It has changed their lives, and she prays that God blesses the lives of everyone who helped her family to receive this home.



Friends, thank you again for your support of this vital project. To donate directly towards this mission, go to the following link:
<https://support.icfaid.org/donation-form-houses-for-haiti>

International Children's Fund (ICF) is a Christian nonprofit relief organization, founded in 1978. In 2015, more than 99% of total donations went directly to children and families in need. We also received the coveted 4-star rating for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency through Charity Navigator. Want to know more about ICF and other charities to find out where your dollar is going? Visit CharityNavigator.org.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD - UGANDA

A modern farming project is in the works at Redeemed Church Ministries, in the Mafubira Jinja District in Uganda, East Africa. The purpose of this project is helping poor families, widows and the elderly in the villages and slums so that they can grow their own food and provide for their own households.

Our partner, George Kasharu, teaches communities and villages agriculture techniques so that they can help to alleviate hunger. George said that it is hard to preach to hungry people. He shared that in Matthew 15:29, the Bible says that Jesus went along the Sea of Galilee and then He went up on a mountainside and sat down. Great crowds came to Him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at His feet; and He healed them. The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking; the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel. Jesus called his disciples to Him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with Me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way."



Below is a photo of God's Grace Project under construction. The building will be used for training poor and abandoned young girls and women so they can learn skills to give themselves hope for their future. They will learn tailoring skills, making soap, juice, and hair styling. They will provide training for evangelists, pastors, and teachers. Someone once said that when you stop learning, you stop leading people. George said that they are in great need of training key church leaders and they want to equip individuals on how they can be more effective in church planting, evangelism and church growth. They have over 500 pastors and key church leaders who have never received any Biblical training. Redeemed Church Ministries wants to finish this project and become a training center so that they can help people reach their full potential and strive for a better life. They need more materials, funds, and prayers to complete this project. George said, "May God bless you as you pray and help towards the construction of the God's Grace Project".





A Word from the Founder of International Children's Fund

DON'T BE VACCINATED!

If you wanted to visit most third world countries, besides a visa, you would also need a yellow fever vaccination so you don't get yellow fever if you go into a place where people were infected. More than likely you would need several vaccinations and a prescription for malaria.

Now how do these vaccinations work? By getting the shot, you get a little amount of the real thing. Then your body builds up antibodies so that if you come in contact with yellow fever, your body will fight and prevent you from getting the real thing. It's really amazing.

In fact, we send millions of dollars of lifesaving medicines to Africa every year!

I believe in many cases here in America many people have been vaccinated against Christianity. Many have been baptized, confirmed in the faith and attend Church. Many live a good life and are good people. They would confess that they are Christians if asked and still are not really sure if when they die they would enter heaven. Many times they say "I think I would go to heaven".

Thinking is not KNOWING!

The Bible says, "You can know that you have eternal life." Most people really don't read the Bible or understand what Jesus Christ has done for them or how simple salvation really is. I want you to know that you, in fact can know that you have eternal life. I would suggest that you, right now, get a Bible and read 1 John Chapter 5:11-13. *"God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."*

The most important decision you will ever make is the one decision that will determine your eternal destination. Don't put it off, your opportunity to have your sins forgiven and live for Christ is life changing. That doesn't mean you won't have problems, but you will have a problem solver on your side to help you through those problems and give you peace and comfort as you go through those trials. In many parts of the world, as we teach and train Pastors and Christian leaders, we make sure that they all understand the importance of knowing Christ and how to communicate those truths to others. The partners we work with in Africa and the rest of the world are committed to reaching their people and nations with that

GOOD NEWS!

That's what ICF is all about. Even though we send millions of dollars of food, medicine and assistance, our main concern and mission is to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those that need to know Him and to know that they have eternal life. I want you to know that because of your donations we are able to keep this life saving ministry moving forward and helping thousands of helpless children and their parents. When you place your head on your pillow tonight, please know that because of your help and assistance, you are saving lives both physically and spiritually. Because of you, someone somewhere, is being fed, clothed, and ministered to. Even as you sleep tonight please know that this is happening because of you. Thank you and God Bless you!



On behalf of the hard-working men and women and partners at International Children's Fund, thank YOU for your generous support throughout the year. Your commitment to ICF is inspiring. Thanks to you, we will continue to have critical resources to support humanitarian projects throughout the world. Your donation, your prayers and your heart will make a difference in 2016. We will be sharing progress in the coming months. Meanwhile, take a few minutes to explore some additional resources available to you on the internet. We hope that you will play an active role in our ministry and mission in the coming year.



We shipped out 29, 40ft sea containers to our partners during our fiscal year in 2015. The value of the humanitarian aid we sent is in excess of \$47 million dollars. Over 99% of every dollar we receive goes directly to the people we serve!

Visit us on Facebook & Twitter for the latest news, photos, and opportunities to directly connect with our partners overseas and in Africa. Take action on a range of critical issues, from clean water initiatives, medical, educational needs to feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and sharing the Gospel!

If you would like to hear a weekly update about our mission, you can listen to our short radio program that airs on Sunday's at 91.9, 91.5, The Family, at 7:00 a.m. and 8:55 P.M.



The holidays are approaching, and the end of the year will soon be here. As we look back on God's many blessings, we're reminded of the vision He has given us – to see every person reached and restored through the love of Christ. And thanks to the faithfulness of givers like you, we're ready to continue mobilizing resources by inspiring biblical generosity. As the holiday season comes to an end, I hope that you'll remember us. Never underestimate the difference that one person can make. We have to fight for the lost, reach the forgotten and give the gift of hope in 2016. Sending much needed support and investing in the lives of future generations is both a responsibility we take seriously and a privilege. We thank you for your trust, and look forward to your continuing participation as a partner of International Children's Fund.

All the best, Merry Christmas and God bless you!

Lori Fulcer, President

