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Newsletter

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GOD ANSWERS YOUR

PRAYERS FOR ICP ABA MESSENGERS VOTE TO ALLOW FILES TO BE USED

"It was overwhelming in favor of the motion," Dr. David Robinson said. The moderator of the ABA had asked him to help determine the vote on the motion made by Brother Bobby Sparks of Texas. The motion, as sent to me by Brother Sparks was: "Move that the editorial department of the BSSC be instructed to provide the files of outdated literature excluding any art files of copyrighted material to those of our fellowship who have a signed agreement intending to translate and print the material into a foreign language not otherwise being published by the BSSC." Brother Bobby Sparks made this motion at the Tulsa, Oklahoma meeting of the messengers of the American Baptist Association.

BSSC Chairman David M. Butimore Sr., reported to me that the committee had determined that the VBS files produced by the BSSC and used by the churches in 2016 will be made available by the end of the year. Thanks for your prayers and thanks to Brother Sparks and the "overwhelming majority" of messengers, but most of all thanks to God for answering our prayers!

ICP office manager in the Philippines, Jeremiah Abay, is well underway with preparing to re-cycle our already translated VBS series "Good News Games." We plan to print enough of these for at least two hundred churches to have VBS in 2017. To God be the glory!

As soon as the 2016 VBS files are made available we will begin translating for use in 2018 in the Philippines as well as Romania, Burma and if funds allow Kenya.

We will continue to write and produce the Character Code for Life curriculum for use in Sunday schools and public schools in all the countries where ICP has a ministry. This will be very costly, but immensely rewarding with the opportunity to reach many thousands of children in many countries around the world.

Thank you.

—Bill Johnson, Missionary, Director ICP Sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church Hamburg, AR

"WASTED CHILDREN" HOW ICP HELPS WITH HUMANITARIAN NEEDS OF CHILDREN

An astounding twenty-one thousand people, most of them children, die each day of hunger-related causes. Add to this the fact that the Center for Disease Control reports that many diseases and conditions can be prevented and/or controlled through personal hygiene. As tragic as this fact may be, there is reason for hope. In our effort to meet the spiritual needs of children, as well as adults, in remote areas of the world, ICP/His Offspring Ministries has found that it is often necessary to help with hunger and hygiene related problems. The following incident will give an insight to the ministry outreach of ICP/His Offspring Ministries.

Brother Bill and Rita Johnson, founders of ICP, stood with a faculty member of the Alasas Elementary School and surveyed a group of about one hundred children gathered in an open-air pavilion. The faculty member softly said to Bro. Johnson, "Pastor, we need to help these children. They have been diagnosed as 'learning impaired' because they have no food." That simple statement of the need to help the hungry children cut deeply into the Johnsons' hearts.

If the children were so hungry they could not learn in school, neither could they understand the gospel message. The ICP Milk Feeding Program was started. In just a few years hundreds of these children have been removed from the list of "wasted kids," as one Filipina school principal referred to them. Many of these children have been saved and baptized by Amazing Grace Baptist Church. A youth choir is now composed of many of these children who are now in their teen years.

Clearly, many children of the world simply do not have the basic necessities of life: food, clothing and shelter. ICP is now helping thousands of these children. The milk feedings have grown to include children from at least three elementary schools representing perhaps a total of at least 1,200 children. Personal hygiene kits supplied by churches in the States have been given to as many as 20,000 children. These hygiene kits are handed out after instructions in proper hand washing and tooth brushing methods and other personal



Rita Johnson and Filipino school student who was given a hygiene kit.

hygiene practices are given. Thousands of children have received clothing, including the "pillow case" dresses for girls and shorts with Tee shirts for boys (for how you can help with hygiene kits and "pillow case" dresses contact ICP).

The outreach of this ministry will continue and expand as funds are available. Churches and individuals may help by sending offerings designated Humanitarian Needs to ICP, P. O. Box 2587, Texarkana, AR 81854. For more information call 903 278 2648

PHILIPPINE LAND AND BUILDING FUND

As the ministry continues to grow in the Philippines, it becomes even more imperative that we purchase property and develop our own facility. Costs of property continue to increase, but we can still purchase a

LAND & BUILDING FUND JULY 10, 2016 Received - - - \$ 22,555.09 Goal - - - - - \$129,000.00 Needed - - - - \$107,444.91

suitable tract of land for \$129,000 and erect the building for aout \$60,000. Please con-

sider helping with this very much needed project. Call 903 278 2648, Bill Johnson for more information.

Send your contribution (in any amount) to ICP Philippine Land Fund, P. O. Box 2587, Texarkana, AR 71854.