

Each of our 33 countries is led by a National Coordinator. Almost all of these are citizens of those countries. Eight Regional Coordinators (RCs) coach, mentor and oversee these leaders. In this newsletter our RCs share what inspires them.



**Neddy Mundia Nanjowe** serving Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Ethiopia, Malawi, Rwanda

I get my inspiration to work for ICCM through the evidence of changed lives. ICCM in my region keeps children in school, thus lowering school drop-out rates. It provides a stop to early marriages and raises the child-bearing age for girls. It offers significant impact on employment and occupational choices for graduates, which then improves the quality of life.

**Belle Villanueva** serving Cambodia, Myanmar, The Philippines, Thailand, Creative Access V

Saraleen of the Philippines came into the ICCM sponsorship program when she was a little girl. Recently, she completed her doctorate in pure math at the best state university in the country.

When asked why she is into pure math, Saraleen replied: "It brings me a sense of wonder – that behind all the mathematical ideas, there is a mind – the Creator. He is the mind behind the creation we see, and He is the mind behind the abstract we cannot see."

Saraleen helps in a Free Methodist church in the Northern Philippines teaching children and discipling young adults. Saraleen, the thousands of ICCM alumni and sponsored children, inspire me. They are living portraits of what happens – to a little girl or a little boy – when you, the ICCM team and the child's communities, and we together care for and protect each child. One child at a time together.



**Kay Stotts** serving Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay, Creative Access X

There is a window of time that opens in a person's heart between the ages of 4 to 14. It's in this moment of time when a person is most receptive, most open and most responsive to the Truth and to every aspect of Spiritual and developmental input.

With 70% of all decisions for Christ being made during this 4-14 window, it's no wonder that we (you, the ICCM team and their communities partnering strategically and hand-in-hand with the Free Methodist Church worldwide) want to give our very best where it counts the very most. I am inspired by this amazing opportunity we have – together – to

reach out in love and generosity to the most receptive, most open and most moldable among us ... children! Open windows!

**Mark Nsimbi** (U.S. based, part-time) serving Kenya

What inspires me most about leading ICCM Kenya is that it is a response to the call of working with the poor. Paul in Galatians says that when James, Peter and John realized that he had been given the grace to preach to the Gentiles they asked him to continue to remember the poor. This is what the Free Methodist Church is doing through ICCM. We remember and serve the poor. I know this is pleasing to the LORD. Nothing brings me more joy than to know what I am doing is pleasing to the LORD.





**Stella Bokare** serving Bangladesh, India, Nepal

My call to serve children in my capacity is my best inspiration in leading ICCM in the South Asia region. The most pressing concerns of children in India, Nepal and Bangladesh as widely known across the world is child exploitation in multifaceted ways – leading to a deeply marred image of God. In my six years of leading ICCM in these countries, I have seen remarkable transformation of children’s lives and restoration of God’s purpose in families through the profound ministries of ICCM.

Mother Teresa said, “The child is the beauty of God present in the world, the greatest gift to a family.” ICCM is partnering with families to nurture this greatest gift of God. And YOU are one of them. Thanks for your great contribution.

**Ray Babcock** serving Brazil

Some children in Brazil have every opportunity. Some have none. I am privileged to see opportunity provided where there was none. I see the wonderful results and the gratitude of children who receive excellent education, improved nutrition, and protection from trafficking. Many of these children have an intense love for Jesus, whom they might not otherwise have known.



**Rex Bullock** serving Haiti

Poorest nation in the western hemisphere. A two-hour plane ride from the richest country in the world. On a continuous cycle of natural and man-made disasters. Subjected to corrupt governments for decades.

BUT, here lives the most warm and gracious people you’ll ever meet. Haitian Free Methodists have a deep hunger and thirst after God. In 53 years, the church has grown from 12 to more than 150,000.

ICCM Haiti has over 50 schools and more than 5,000 sponsored children. Formerly sponsored children include an ICCM National Coordinator, a university president and a bishop. With the kind of spirit that overcomes adversity, I am humbled and thrilled to have the privilege of working with these beautiful people.

**Vickie Reynen** serving Liberia, Nigeria, Togo

I began working with ICCM in 1992. Over the years I have seen the ICCM program develop from primarily supporting educational needs, to intentionally working in a more dedicated partnership with the global Free Methodist Church, to invest in our sponsored children in more holistic ways. This is inspiring to me because I know as we work together to develop the children in all areas of their lives, they will be better equipped to meet the challenges they may face, in healthy, holistic ways. And that will automatically impact their communities, their families, their churches.



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When you sponsor a child you change a world.

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