

**N**ot all of the stories of the children in the ICCM program have happy endings like the ones featured here. Some children, for a variety of reasons, may leave the program before they finish high school. Are they failures? No! All sponsored children have benefited in some way. Basic literacy is a huge advantage in their context, so even an elementary education makes a difference. Our programs help children to develop in all dimensions of their lives, so your sponsored child has definitely been blessed by your support.

Investing in a child is an act of faith, and we can't control the outcome. We give, we pray, we trust, and sometimes we receive wonderful news that a young adult has excelled far beyond their peers. Celebrate with us! And thank you for faithfully standing alongside "ordinary" children — knowing, of course, that no child is "ordinary." Each one is special, valued and loved by God and you.



**Heng was part** of the House of Joy in Cambodia. After he became a Christ-follower, he began serving on the church worship team. Heng and his three sisters are social orphans.

He received three chickens from ICCM. Despite his dire circumstances, Heng soon had a flock of chickens. This helped develop an interest in agriculture.

After he graduated from the ICCM program, he received a university scholarship through a program of the FMC of Hong Kong. After he graduated with a degree in agriculture, he got a job in Israel. From his earnings, he has been able to provide a home for his sisters, who were able to get out of the sex trade and now work as hair dressers and in sales. Sponsorship and its provision has changed the lives of four people. It started with chickens!

### Emerging Leaders Haiti Providence University

**"Thank you for** supporting me. You have helped me. I am now in my fourth year as a nursing student. I am privileged to be involved in many activities on campus including the university chapel choir." – Esther Joseph

"Thank you for helping fund my studies. I am getting the knowledge and skills needed for my profession. I participate actively in the chapel services. They help me stay connected with God." – Fisline Augustin

"I am thankful to have been a scholarship recipient.

Thank you. I look forward to graduation. I participate in many extracurricular activities such as English club. I am a mentor to first year nursing students and I am a lab assistant. I usher for the church at the university and volunteer at the nursing center on campus." – Wildline Theophin

"I am working hard to succeed but without you it would have been very difficult to cover the cost of my schooling. Beside school activities, I am the president of the Ushers' committee at the university church. I also participate in other nursing school extracurricular activities. Thank you!" – Christelle Jolibois



**Pharmacists,  
 lawyers**

accountants, teachers, ICCM National coordinators, engineers, doctors and pilots-in-the-making ... these were just a few of the professions represented by the 20+ ICCM alumni that met in Nairobi earlier this year. It was awesome, especially as one by one they expressed, "I wouldn't be where I am today" without the support received from their ICCM sponsors in their primary and secondary school years.



Having experienced the struggles and challenges facing some of our ICCM sponsored children now, the alumni were eager to discuss and plan on how to mentor and encourage the students in our Kenyan program today. When visiting schools, children are often asked ... "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Hands go up and answers come forth — "a pilot, a doctor, a teacher, a lawyer ... President!" These are typical answers, but do the children actually believe it can happen? With our ICCM alumni mentoring, encouraging and advocating for our current ICCM students, the answer is most definitely "YES," it can happen! With God, all things are possible!

We, too, are very grateful for where God has brought our ICCM alumni and we're excited that they are willing to be a part of the ICCM story still unfolding in Kenya. We celebrate them and are eager to see them engaging with ICCM in a way that will certainly produce another generation of ICCM alumni with grateful hearts, ready to serve and give back. Praise be to God!

**Eden is the** youngest of nine children. She grew up in Smokey Mountain Village in Butuan City, Philippines. Smokey Mountain Village is the garbage dump, named for constantly smoking trash.

Eden's life was changed when Willy Abrao of Ahon Ministries, an ICCM project, started visiting her house. (Ahon Ministries focuses on holistic child development for children who live at the garbage dump.) When Eden was 10, she joined Ahon Ministries and was sponsored through ICCM. At the age of 13, she became a Christian. Eden said, "God set aside my problems and gave me peace

in my heart. Through the love of God, I changed." Eden is the only believer in her family and the only one of her siblings to continue her education.



As a high school student, Eden fasted and prayed, seeking direction for her future. God revealed He wanted

Eden to be a pastor. At first, she protested. But, after reading 2 Timothy 4, she was convinced it was His plan.

**"I give you this charge:  
 Preach the word; be prepared  
 in season ..." (2 Timothy 4:1b-2a).**

Eden's life has been transformed. Her family no longer lives at the dump. She is a student at Light and Life Bible College in Butuan City. She is thankful for God's work in her life, the Ahon staff, the Bible college staff and her ICCM sponsors.



**Your sponsorship has changed the world by changing the life of a child. Thank you!**