

Reflections REFLECTION?

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International Child Care Ministries

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The generosity of ICCM's donors makes it possible for ICCM to respond to many urgent needs around the world. It rightly gives all of us joy to supply water filters where water may carry dangerous bacteria; animals where they may bring improved nutrition to children and their families; Bibles to children who have never before owned one and books of any kind are scarce; and wells



where clean water is in short supply – all in the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus.

ICCM has always been involved in providing food to hungry children, but this year has been exceptional because of the great need created by the Coronavirus pandemic. ICCM's donors have stepped up in extraordinary fashion, giving to our Extend Your Table fund and enabling us to provide the means for emergency food distribution in 23 countries to-date this year.

Persecution of minority peoples is an ongoing evil all around the world. In one Creative Access region, most members of a persecuted ethnic group were forced to abandon everything they had in



order to flee for their lives. They are a pastoral people; raising sheep and goats has been their way of life for untold generations. Now they were bereft of everything they had ever known.

One Free Methodist Church gave a generous Advent Conspiracy offering toward ICCM's animal projects. This enabled ICCM to forward \$10,000 as seed money to help families of this group begin building toward having their own herds again. Because of Spirit-led generosity on the part of our donors, these friends have a new opportunity before them, including the opportunity to know our Lord and Savior. This photo captures the joy of one child.



Confident in God's Faithfulness



Before finishing high school, HT started working for ICCM. HT an innovative thinker and strategic leader in a creative access country is routinely questioned by the authorities. This once made HT afraid. But God's faithfulness in the past gives HT confidence for each day.

This work in a country hostile to Christianity needs about 25 more committed sponsors to boost the work being done. Pray God will supply these sponsors and help ICCM workers safely spread the word about HT's work. Pray God will supply volunteers with administrative skills to assist HT. Pray God will encourage and strengthen HT. The secrecy required can be isolating and the work lonely.

ICCM Transition

ICCM Church Relations Director Jen Finley served ICCM for 6 years. Jen has been a wonderful advocate for ICCM as she spoke in churches and coordinated with connected community churches. Jen connected hundreds of children with sponsors. She was instrumental in organizing the children's program at two General Conference events.

Jen is pictured here with John Paul. She met him when she visited the Philippines. Her family is now sponsoring him. Jen has transitioned out of ICCM to undertake a senior pastoral appointment at John Wesley Free Methodist Church (Indianapolis, IN). Thank you, Jen, for being obedient to God's call on your life.

