



International Child Care

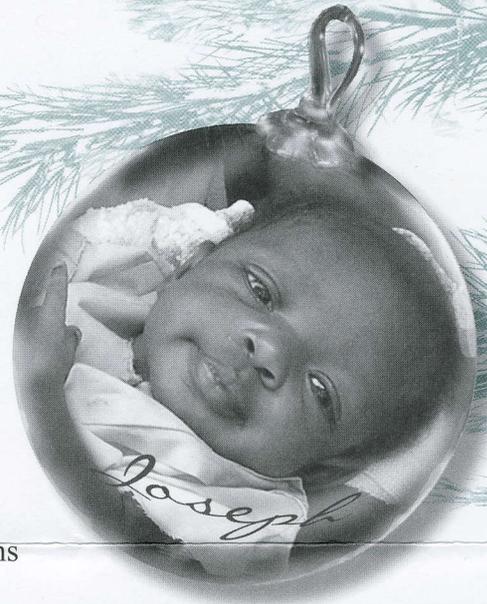
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~John 10:10 NRSV

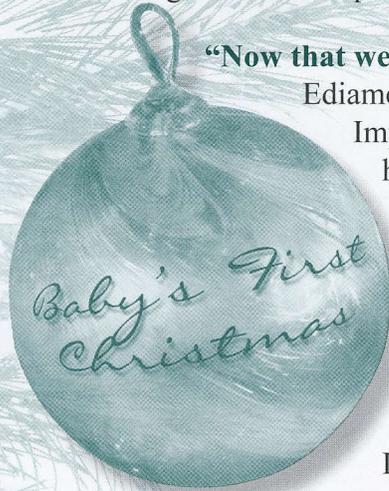
Dear Friend,

Have you ever given a coffin as a baby gift?

Just a few years ago, it was common practice for expectant parents in rural Haiti to build a small coffin, knowing that the chances were good their son or daughter would die in infancy or early childhood. But since 1999, when International Child Care began a concentrated, grassroots health initiative in villages like Grand Gille, Selon, and Jolitrou, the coffins are no longer a standard preparation for a new baby.



"Now that we have ICC training, ten babies are born, and ten babies live!" declared Ediaméne St. Juste, the supervisor of family planning and midwife training in Selon. Improved access to clean water sources, sanitation systems, and basic preventative health care like vaccines all contribute to the increased number of healthy children.



Rural Haitian villages are not the only place where children have a better chance at life. **UNICEF recently reported a decrease in child mortality rates throughout Latin America and the Caribbean**, most notably in the **Dominican Republic**, where the number of children dying—mostly from preventable diseases—decreased by one-third since 1990.

It is International Child Care's community-based health initiatives, partnered with top-notch care at facilities like Grace Children's Hospital, that are the driving force behind this positive change in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. **This change begins with you!** **When you make a gift to support ICC's health, education and prevention programs, you are giving the gift of life.** It's encouraging to see progress and to know that thanks to you, new parents will celebrate their first Christmas with their babies this year instead of mourning their loss.

These vital programs must not only continue, but grow and expand in order to keep the momentum of healthier children and families going. **Please help us with a generous gift this Christmas season**, so that children in Haiti and the Dominican Republic "may have life, and have it in abundance," as Jesus promised.

Christmas blessings,

Keith Mumma
U.S. National Director

P.S. Your gift of \$100 will make a big difference for babies like Joseph--please send it right away!



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Yes! I'd like to give the gift of life by supporting ICC's health, education, and prevention programs.

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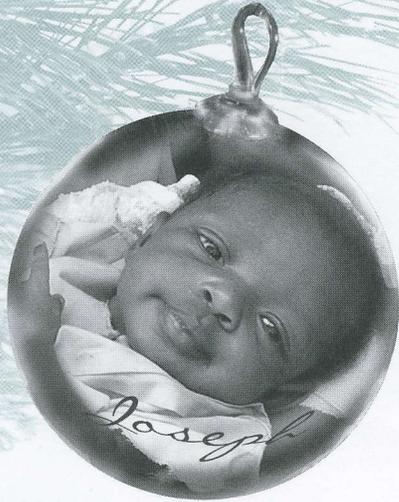
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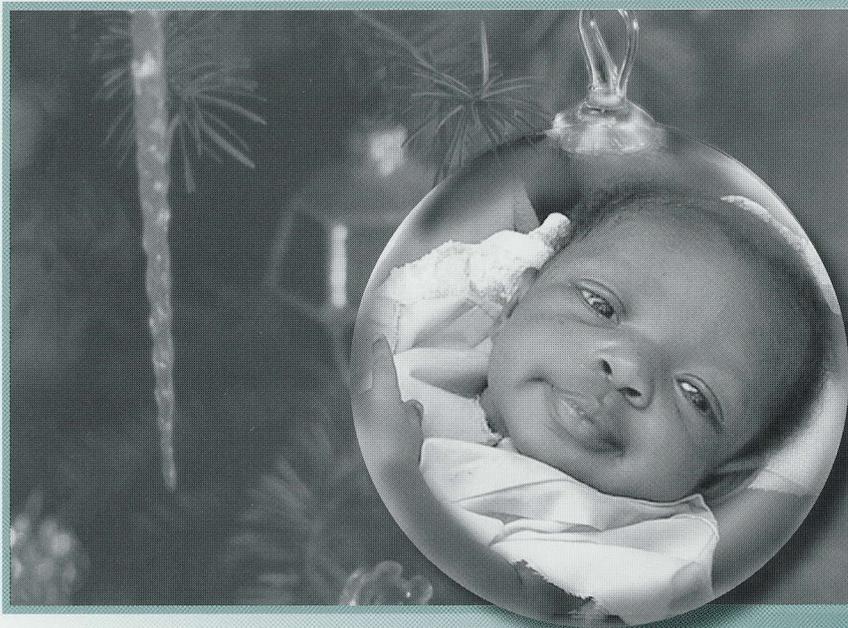
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It is not our intention that any communication from International Child Care cause feelings of pressure or obligation to respond with a gift. Our desire is to keep you informed of ministry progress and results, as well as opportunities for your consideration. We believe that God will meet the needs presented through the response of those who feel led by Him to participate.

Financial accountability and integrity are very important to International Child Care. At least 80% of all contributions are used on programs serving children and families.



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Thank you
for giving me my
first Christmas!

*With Love from Haiti,
Joseph St. Charles*