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International Child Care Welcomes Keith Mumma as U.S. National Director

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 1, 2005—International Child Care is pleased to welcome Keith

Mumma as its new U.S. National Director. Mumma has a long history of service with

International Child Care and has filled many different positions with the organization during his

sixteen years of involvement, including board member, board officer, Mission Education

Encounter team leader and Regional Director. His thirty-plus trips to Haiti and the Dominican

Republic have kept Mumma on the cutting edge of events on the turbulent Caribbean island of

Hispaniola, and he brings a special passion for capturing the island's people and places in his

photography.

Mumma has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography from the Minneapolis College of Art

and Design and has worked as a professional photographer since 1976. Mumma's love of

photography and interest in Haiti led to his designing and photographing *Degaje:*

Children of Haiti for International Child Care. The day-to-day lives and the culture of Haiti are

captured in Mumma's photos. Warm, funny, respectful and beautifully photographed, the black

and white images give the viewer a true sense of the country.

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Mumma is enthusiastic about his new role with International Child Care. “I highly recommend that everyone get involved with ICC at some level, whether it’s traveling to Haiti or the Dominican Republic, making gowns or diapers for the kids at the hospital, giving a financial gift, or sponsoring a Bed for Grace—there’s something for everyone. Between the friends I’ve made over the years and the joy that’s come from seeing lives changed, I’ve found that investing in ICC is always worthwhile,” he says.

Beyond his dedication to International Child Care, Mumma is also active in many other areas of his community. In addition to serving as scoutmaster for Kalamazoo Boy Scouts of America Troop 205, Mumma is a member of the Kalamazoo Rotary Club. Mumma has held many positions of church lay leadership in the Stockbridge Avenue United Methodist congregation in Kalamazoo, which he has attended since 1952, including administrative council chair, staff/parish relations committee, and youth leader. He has also served in a number of capacities in the Kalamazoo District and West Michigan Conference as a member of the district missions committee, conference communications committee, and Michigan Area Haiti Task Force.

International Child Care is a Christian health development organization that has been working in Haiti since 1967 and the Dominican Republic since 1988. The organization’s mission is to respond to a loving God by promoting health and well-being for the children and families of Haiti and the Dominican Republic through caring service and the education of others. Centered at the Grace Children’s Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, International Child Care has

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long been known for its work toward eradicating tuberculosis in the island nation, which is the poorest in the western hemisphere. Today, its programs address a wide variety of health and wellness needs in both Haiti and the neighboring Dominican Republic, providing services like community health clinics, HIV/AIDS treatment services, rehabilitation for children with disabilities, and trained traditional birth attendants, all of which help children and families have the best possible chance for a brighter future.

As International Child Care's new U.S. National Director, Mumma's top priority is to continue to raise awareness and support for International Child Care's healthcare programs in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Mumma and other International Child Care staff and board members are available to speak to churches, community groups, and other organizations about the programs and services the organization provides. Copies of the quarterly newsletter and other International Child Care publications are also available free of charge. For more information, contact the national office at 1-800-722-4453 or visit the website, www.intlchildcare.org.

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