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Auction Thanks



Thank you to everyone who supported CIN's first online auction through donated items and bidding. This year's auction raised over \$7,500 to help impact children around the world!

We also want to extend a special BIG thank you to Auction Chair, Jordan Beckner. He was responsible for securing the great vacation packages listed on the auction. We are truly grateful for his commitment to CIN- as a missionary to the Bolivia Life Center orphanage and most recently through the auction.

It is with great excitement we also announce that Jordan has agreed to chair next year's auction. If you're interested in helping with this annual event, please contact Michelle Shott at michelle@cinonline.org. We will be forming an auction committee in January 2011 to help with next year's online fundraising auction.

Pressing Needs at the BLC: Help Prepare our Teams for the Work

As summer approaches here in the States, there are five teams of missionaries preparing to go to the Bolivia Life Center orphanage. In the Southern hemisphere, the months are growing cooler as winter moves into Bolivia. At the orphanage our hardworking staff looks forward to the help of the teams, and the boys eagerly await the visits from their North American families.

Last year, our teams accomplished 1,550 hours of work at the orphanage. This year, we will host even more team members and we have high hopes for the things they will accomplish. As we prepare for their work, we need your help. There are many urgent needs at the orphanage. We don't want our teams' energies to be hindered by budget.

Will you make a donation to help with these urgent needs and work projects?

Juan (name changed to protect the privacy of this child) was rescued from the streets three years ago. Growing up homeless, he was abused regularly and never had a bed. Now, he's tucked safely into his own bed each night but nightmares still plague his sleep. He often wets the bed; sometimes because he can't shake himself out of a bad dream, other times as a result of lingering habits from when he slept on the ground. Our children are healing and growing, but they still have serious and traumatic issues with which our loving staff works daily to help them overcome. Juan's story is not uncommon at the Bolivia Life Center orphanage. In fact, we have 30 boys in great need of a new mattress for these very reasons.

In addition, the boys need school supplies, shoes and coats for the impending winter months. If funds are available, we would like to utilize the teams to help us improve the boys' dormitories. We would like to add a lounge area with couches to each of the dormitories, so the boys have an appropriate place to congregate in their rooms.

This summer can provide another milestone in the boys' healing - through the teams' visits and through the physical evidence of our love displayed by improvements to their home. You can play an important role in accomplishing this goal.

We need your help purchasing the materials to equip our teams for their jobs. And, we need your help to provide the best, safe and loving home our boys deserve.

\$30 will buy a jacket for a child
\$100 will buy a new mattress for a boy
\$1100 will buy 2 sofas and a coffee table for one dormitory



New Additions to our Missions Team



CIN is excited and honored to welcome Mike and Tara Kulik to our missions team. Mike and Tara have been doing missions work for over six years. They have been serving children in the United States for 17 years and have visited 10 different countries for these same purposes.

Mike and Tara will be celebrating their 21st wedding anniversary next weekend. They have four children, Marshall (19), Zachary (18), Melissa (14) and Travis (7). Mike and Tara both have additional full time jobs outside of their missions work. Mike has worked with UPS for the past 21 years and has a degree from Southeastern University in Church Leadership. Tara enjoys working in the preschool at Trinity Christian Academy where all their children have attended school. Tara is currently pursuing a Bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education.

Mike and Tara began started in children's ministry as helpers and music leaders in children's church. Later, they served as Children's and Youth Pastors at New Life Community Church in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Then in 2008, the door was opened for Mike to go to an island in the Western Caribbean on a missions trip and preach to children. What surprised Mike about this trip was the extreme interest in his work shown by the children's workers. They wanted to know how he developed the materials and messages. This trip was the beginning of a new journey for Mike and Tara. From that point on, they have been reaching children by equipping leaders already on the ground to share the Word with kids. Mike and Tara have returned to this same country together 4 times since his first trip. While there, they focus on training, teaching and supplying children's workers in the church with materials they don't have access to. Mike and Tara will continue this work through a partnership with CIN - allowing CIN to extend our reach into a new area with many children in need. Mike and Tara have two conferences scheduled for this summer as well as two more conferences next fall and winter. At these conferences, they will teach and supply ministries with materials such as puppets, costumes and curriculum. They will also provide leaders with much needed technology not available to them in their home country, such as laptops, memory sticks, printers, etc. In addition to supplies and teaching, children in attendance at these events also receive food, transportation and housing.

Want to email the Kulik's and welcome them to the CIN family? You can do so at mikeandtara@cinonline.org

Sell Stuff & Raise Dollars for CIN

eBay Community Sellers donate part or all of their sale to your organization.



CIN partnered with MissionFish, a part of eBay for our online auction, and the partnerships will continue throughout the year. You can sell any item and pick CIN from the nonprofit list when creating your listing. Then, you can set a percentage to be shared with CIN for each sale. Once the item is listed, bidding begins on eBay. When the item sells, you get paid by the buyer and ship the item - same as always. MissionFish collects the donation from the seller, pays the nonprofit and provides a tax receipt. The listing fees are also pro-rated based on the percentage you donate to a charity.

For more information, visit: www.missionfish.org

Reduce Your Trash & Help CIN Save Money

Are you sponsor or BLC Partner who gives a donation each month? If so, first let us say thank you.

Secondly we would like to ask for your help in cutting some of our costs. Currently our system is set up to mail you a receipt each time you make a donation. In an attempt to decrease printing and postage costs, we are going to stop sending receipts for monthly giving. If you need a receipt, you can always sign into your online account and print one, or contact Michelle Shott at michelle@cinonline.org. We will send an annual statement listing your total contributions for the year in January.