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Covenant Kids support programs that meet the educational, social, physical, and spiritual needs of children around the world.

#### **COLOMBIA**

One-to-one Sponsorship Program

#### INDIA

Child Development Centre Neighborhood Schools Child Laborers Rag Picker Children Children of Commercial Sex Workers English Medium School, Solapur St. John's School, Gulbarga Industrial Training Institute Higher Education

#### CONGO

Technical Training Elementary Education Girls' Education

SUDAN Good Hope Academy

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# **Covenant Kids celebrates one year of expanded mission work**

This summer is the one year mark of the expansion of Covenant Kids. The increase of donors has been slow but steady. The needs of poverty are great but there is a chance to help. Thank you for putting God's love in action by supporting Covenant Kids.

June marks the one-year anniversary of the expansion of Covenant Kids. The program grew last year because of a trip ECC leaders took to India in 2009. The ministries with whom Covenant World Mission and Covenant World Relief partner are doing incredible ministry to children in desperate need, and those ministries need funding. ECC



Manuela and Camilo are two children who receive enrichment instruction as a result of Covenant Kid sponsorship. Like Kelly, they enjoy the benefits of educational opportunities, extra food and attention to the needs of their families.

leaders left India with a burden to respond to the impact of poverty. Child sponsorship programs seemed a good fit for the need; the structure for Covenant Kids existed in Colombia. CWM and CWR have long-standing relationship with the Congo Covenant and Sudan Covenant churches, so those ministries were added, as well.

## Colombia

Kelly became involved with the church when she was eight years old. Kelly lives with her mother and her siblings. Their father left the family and does not support them. In spite of these difficulties, Kelly prays to God and spends time learning about the word of God. Kelly attends the enrichment sessions offered through Covenant Kids. She has learned a lot and grown spiritually. She prays for help for her siblings, in the midst of many needs, especially for food. At times her mother does not have money to pay for food and the situation in their house is hard. Kelly gives thanks for the donations of the church because she can have a snack on Saturdays and has received clothes for school as well.

### Congo

"In my house we do not always have electricity", says Albert age 7. "We use one kerosene lamp at night. Then I go to sleep with my family all in the same room. My mom and sisters wake up early to go to market. There they sell things from our garden in order to buy other food. My job is to help my brothers fetch water for bathing and cooking. We fill big buckets and carry them back to the house. After that we get to go to school. I like to see my friends at school and learn reading. On Sundays we go to church. Everyone sings songs and sometimes I play outside with my friends while the pastor is teaching."

## India

Modern Madrasa is a school started by a Muslim-background believer, Dr. Siddiqui. It is one of the Truthseeker Neighborhood Schools that receives support from Covenant Kids. The Koran speaks of the Prophet Jesus and that to be a good Muslim, one must study his life. Thus, Dr. Siddiqui has opened a school in his poor Muslim community where the instructions of the Koran are followed by studying Jesus and his teachings (the Bible). This school is located in the center of the urban crunch of Delhi.

"My name is Fara and I am a 12 year old girl, studying in Class 4. I have three brothers and four sisters. My father earns about 2000 Rupees (\$50USD) per month for the family.

"I am studying in Modern Madrasa, learning English and Urdu. In this school, students are taught honesty and discipline, love and kindness. All students are treated as humans and as children of the one most high God. The fees are very little, which is why I can attend, and the education is true and fair. Our teachers take care of us and love us as a family. I and my two brothers who study here are very glad for this school."

## Sudan

Duany is an 12 year old girl living outside of Bentiu, Sudan. She walks the dirt path to Good Hope Academy each day for lessons. There she learns English and math skills as well as some Bible instruction. Most schools in Sudan do not educate girls. Good Hope Academy offers a unique opportunity for Duany. She likes to read and sits near the front of the class where the teacher can see her. When she gets home she helps her mother and sisters with the washing and cooks outside on an open fire. Duany can anticipate a brighter future because of her education. Donations given through Covenant Kids provide Bibles, notebooks and pencils.

Albert and a group of his classmates pose for a photo on the way home from school. Enthusiastic and full of life, they can expect a better future because of help from Covenant Kids.



# Covenant Kids News & Notes

New service project and onlline giving coming soon.



#### SIGN UP NOW to

contribute to Covenant Kids each month with an electronic funds

transfer. Contact Kim Crawford at kim.crawford@covchurch.org to get the process started. This makes your monthly donation easy and automatic. Remember that you can also make your scholarship gift on-line at the Covenant Bookstore.

**COMING SOON!** Covenant Kids will be featured next year in the Children's Service Project curriculum.

The Children's Service Project is a 24 week curriculum that teaches children about a specific need in the world



and offers them an opportunity to contribute. It is a joint partnership between Covenant World Relief and the Christian Formation Department. This year Covenant Kids is fortunate to be included in this great endeavor. This could be a great opportunity for the children of your church.

# You can help...

Your \$25 monthly donation provides scholarships for children, teenagers, and young adults, so they may participate in programs that meet their educational, social, physical, and spiritual needs. To start your monthly contribution, get more brochures or find out more information, call (773) 784-3000, or email to covenantkids@covchurch.org.

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