

COVENANT Kids

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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Stories of need meet the work of God's love through Covenant Kids

Danvir, Liabana, Nyamoch Rout and Jose Andres: four of God's children in four different countries have unique faces, families and personalities. Yet their needs for care and education are equally profound. God's love reaches these children through Covenant Kids scholarships. Read their stories below.

India



On a warm Sunday morning in Bangalore, India 4 year old Danvir tugged on the pants of Pastor Paul Devakumar. "Will you pray for me?" the young boy asked. "I will," replied the tall man, "but what do you really want?" With downcast eyes Danvir explained his need.

A couple of weeks ago, out of desperation, his father had poured kerosene over the entire family as they slept. He drenched the young boy, his mother, his elder sister and baby sister. He then covered himself with kerosene and started a fire. Danvir had managed to escape along with his mother and the baby. Sadly, his elder sister and father died in the fire.

Danvir continued, "My mom has now gone to work with a family. They will let her live there with my baby sister but they won't let me stay. I've been sleeping under the tree outside the temple. Will you pray for me that I will find a place to stay?"



Danvir (far left) has a shy smile and a full heart. God has given him a home, an education and a full life through Covenant Kids donations and India for Christ Ministries.

Danvir's message tugged at Paul Devakumar's heart that Sunday morning and he offered him nurturing care and education. Because of Danvir Rev. Devakumar realized that many of the children who came to Sunday school each week were in such need. He began the Child Development Centres through India for Christ Ministries. Everyday

Danvir, and children just like him, receive education and care through these ministry centres.

Colombia



Jose Andres is in first grade this year but is very behind in his studies. His mom Valentina, is a single-parent who cleans houses to support her three children. She could not afford to buy him a uniform earlier in the year so he missed several months of instruction. Jose Andres recently received a donated uniform and school supplies from the church and can now attend school. He also goes to the after-



Jose Andres got a late start with school this year. With the help of a Covenant Kids sponsor he is quickly catching up to his classmates and enjoying school.

school group where he has tutoring help, a snack and a place to play. Every night Jose Andres prays for the needs of his family. He sees that God has faithfully taken care of them even when money has run short. Jose Andres is thankful for the church and the ways that they have generously helped his family with the help of Covenant Kids funds.

Sudan



Nyamoch Rout and her family had been walking for a day already. At seven years old she was now expected to carry some of the grains they received from aid workers in the next town over. She had been excited to help out with this task but was now feeling hot and tired. She, her mother and sisters had only stopped twice

during the heat of the day to rest in the tall grasses along the road. They still had a day left to go. Nyamoch Rout could not wait to get back to school at Good Hope Academy. She loves listening to the lessons, singing songs and seeing her friends. The teachers at Good Hope Academy teach stories and truths from the Bible along with reading and math. Nyamoch Rout's family knows that her future will be better because she is able to go to school.

Congo



It is four o'clock in the afternoon and Liabana and her friends have just finished school. They giggle and laugh as they walk out of the classroom and into the bright sunlit day. Their classroom is a cement building with an aluminum roof. The students sit on simple wooden desks and there is a single, black chalkboard at the front of the room. Liabana and her friends are young teenagers. Other girls their age are beginning to get married and have children but these girls would like to keep studying for a while. Liabana says, "I am glad that I get to study and I hope that someday I can help others with the things I am learning in school." Scholarship funds from Covenant Kids make it possible for them to continue their education and take exit exams from secondary school. They are gaining confidence, knowledge and hope in Christ.



A simple concrete classroom provides a hopeful future for Liabana in Congo and Nyamoch Rout in Sudan. A \$25 scholarship donation buys exams that give these bright girls something to look forward to.

Covenant Kids News & Notes

Covenant Kids service project and special thanks



Tell your churches!
Covenant Kids is featured this 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.

Covenant Kids was highlighted at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the ECC in St. Paul this summer. At the **Bob Stromberg** comedy concert an offering was taken to support Covenant Kids scholarships. Hundreds of people enjoyed an evening of laughter and shared an outpouring of generosity for children in need. Thank you Bob Stromberg for giving attention to this great need.



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.