

# COVENANT Kids



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

#### COLOMBIA

Covenant Kids Colombia

#### 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  
Kindergarten School  
Elementary Education  
Girls' Education

#### SOUTH SUDAN

Good Hope Academy

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## Covenant Kids Ministries: protecting the most vulnerable

**The smallest, the least, orphans, the most vulnerable, refugee families, child laborers—Covenant Kids ministries reach out to these children to offer education, food, Jesus' love and hope for a brighter future. Your donations help ministry partners care for these beloved children of God.**

### India



In June 2011 leaders from several Covenant churches and Covenant Kids leadership traveled to India to visit some of the Covenant Kids partners.

A large pile of trash marked the entrance to a slum community in Pune, India. We

followed Pastor Akshay through the tight streets carefully stepping over trash and streams of laundry water. At the top of a rusted staircase was a small classroom that looked out over the corrugated metal roofs of homes and shops. In the classroom, children, sitting on straw mats on the floor, greeted us with smiles, good posture and a kind welcome in English.

This Child Labors Program of the Hindustani Covenant Church offers non-formal education to children who have to work to support their families. Each day these children wake up between four and five in the morning for work in factories, cleaning houses or babysitting and caring for their own siblings. In the afternoon, after their work is done, they come for a couple hours of lessons that include hygiene, letters, numbers and singing songs about Jesus. ➤



Balrati demonstrates her writing skills.

The children were eager to show us some drawings they had recently made. A little girl named Balrati had drawn a tree in a field on a sunny day. They also got out their slate boards and demonstrated their writing. Proudly and carefully they formed the letters A, B, C and D. Balrati and her friends have never been to school, nor have their parents or grandparents.

Mrs. Sarwanshe, the program's teacher explains, "if you ask them their favorite thing about coming here they always say 'learning.'" She and the other leaders encourage parents to enroll their children in the local public school knowing that it will cause the families to sacrifice an income source. Please pray that these children will find hope through education and in the name of Jesus.

## South Sudan



Roda is a teenaged girl who attends the Good Hope Academy in Bentiu, South Sudan. When she came to the Academy she had previously attended a Muslim school. There she was taught only the Koran and was forced to endure Female Genital Mutilation. Even in a school setting Roda, and many children like her, were vulnerable to abuse and kidnapping. Because of generous scholarship support she is a thriving student at the Good Hope Academy. There she learns a wide variety of subjects including English grammar, Bible lessons, mathematics and social history. The strength and success of Good Hope Academy has protected the school and the students from individual attacks and government interference. For Roda, and hundreds of other students, Good Hope Academy is truly a place of hope. In a recent video clip Roda says, "we are very happy for the school which you have brought to us."

For more information about FMG visit the World Health Organization at [www.who.int](http://www.who.int). And to watch a video where Roda says "thank you" visit the Covenant Kids blog at <http://blogs.covchurch.org/covkids>

## Colombia



The Potosí Christian School in Bogotá, Colombia receives scholarship donations from Covenant Kids Colombia. Marilly Rocio Alvarez Verjel, the director of the school, states that, "the main objective of our ministry is that each child and family know and live out the transformation that Jesus Christ promises in His Word, and at the same time provide academic tutoring and food to each one of these children."

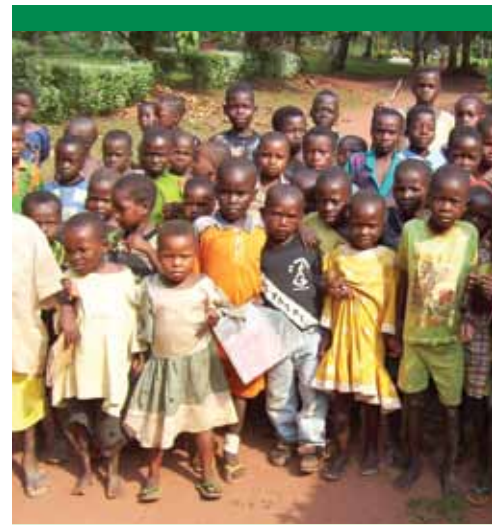
The Rodriguez Anzola family gives witness to how God is at work through the Potosí Christian School:

Mrs. Carlina Anzola is the mother of eleven children. Her husband passed away six months ago, and she arrived from Paraiso Bella Flor thirteen years ago. Her situation was a dire one, and she has been able to find economical, spiritual and academic support at the Covenant church where she attends.

Mrs. Anzola shares, "currently, I have five children studying at the Covenant school, Juan Diego Rodriguez Anzola in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Edwin Alexander in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Wendy Vanessa in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and Sara and Ruth in Preschool. I am very happy and thankful that my children receive love and are fed both physically and spiritually. I am thankful for their teachers, and for the support and help we have received from the church and the Covenant foundation that has changed our lives. I can say that we are truly blessed."



Preschool children at the Potosí School line up for recess.



## Congo



Covenant Kids announces a new ministry partner in the Covenant Church of Congo (CEUM)—Kindergarten School! Scholarships for this age group will provide teachers' salaries, classroom facilities and other educational needs. Children age three and up will be able to attend the kindergarten school. Here they will learn the basics of language and math. They will be better prepared to enter elementary school and on track for a life marked by good education. If a young child can attend kindergarten school their older brothers and sisters are freed from babysitting responsibilities and able to attend elementary school. A whole family can be changed by scholarship opportunities. Welcome Kindergarten School to Covenant Kids!

## 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](mailto:covenantkids@covchurch.org).