

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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Changing lives of children in need

Everyday thousands of children are provided an education, a place to learn and sing, a free meal and most of all, hope. These opportunities allow these children a glimpse of life outside the clutches of poverty, away from malnutrition and disease, out of the slums and into a different kind of future.

India



In the village of Kasthurirajugaripalle the Dalit people live at the far end of the road way past nicer homes, paved roads and lush shade trees. Dalit means outcast or untouchable and it is among this people group that the Child Development Centre (CDC) of India for Christ Ministries (IFCM) is situated. Even though the caste system in India is outlawed the Dalit are still treated like unwanted outcasts in society at large and in this little village.

The CDC is located in this Dalit community where they reach out to children like Nilavoli. Both of her parents died and she lives with her grandmother who is unable to make a living. She is one of many orphans that are cared for by IFCM through the CDC programs. Both Nilavoli and her grandmother get free meals at the CDC as well as tutoring, Bible



Nilavoli stands with her grandmother outside of the CDC where they both received a warm meal.

study and worship. India for Christ Ministries is committed to caring for orphans by supporting their families.

Colombia



My name is Didier Steven Arboleda Sánchez. I was born on March 7, 2003, so I am eight years old. My mom's name is María Sulema Sánchez and she does not live with my dad. My brother, Ciri, lives with me here at the Peace House and my other two older siblings are living either with my grandmother or with my dad.

Our home is in an internally displaced neighborhood where houses are made of wood with dirt floors which get wet when it rains. As well, the water in my neighborhood is not drinkable, nor is the sewer system very good.

Before coming to the Peace House we would have to stay alone at the house while my mom worked. My brother and I started to rebel, steal from others, and stayed out on the streets more and more. My mother talked to the director of the Casa de Paz because she did not know what else to do.

Now I am happy to be at the Peace House with my brother and six other boys. I am not yelled at, but the leaders correct us in love. We get good food – my favorite meal is chicken! We go to school and I am in second grade. We learn about more about God, and we have time to play and watch television after doing our homework. My favorite sport is soccer, and when I am grown up I want to be a taxi driver.

South Sudan



Patrick Luny Yoach teaches Grade Three at Good Hope Academy. Every morning he walks along the dirt road in the heat to his classroom made of sticks and tarps. There he meets the 50 students that he teaches in the morning session. 50 more will arrive later for the afternoon session. Most of his students are boys but there are about 10 girls throughout the day. Some of Mr.

Yoach's students have been absent recently as violent rebel attacks continue to take the lives of their family members. However, when they are in school they are eager to learn. Mr. Yoach pushes his students to read and learn the basics of math and social studies. Despite seeing so much violence in his own lifetime he is hopeful for this next generation of South Sudanese children.

Congo



Noa lives in Bogose Nubea, a small village 45 kilometers outside of Bokonzo, DR Congo. The area is quite remote – poor roads, no running water, no electricity. Noa recently turned 10, and is the second of six children. His father is unemployed, but works diligently in his garden so he can provide one meal a day for his family. Noa's family is plagued by battles with malaria and malnutrition. His mother recently gave birth to his youngest sister, who died when she was only 3 days old.

Noa is in 4th grade this year, attending



Noa and other children greet guests visiting their school in Bogose Nubea.

classes with 518 other children from the village – 324 boys and 194 girls. He dreams of finishing primary and secondary school, and hopes someday to attend university. Perhaps he'll grow up to be a nurse or a teacher or a farmer; he is hopeful that his life may make a difference in his village in the future. Paying for education is impossible for his parents, but going to school is made possible because of

the commitment of the Covenant Church of Congo (CEUM) to this region. The CEUM is grateful for its partnership with Covenant Kids-Congo, as they seek to transform communities through education, health care, community development, and faith with the love and power of Jesus Christ.

You can help...

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