

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

SUDAN

Good Hope Academy

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Breaking the Poverty Cycle Through Education

Covenant Kids believes that education is a means to break the cycle of poverty for children and generations in the future. We are proud to support our ministry partners in each of the four countries.

Colombia

 For more than 22 years the Niños del Pacto program has helped hundreds of children with materials like food and clothing or monetary payments for health needs and education.

Covenant Kids along with the leadership of Niños del Pacto and the Covenant Missionaries of Colombia have decided to embark on a transition of how children are supported. All who are engaged in the conversation recognize the unique challenges of maintaining a one-to-one sponsorship program and the decline of efficiency over the years. Many of the children who have been in Niños del Pacto left the neighborhood where they were living to neighborhoods in other cities. And extensive resources were spent tracking down the children and maintaining contact with them. It became very difficult to stay in relationship and some children did not have much



Students from The Potosi Christian School in Bogota, Colombia take a moment from their reading lesson to pose for a picture. The school will receive scholarship funds from Covenant Kids Colombia.

contact at all.

The Covenant Church in Colombia places children's ministry as a very high priority. Around the country, in neighborhoods where Niños del Pacto has been working, children's ministries serve the educational, spiritual and physical needs of children and their families. There is a strong commitment to supporting

these ministries including:

- *Casa de Paz*—rehabilitation ranch for at-risk boys
- *The Potosi Christian School*—education with a Christian emphasis in one of the poorest neighborhoods of Bogotá
- *Covenant Holistic Education Center*—ministry to elementary aged children in the Castilla neighborhood of Medellín

Updates on children from these specific ministries can be found in following newsletters and the Covenant Kids blog site.

Congo



Many girls and young women are awaiting the completion of a new, all-girl school that is being built in Bokonzo, Congo. There are complex obstacles for girls in Congo to receive an education. This new school building, along with scholarship funds, will allow girls the opportunity to learn in a safe and caring environment. Please pray with us for the work to be completed on the women's foyer so that classes can start soon and that scholarship funds will make it possible for many girls to go to school.



Girls stand outside the new all-girls school that is being built in Bokonzo, Congo with hopes of attending classes there soon.

India



Budhwar Peth is one of the largest red light districts in the world. Situated in the city of Pune, India it is home to thousands of commercial sex workers and

their children. Mrs. Gangubai Shinde was one of these commercial sex workers until caring staff of the Hindustani Covenant church (HCC) reached out to her and her daughter, Miss Renu. Mrs. Shinde left her work in the sex trade industry and is now a staff member ministering to other women as part of HCC's on-going outreach to commercial sex worker's and their children.

When workers of the HCC first met Mrs. Shinde she was not able to afford the educational fees or books for Miss Renu to go to school. HCC provided Miss Renu with scholarship funds that have enabled her to succeed in school. Now at the age of 17, she has just completed her twelfth grade exams. In the future, she hopes to take computer classes and attend business school.

HCC has not only helped with finances for studies but women counselors have also helped to guide her in her social and spiritual life. Mrs Shinde and Miss Renu are grateful for HCC's contributions and blessings in their life. And they look forward with hope.

Scholarship donations given through Covenant Kids India—Children of Commercial Sex Workers provide for the educational needs of children and young adults like Miss Renu.

Sudan



Yoanes Makuar Chuol is a teacher at the Good Hope Academy in Bentiu, Sudan. Everyday he teaches students in a building called a Tukul that is made out of branches and plastic covering. The students sit on random plastic chairs or simple wooden benches. Mr. Makuar Chuol teaches reading and writing in English. This is a valuable commodity in this region of Sudan where less than 5% of children receive education. He also teaches about their surroundings, history and the world at large. Mr. Makuar Chuol wants his students to know who God is and how he loves them and he is hopeful that for the peaceful future of Sudan.

Covenant Kids News & Notes

Covenant Kids on-line



Covenant Kids is on-line in new and helpful ways! Our webpage is part of the new CovChurch.org website. We also have

a blog that is a great way to read about children who are supported by Covenant Kids as well as updates and pictures. We are on Facebook too! And finally, you can easily contribute to Covenant Kids on-line!

Visit Covenant Kids Ministry Partners



Have you ever thought about visiting the children that receive your Covenant Kids scholarship donation?

Vision Trips through Covenant World Mission allow you to visit churches and partner ministries in India, Congo and Colombia. There will be a Vision Trip to Congo in September 2011. And there are regular opportunities to visit Colombia and India. Interested? Contact Kim Crawford kim.crawford@covchurch.org for more information.

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.