

COVENANT KIDS

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CovKids Share Their Stories

India



Vishal

Vishal is thirteen years old. He lives with his mother in Ghorpadi Gaon, a village in Pune, India. When Vishal's father died a few years ago from tuberculosis, his mother went to work as a maid in order to cover the financial needs of the family. Vishal's education was disrupted.

One of the congregations of the Hindustani Covenant Church (HCC) learned about Vishal's family. Covenant Social Service (CSS), the development wing of HCC committed to serve marginalized people, extended support so that Vishal could continue his education. He is now studying in seventh grade.

Puja

Puja is a ninth-grade student. She lives in Loni, a village outside of Pune. Her father passed away after a heart attack and her mother suffers from asthma. Because of

the financial strain on the family, Puja's older brother had to quit his studies. He now works in a petrol station to support the family.

After Puja's mother told the CSS staff how much Puja wanted to continue her studies, CSS agreed to pay her education expenses. Now she is happy and eagerly pursuing her education.

DR Congo



Merveille

Merveille, age twelve, and her family used to collect their drinking water from the murky waters of a local brook. As a result, Merveille often became ill from the contaminated water.

"I suffered bellyaches because of the bad water quality, and that caused me to be

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absent from school," Merveille said.

Through Covenant Kids Congo, clean water has become available in Merveille's neighborhood in Gemena, DR Congo. Merveille is one of 28,000+ people who have gained access to clean water. Now she is healthy and strong. "I thank my God for giving us water in the district," Merveille said.

Merveille's grandfather, Fakulu, recently noticed a reduction in waterborne illness at the health center he operates. "I've lived here since 1991 without having seen a water fountain," Fakulu said. "Now safe water has made its triumphant entry in our area where all the people consider it a relief."

 **Colombia****Luis**

Luis wanted to become a teacher at Paradise Educational Institute, a Covenant elementary school in Barranquilla. But in order to do that, he needed more education, and his family's financial situation made that impossible. With support from the Covenant Church of Colombia, he was able to study at the public university and graduate with a degree in Spanish and literature. "My dream is today a reality!" Luis says.

Through his work Luis helps contribute to the holistic education of the students. "My goal is to help them construct their learning and project a better vision for their lives, guided by the word of God," he says. "This model has helped so many students make progress despite the challenges and academic difficulties they face. This school is not just a place to do work, it is a space to share ideas that help transform lives."

Luz

Luz is eleven years old and started attending Paradise Educational Institute



in 2016. Since she began attending the school, Luz has been able to make great strides in learning and her self-esteem has improved as she has met teachers who encourage her.

"I like it here! I like that the teachers are joyful, they always treat us well, and are patient with us," Luz says. "Not only do they teach us to read and write, they also teach us about God and values that we can apply in our lives."

 **South Sudan**

Tesloach John, Duop Joseph, Goi David, and Jiech-laot Dojiok are all studying at schools that are part of the South Sudan CovKids program. Schools in South Sudan, especially those in the internally displaced person and refugee camps, struggle to acquire the supplies students need to learn. Blackboards, chalk, books, pens, sandal, school bags, and uniforms are all in short supply. Your support to CovKids is making a significant difference by helping students acquire the much needed supplies. Despite the challenges, the students are eager to learn in both their local languages and English. Eight CovKids schools in South Sudan serve more than 3,850 students.

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

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- Centro Integral Educacion Pacto
- FUSPA City Schools
- Covenant Christian School
- Bethlehem Covenant Foundation
- Hope Covenant Foundation
- House of Peace

DR CONGO

- Covenant Kids Congo
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INDIA

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

SOUTH SUDAN

- 6 elementary schools of the Evangelical Covenant Church of South Sudan

Thank you for walking alongside these children as their bright hopes come to life!

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