

## **CovKids Share Their Stories**



## **DR Congo**



At her home, Saverine has created a reading board. She loves teaching her brothers and sisters what she's learning about reading and writing. Saverine is twelve years old, and she recently learned how to read through a reading club supported by Covenant Kids Congo.

"The reading club has motivated me to go further and it has made of me a good reader in the church," Saverine said. "I do not know only reading and writing but understanding the content of what I am reading."

The CKC program helped start 11 reading clubs in Gemena, DR Congo, and train thirty community volunteers to manage them. At reading clubs, children practice reading and writing, study Bible verses, and sing songs to reinforce their lessons. Books are a rare resource in this

remote area, so these book clubs are very significant.

Saverine has excelled through this reading club and she now serves on the reading team at her church.



## **Colombia**



Miguel Angel, age ten, is from Bello in Colombia. He shares, "I am in second grade and I love my language, arts, and math classes. When I'm not at Casa de Paz I live in a neighborhood in Bello. I like my neighborhood because I have friends and we can play together. However, the neighborhood is not safe because of drugs and gangs. I live with my mother, my stepfather, my older brother, and younger sister. I am at Casa de Paz because my mom has to work a lot and I spend a lot of time alone hanging out on the street. I like living in Casa de Paz. The house is nice and they take us out to explore. They teach me

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how to read and write and how to be nice to others. My favorite foods are fried chicken and beans with chicharron and sausage. My favorite sport is skating."

This past spring two more boys arrived at the house, and there are now eleven boys ages five to twelve living at Casa de Paz. The home provides a safe space for children who are at risk. Along with education, nutritious meals, sports, and discipleshp programs, the home also engages the community by having local high-school students tutor the boys at the home. The kids have been able to continue to strengthen the relationships with their families through phone calls and also visits on the first Sunday of the month. Casa de Paz seeks to strengthen the relationship between children, their families and community.

## India



Sharon Vaijanta is the second among three children in her family. She is thirteen years old and is in ninth grade. Her father works as a rickshaw driver and her mother is a homemaker. Sharon was born with an 18mm atrial septal defect, and had been facing multiple health challenges as she was growing. During one of her doctor's visit, Sharon and her parents received doctor's orders for additional diagnostic testing, medications, and surgery. However, Sharon's father makes less than 3.000 rupees (\$50) a month, and the cost of the medications for her treatment was three times the monthly income of the family.

Through funding received from the Covenant Kids program, Sharon's family was able get the required testing done and buy her the medications she needed. During her last consultation, the doctor noted that Sharon will not require surgery, but will need to be on medications of higher doses instead.

Sharon continues to receive regular medical treatment which has improved her health.

## South Sudan



Nyathong Chuol is a bright, 12-year-old girl who is one of the students being supported by the Evangelical Church of South Sudan and Ethiopia. She lost both of her parents in the war in Malakal South Sudan, and she is the only one in her household who survived. She is now pursuing her studies in the sixth grade, where she usually scores high marks in class. "The Covenant Church saved my life," Nyathong says.

Covenant Kids funds are helping to provide children like Nyathong food as well as materials for school. These funds are transforming the lives of thousands of vulnerable children in South Sudan. Covenant Kids supports programs that meet local partners educational, social, physical, and spiritual needs of children around the world.

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