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CovKids Share Their Stories

Colombia

In February the Centro Educativo Integral del Pacto (CEIP), The Covenant Holistic Education Center, school received 18 new students due to a nearby school closing. The influx of students has led the school to open another first grade classroom. There are currently 96 students in the school.

In June we had a talent day called "The Covenant has talent" and the students participated with song, dance, poems, magazines they created, jokes, and gymnastics. It was a wonderful day for the students to feel affirmed in their talents.



My name is Isabel and I am 15 years old. I'm in tenth grade in a local high school. I am a graduate of the CEIP elementary school. I attended CEIP for all of elementary school, and it was there that I learned not only math, Spanish, and other subjects, but also what it means to be a good person. The quality and dedication of the teachers made CEIP not only my school, but also my second home. I hope that this school is around for a long, long time so that present and future generations have the opportunity to grow in knowledge and wisdom alongside the teachers who are concerned about their academic progress and also about their spiritual formation.

🚧 DR Congo

Loucie is nine years old, and she is intelligent, outgoing, loving, and voraciously engaged in the world. The first time I ever visited her she ran across the

yard and jumped into my arms. Wow! Melt my heart!

Loucie loves to draw. On this visit she had drawn about 30 pictures of her home, village, the people in her life, and my family and me. She did not just give me the pictures; she carefully explained to me who these people were, what they do, and how she imagines their lives.

During the visit she asked me if I was yet a



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—Donn Engebretson, Covenant Kids Congo Project Leader

India

My name is Priti Satralkar. My father died a few years ago, and my mother now takes care of my younger sister

and me. She started babysitting neighborhood children to earn money, but the income was not enough for the survival of our family. After a year she started working as a watchwoman (security guard)



in a well-known hospital in Pune. This job is usually held by men, but she did not care—she only thought of my sister and me. My mother's income then was enough for our basic needs, but it was a struggle for her to provide for our education.

I was fortunate to come into contact with the Hindustani Covenant Church/ Covenant Social Service. They considered our financial situation and decided to support my education. I was in seventh grade when I started receiving financial support. Now I am in the final year of my studies in general nursing and midwifery. I hope to find a good job in a hospital with a good salary, and that in the days to come I will be able to take care of my mother and support my sister's education.

🔚 South Sudan

Elizabeth Nyaruot Kong, a 12-year-old who lost both of her parents during the ongoing South Sudan Civil War, is from

the Nuer tribe in South Sudan. She lives with distant relatives who wouldn't allow her to attend church for



some time, but she eventually joined the Evangelical Covenant Church of South Sudan (ECCSSE) in 2016 and now sings in the ECCSSE choir. Elizabeth is in the Fitth grade and often scores first rank in her class.

Elizabeth benefits from the support of CovKids through learning materials, school fees, breakfast, clothing and sandals, school bags, and access to a playground built by Save the Children in Akobo, South Sudan.

Elizabeth says that she remains strong and courageous due to support from the Akobo Conference CovKids program under the ECCSSE. She wants to study to become a nurse to save the lives of people desperately looking for help.

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

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