



COVENANT KIDS

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

COLOMBIA

Covenant Kids Colombia

DR CONGO

Covenant Kids Congo

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

Good Hope Academy

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New Partnership in DR Congo, Ongoing Work in Colombia and South Sudan

DR Congo



The Covenant has been involved in the isolated and remote area of DR Congo known as the Equateur Province since 1937. Our indomitable Congolese friends lead an expansive movement known as the CEUM comprised of churches, hospitals, medical clinics, schools, and micro-enterprise initiatives.

The situation in DR Congo is both dire and hopeful. Joining together with World Vision in the Equateur Province, the Evangelical Covenant Church will embark on a partnership that will transform communities and provide clean water, health necessities, food, education, and economic development. This proven community development model for sustainable long-term solutions is built on World Vision's sixty years of experience building a better world for children.

Covenant congregations can sign up to host a Hope Sunday in the fall

of 2012 where individuals and families can sponsor a child in the Equateur Province of DR Congo. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting opportunity.

Colombia



A mother in Medellín, Colombia, says thank you:

"I am Gloria Vargas Restrepo and I am the head of my house. Five years ago I enrolled my daughter in the Covenant School (Centro Educativo Integral el Pacto).

This has been a difficult time in my life economically, I work as a seamstress, but only on a temporary basis and there are moments that are very difficult. For example, this year I made the decision to take my daughter out of the Covenant school and put her in a neighborhood school because I lost my job. It was at this moment that the director of the Covenant school offered me the help I needed—a 100

percent scholarship. The truth is that the context in which we live is one filled with violence, so to have a school like this is truly a blessing. Thanks to the donation of people with a big heart, the school had received resources to be able to bless other people like me with what we've always dreamed about—an excellent education for my daughter.

In the time that my daughter has been enrolled in the Covenant school I have seen the great relationship that exists between students and teachers. The teachers treat the children with so much respect and dignity; they listen to them and correct them with firmness and care.

Thank you for opening your heart to contribute so that it can continue to serve our children and help others who are in situations like me."

South Sudan



"Hello! My name is Nyarietni Gatluak Both. I was born in 1998 in the Tony Village of Rubkoni County. In 2001 my mother was killed in the Sudan Civil War when I was only three years old. My father was a soldier but has quit his service in the army. Now he works selling charcoal but he uses all of the money he gets to buy alcohol to



drink. I live with my uncle who is a truck driver. He has more than fifteen children and is only able to provide food for us. We eat two meals a day in the rainy season, when there is enough grain, and one meal a day in the dry season.

In 2003 I was forced to attend the Muslim school where I became a Muslim and studied the Qur'an every day. But in 2006 the government ordered that all Muslim schools be shut down. We were told that we could join the Good Hope Academy in Bentiu that was built by the Evangelical Covenant Church of South Sudan. I started grade one in 2006. That year I also received Jesus Christ as my Savior who died for my sins on the cross. Now I serve as a choir member of the Bentiu congregation.

My ambition is to graduate as a teacher and continue teaching here at Good Hope Academy so I can educate more children. My second choice it to be a doctor.

My school uniform, exercise book, pens, and school fees are all paid for by the Good Hope Academy. They told us that the money for these things was donated by Covenant congregations in the United States and Canada. We say thank you to those congregations and wish them ample blessings! We pray to God to keep those people strong and

healthy. We pray for the prosperity of their jobs, for the welfare of their families, and for their kids whom they love like us."

Nyarietni says, "Thank you for the ample blessings," for providing her education.

Covenant Kids News & Notes

IS YOUR CHURCH HOSTING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL?



This summer the children of your church can participate in Covenant Kids Around the World where they will learn

about and support children in all four countries. Supplemental materials are available at CovChurch.org. Search for "vacation Bible school" for curriculum, pictures, videos, and more!

CHIC 2012 OFFERING TO BENEFIT COVENANT KIDS



The offering for CHIC 2012 will be for Covenant Kids ministries in Colombia, DR Congo, India, and South Sudan.

High-school students from Covenant churches in the United States and Canada will contribute to the ongoing work of changing the future for thousands of children in need.

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. For more information and brochures or to start your monthly contribution, call (773) 784-3000 or email to covenantkids@covchurch.org.