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🚧 DR Congo

Benedicte wants to be a teacher when she finishes school. She's in eighth grade, and she likes studying French. She is one of many kids in Gemena, DR Congo, who is sponsored through Covenant Kids Congo powered by World Vision and has a bright hope for her future. Benedicte loves receiving mail from her sponsor. "When I got a letter the first time, I received it with joy," she said. "I wrote to my sponsor to say I like to play with my friends and I love him very much."



Seka, Benedicte's mom, participates in a women's agricultural group for the mothers of sponsored children called MAEPASA. Through the group, she has learned how to grow nutritious food to support her children's health, preventing malnutrition. "The garden has really helped us during this time of dry season when we don't have other crops," she said. Seka is also earning income selling the food she has grown. "I didn't have the means to pay for my children's school fees beforehand, but now with the garden, I can pay for the children to go to school," she said.





My name is Ancy. I am a member of the Hindustani Covenant Church (HCC) in Pimpri, Pune. I was born in Chennai, a south Indian city, and I have grown up in Pune where I live with my mother. My

father left us when I was still young, and it created bitterness within me toward him. My mother was a housewife, but without support she had to search for a job. She worked as a maid in the neighborhood to feed us. Life was difficult. I remember how challenging it was for her to pay for food, rent, clothes, electricity, and water. It was also hard for her to support my education, and I considered dropping out of school or working elsewhere so I could help financially.

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Covenant Social Services (CSS), a ministry of HCC, considered my situation and decided to support my education. I received financial support for my school fees and education materials. It was a great relief to my mother and me. I considered it a golden opportunity and pursued my education the best I could, and I was able to complete my studies. Immediately after my graduation, I searched for a job and found one to my satisfaction. I am now working as a senior executive in a market research company. I am thankful to CSS for supporting me financially when I needed it the most.

Colombia

My name is Aimar and I am 10 years old and in fifth grade at the Social Foundation of the Covenant in the Atlantic Region (FUSPA) school. I really like school because I have learned so many things since I began here in preschool. I think the teachers do a good job of teaching and giving us creative assignments and activities. The classrooms are comfortable and one of my favorite things is that I am part of a school soccer team.



Our coach, Oscar, has helped me become a better player and has taught me what it means to play fairly, to not fight, and to treat others with respect. I'm thankful for my family and all of their love and care. They know how important school is and help me to stay focused. My dream is to be a professional soccer player when I grow up and to be able to help my family and other children by starting a soccer school for them.



Gatthaak is an eight-year-old boy from the Nuer tribe who lost both of his parents during the ongoing South Sudan civil war in Malakal in 2014. Gatthaak attends the Covenant church's school in the refugee camp in Gambella, Ethiopia, where he lives with his grandmother and two siblings. Gatthaak is a very committed student who has ranked first in his class for the last three years. His grandmother, Martha, is visually impaired and struggles to support their family, as her only means of income is collecting firewood. Gatthaak helps his grandmother by bringing water for their family from a distance, but he still performs well in the school and in playing the keyboard and drums for church.

Gatthaak currently benefits from the support of the CovKids program through learning materials, uniforms, shoes, school fees, breakfast, clothing, and school bags. Gatthaak said the support he



receives from CovKids encourages and enables him to pursue his education. He says his main focus in his studies is to become a medical doctor and serve sick people who need medical help. Covenant Kids supports programs through local partners that meet educational, social, physical, and spiritual needs of children around the world.

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