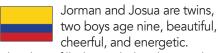


# A note from us...

# Ongoing Work in Colombia, South Sudan, India, and DR Congo

# Colombia



They have filled us with their love and interests, like dancing and playing soccer. They are in school here at the Pacto Esperanza (Covenant Hope) Foundation and are migrants from Choco, one of the country's poorest departments known as "The African Heart of Colombia." Many children from this area have died from



starvation and war because of constant guerrilla attacks. Their parents were forced off their land in search of safety and opportunities.

The twin boys did not transition easily into the city

since they had witnessed the death of a family member and were victimized, then hospitalized, and now saddened by the abandonment of their father. Dealing with many difficulties' and conflicts in their home they failed to learn to read, write, and are not able to keep up with their peers. Despite their obstacles they continue to smile and bring joy to others around them.

If Jorman and Josua were not at the Foundation, they would be living with other families in very small spaces or on the dangerous streets where they would be at risk of being violated again. At the Covenant Hope Foundation they have more opportunities to learn and enjoy life accompanied by other children their age. The twins also now receive psychological treatment and counseling. All this we did, thanks to your contributions, to provide food, family counseling, and some recreational activities.

# **South Sudan**



The Evangelical Covenant Kids South Sudan programs have transformed and shaped the

future of several kids who have obtained better education through the Covenant Kids support. Currently, there are total of 6 functional schools of ECCSS which contain the total of 2370 students. There are three schools in South Sudan, two schools in Ethiopia refugee camps and one school in Gambella region. Please pray for the other four schools which are temporarily closed due to ongoing insecurity in South Sudan.



8 Year old Koang Deng Kong's father passed away from liver disease when he was only one year old. He lives with his mom who is suffering from Tuberculosis and cannot afford to pay for his school and education

materials. He is now in second grade, learning both English and local languages. Through these funds he is able to receive his school materials like uniforms, books, pens, shoes and registration fees. Koang is one of our bright students in the class who has scored first rank for the last two years of his schooling.

We appreciate your continuous support to help equip the children of ECCSS for a better future.

## **India**



A woman from Kashewadi was traveling to another village by state transport bus on July, 8th

2001. She was pregnant and her delivery period was very near. While traveling her health condition became very critical. There was no time left to take her to a nearby hospital. She had no option left but to deliver the child in the bus, she



gave birth to a baby boy. She was shocked upon seeing that the baby boy did not have a left leg (below knee) or right toes.

The boy was named Mangesh. He grew up facing

many challenges due to his physical disabilities. Because of his disabilities he could not attend formal school regularly and discontinued going to school. Mangesh also started working in a small factory; his job is to pack chikky (a local

sweet) which will then be sold.

His family has many difficult financial struggles. His mother works in the neighborhood as a domestic servant. Mangesh and his mother are the only earning persons in the family. He also has three sisters and Mangesh is working to contribute for their survival as well.

One day a Hindustani Covenant Church staff contacted him and encouraged him to come and join the non-formal education center. He showed interest in the class and started coming regularly. Mangesh is now 12 years old, a fast learner and doing great academically.

# **DR Congo**



Covenant Kids Congo accomplishes their work with sponsored children through

volunteers like Charly. These young women and men serve in a role similar to that of a social worker. When Charly was first asked to volunteer her time to visit children in her community she imagined it as an administrative activity. The visits are meant to help families better understand how to keep track of the health, education, and general well-being of their children.

many problems that it is often



overwhelming. Charly shares, "The children get into your heart. Several weeks ago I found one of the children I visit had become severely malnourished. I thought she was going to die. We took her in for special treatment. We also gave advice and help to the family so it wouldn't happen again. Seeing her doing better now brings me great joy."



Volunteers do the amazing work of walking alongside children and families in need. Your sponsorship makes this possible!

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

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### **DR CONGO**

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