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CovKids Update

DR Congo



added foods like dried fish and peanuts to her family's diet, she saw her children gain strength.

Mama Fifi's agricultural group is one of many started with the help of Covenant Kids Congo, in an area where malnutrition is very common. More children like Hermine are growing up healthier thanks to your faithful support. Hermine is learning to garden, too. "I enjoy working in the garden," she said. "I like to plant greens."

"If it were not for these good teachings, you would not see my daughter here standing as healthy as she is," Mama Fifi shared in an interview with the Covenant Kids Congo team. Beside her stood her 7-year-old daughter, Hermine.

Hermine is registered in the Covenant Kids Congo powered by World Vision program. She used to be malnourished when she was younger, but now she is growing up healthy and strong. The difference? Mama Fifi learned to grow, cook, and prepare highly nutritious foods, through training she underwent in a women's agricultural group. When she

Colombia



My name is David Sanchez Taborda, I am 12 years old, and I born in Medellin, Colombia on August 26th 2001. My family and I live in the El pinar neighborhood, and although we are poor, we have a house where I live with my parents and siblings. My mother's

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name is Maria, and I am the oldest of three siblings whose names are Didier and Chiry. The neighborhood we live in is dangerous and there have been multiple times we have seen people being killed. However, we also surrounded very good people.

Two years ago my mother met Maria Cecilia Muñoz at the Shalom Covenant church and she introduced us to the House of Peace. My siblings and I were able to get into this school because of Maria. I love going to my school and I really like my new teacher Adela. ➤

I have been at the house of peace for two years and love it. I have learned the importance of self-discipline, being organized and loving God during my time here.

 **South Sudan**



Bang Gai Kuek hails from the Jonglei State in South Sudan. He is 10 years old, and currently lives with his father and siblings in the Pugnido Refugee Camp. Bang lost his mother to an illness when he was younger, leaving his father to care for him and his siblings. Sadly, his father is unable to care well for the children because of alcoholism. The Evangelical Covenant Church of South Sudan stepped in to support Bang not only with his material needs, but also with emotional and spiritual support.

Bang has been receiving support for his education even before the outbreak of the ongoing civil war in South Sudan. Through the CovKids funds, the Evangelical Covenant Church of South Sudan provides support for majority of Bang's learning materials such as exercise books, pens, shoes and school fees. Bang says, "The school has helped shaped my life and the lives of my siblings. Though my father seems not to be caring for us, I still feel okay because my education and other related needs are being cared for by the ECCSS who love us." Bang's peers and teachers describe him as a person of

great character who strives to live into his Christian identity daily. Bang hopes to become a nurse or a doctor when he grows up.

 **India**



Sisters Madhuri and Chakuli, age 7 and 6, attend the Hindustani Covenant Church's (HCC) non-formal education (NFE) center in Ramtekdi in Pune. Initially their parents were apprehensive of sending them to school as they did not see the value of education because of their understanding of the role of a girl. Their parents viewed the role of a girl is to be married and look after her house. The staff from HCC started visiting Chakuli's parents to help change their attitude towards the role of women and education. After much counseling the parents agreed to let Chakuli and her sister Madhuri attend the NFE center.

For the last six months Madhuri and Chakuli have been attending the center with 21 other children. At the center, children have an opportunity to learn to read and write. Three months ago Chakuli expressed interest in enrolling at a school after her experience at the center. Looking at her heart for learning, HCC enrolled her in a Govt. school and is helping pay for her tuition and school supplies and her uniform through the CovKids funds. The staff hopes that her sister Madhuri will also express interest in enrolling in school soon!

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