

CovKids Share Their Stories



Colombia



My name is Evelin Sanchez and I am a former student of the Covenant Holistic Education Center (CEIP). I want to express my immense gratitude for my school and my teachers. The school, little by little, became my second home. It became a part of my daily life—a place where I felt comfortable and happy. I found joy in the school routine, especially the part of the day when the bell would ring to announce break time and I would run to the common area with my classmates to play and eat snacks.

I admire and respect each of my teachers who invested their time, dedication, and effort in my elementary education. When I started school. I didn't even know how

to write my name. As the years passed I learned how to do everything my teachers put before me with patience and love. Now I am at the top of my high school class. I feel proud to have studied at CEIP and will always be grateful for my school.



DR Congo

At the age of 3, Sisca was small and underweight. Her grandmother, Patience Penze, was so grateful when volunteers in her community noticed Sisca's needs. They invited Patience to participate in the Positive Deviance/Hearth (PD/Hearth) program supported by Covenant Kids Congo.



The PD/Hearth program is a World Vision model in which community leaders identify the nutritional factors that are making the biggest difference in the health of children

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in their local community. This knowledge is then used to rehabilitate young children who are malnourished.

In PD/Hearth, Patience took classes and cooking demonstrations that taught her how to prepare the most nutritious, locally available foods, such as cowpea seeds, cassava leaves, green vegetables, and fruits like pineapples, papayas, and oranges. A balanced diet prevents and combats malnutrition.

As a result, four-year-old Sisca has now recovered from malnutrition. She's much healthier, eating more than she used to and playing with her friends. Meanwhile, Patience has joined her local PD/Hearth committee to help other children like her granddaughter.

India

Amal Mubarak Hussain is 13 and lives in Daund with his father, mother, and three siblings. His father owns a shop and is a middleman who purchases rags from pickers and sells segregated waste for a profit. Living around a dump yard

had a negative influence on Amal's life. He did not want to go to school. Instead, Amal joined other ragpickers his age who would go to the dump yard and collect rags. He started



earning around 100 rupees a day.

When Amal was contacted by one of the staff members of the Hindustani Covenant Church (HCC), he was given counseling support and the staff told him about the value of education. He was encouraged to study and learn basic school subjects.

Thanks to these efforts, Amal and his parents agreed that he should join a school. He was accepted into a local municipal school and after initially struggling with the transition, Amal is now performing well. HCC extends partial financial support thanks to CovKids so that Amal is able to continue his studies.

South Sudan

Tabitha Nyabuol Makat is an 8-year-old girl who lost her mother to illness and lives with her blind father and seven siblings. Her grandmother is visually impaired as well, so Tabitha often walks more than half a mile to get water for her family. Tabitha learned how to prepare meals for her family at a young age because Nuer culture only allows women and girls to cook. Her responsibilities at home made it difficult for her to focus on her education.



The CovKids program has aided Tabitha's studies by providing learning materials, school fees, breakfast, shoes, clothing, and school bags. She is now in grade 3 and scores well. She said the support from the CovKids program enables her to remain strong in her studies and encourages her to help others—her siblings, church, and society at large. Tabitha said her goal is to become a pastor and minister to both the spiritual and the physical wellbeing of the people in her community.

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