

# COVENANT KIDS

# *Congo*

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## FAQs About Sponsoring a Child Through Covenant Kids Congo

**Q.** What should I write in my letter to my sponsored child? What can I send?

**A.** You can tell your sponsored child about yourself, where you live, your family, what you do for a living, and so on. You can also ask your sponsored child about themselves, including what they like to study, how their family is doing, what they do for fun, their favorite foods, etc. Packages that are 9"x12" or smaller can be sent as well. Make sure to follow the guidelines at [my.worldvision.org/sponsor-resources](http://my.worldvision.org/sponsor-resources).

**Q.** My World Vision materials say that my sponsored child is from Ledia. Where's Ledia?

**A.** Ledia is located in Gemena, DR Congo. It is the World Vision name of the area development program (ADP) where CKC sponsored children live. Ledia means "a new thing is happening in the village" in a local language. Your World Vision materials will indicate that your sponsored child lives in "Ledia 1" or "Ledia 2." Both names refer to the same community.

**Q.** Why haven't I heard from my sponsored child recently?

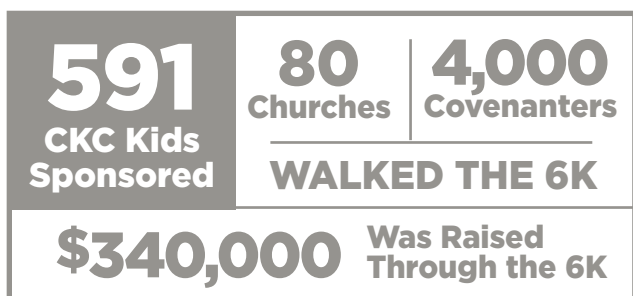
**A.** You can expect to hear from your sponsored child about six months after sending them a letter, and all CKC sponsors will receive an annual progress report from their sponsored child. If you write multiple letters to your sponsored child, you'll receive a single letter back during each quarter. It takes a long time to hear back from CKC sponsored children because of the remoteness and size of the Ledia ADP in Gemena, DR Congo. With poor road conditions, this region can only be accessed by boat or plane, and even then travel within the area is difficult, with limited staff taking bumpy roads long distances. We thank you for your patience. Your sponsored child will love hearing from you! If you don't hear back in six months, please call World Vision at 800-647-9770.

**Q.** Where can I find my tax receipt?

**A.** You can find your tax receipt online by logging in to your World Vision account at [MyWorldVision.org](http://MyWorldVision.org). You can also give World Vision a call at 800-647-9770.

**GOT MORE QUESTIONS?** Contact us at 773-442-6578 or [CovenatKidsCongo@CovChurch.org](mailto:CovenatKidsCongo@CovChurch.org).

## 2018 CELEBRATIONS



## 2019 GOALS





Rev. Etienne Mbewa



## Groundbreaking New Water Project Begins at Karawa Hospital

BY SARA BLOMGREN

**F**or the first time in the history of this partnership, Covenant Kids Congo powered by World Vision is partnering outside of Gemena. A new project will provide critically needed Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) access at Karawa Hospital by the end of 2020.

Karawa Hospital, owned by the Covenant Church of Congo (CEUM), is a major referral hospital in its zone, providing 24-hour services and treating major illnesses and injuries. It's located about a three-hour drive from Gemena on bumpy roads, and people from all over the region travel here for treatment. And yet this hospital only has access to water three days a week, for one hour at a time. In the wider Karawa community, lack of WASH access has led to illnesses such as diarrhea in children, with 125 related deaths in the Karawa health zone in 2017.

Moved by this need for clean water, Rev. Etienne Mbewa of the CEUM completed the initial evaluation and presented it to CKC and World Vision. In God's perfect timing, CKC saw an incredible increase in WASH fundraising that made it possible to pursue this project. The goal now is to rehabilitate the existing water systems to meet the WHO standard of 40L per patient and 15L per caregiver at the hospital.

### Karawa WASH Plans in 2019-2020:

- Rehabilitate two springs and 87 hospital taps
- Construct 12 new taps in the Karawa community
- Install a photovoltaic pumping system
- Build a latrine block and rehabilitate a placenta pit
- Train hygiene promoters and launch an awareness campaign

### Clean Water Access Impact:

- 1,400 monthly hospital patients
- 6,000 residents who will have new taps in their community

**Thank You:** The total budget for this project has already been covered! More than \$1 million was raised for CKC WASH through the Global 6K and Team World Vision in 2018. Thank you for your generous support of Covenant Kids Congo. It's a blessing to partner with you!

**Read more on the Covenant Kids Congo blog at [blogs.covchurch.org/covenantkidscongo](https://blogs.covchurch.org/covenantkidscongo).**

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# WALK THE GLOBAL 6K FOR WATER

**When you walk the Global 6K, your \$50 registration provides clean water for one person in Congo. You also have the opportunity to sponsor the child on your race bib, or to find a friend to sponsor that child. Our goal is to get 1,000 CKC kids sponsored this year!**

**Follow these steps to walk the Global 6K on May 4th.**

- 1. Register at [WorldVision6K.org/ckc](http://WorldVision6K.org/ckc).** You can register as an individual or as a group. If your church is participating, make sure you select your church's team when you sign up.
- 2. Receive your gear.** You'll get a Global 6K T-shirt and a race bib with a picture of a CKC child who's waiting to be sponsored. You can also pin a picture of your sponsored child to your race shirt.
- 3. Invite others.** Ask friends, family, and church family to walk 6K with you.
- 4. Join us in prayer.** Begin reading the *CKC Six Weeks to 6K Prayer Guide*, available in print or online at [CovChurch.org/6K](http://CovChurch.org/6K). Pray for your sponsored child, for the child on your bib, for clean water, and for all our friends in Congo. You can also invite your small group to join, using the weekly discussion questions.
- 5. Run your race.** On May 4th, run or walk 6km for clean water in your neighborhood. Have fun!

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Please make sure to sign up at the link below to ensure your fundraising is designated for DR Congo. If you're not sure you signed up correctly, email us at [covenantkidscongo@covchurch.org](mailto:covenantkidscongo@covchurch.org).**

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