



The Evangelical Covenant Church

# COVENANT KIDS

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## CovKids Share Their Stories

### India

Nikita's father earns a living by working in a betel shop. *Paan*, or betel, is a preparation combining betel leaf with areca nut, which is widely consumed throughout Southeast Asia. Betel shops are very small businesses, and Nikita's mother worked temporary jobs to try to help support the family. But they constantly faced financial struggles.

In India, many families do not invest in the education of their daughters, because they move to their husband's family after they marry. So Nikita faced two challenges to her dream to pursue her education.

But her desire to study and her financial situation were taken into consideration by her family and the church. She received financial support for her education, which enabled her to complete her graduation.

She is grateful to Covenant Kids for the generous support extended to her.

### South Sudan

Mary is seven years old and in second grade at Jerry Rice Primary School, one of eight schools in South Sudan sponsored by CovKids. The Evangelical Covenant Church of South Sudan and Ethiopia leadership supports the social and spiritual needs of children who have lost loved ones by providing school fees, uniforms and shoes, supplies, counseling, and peer Christian fellowship.

Mary lost both of her parents, who were Covenant church members, to different



tragedies and now lives with her aunt. Mary often ranks high in her class, and she dreams of becoming a lawyer or pastor to save the lives of other vulnerable people.

## Make a difference

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 **DR Congo**

"Once I arrived at the PD/Hearth, it was a great joy for me to see how the mothers took care of their children," Aimee said, "and I quickly understood that this is where my child would be rehabilitated."

Aimee, 27, and her husband have four children. Three-year-old Enoch was often sick and not gaining enough weight. Enoch's concerned parents noticed he wasn't playing with his friends, was very timid, and didn't like to eat vegetables. "I was very afraid for Enoch's health," Aimee said, "and I could not imagine what kind of illness he was suffering from."

When a community health worker visited the family's home and assessed Enoch's health, they suggested that Aimee participate in the Positive Deviance Hearth program (PD/Hearth). So Aimee joined a PD/Hearth group made up of mothers who faced similar problems.

She attended cooking demonstrations and learned to prepare meals that contain essential nutrients for young children. With locally available foods, she put into practice what she was learning,



and prepared meals using vegetables, legumes, and oils in new healthier ways.

"Before I came to the sessions, I always liked to prepare the meals with toasted oil (Kambili), which I learned destroys the quality of the oil. The knowledge I gained from the different cooking demonstration sessions and the good hygiene practices I learned helped me to recover the health for my child," she said.

Today, Enoch is healthy. He eats very well, including the vegetables he refused to eat before.

Aimee said, "Enoch plays very well with his friends. I am happy to see my child, who was always sick, being healthy."

 **Colombia**

My name is Yeisy and I am part of the Covenant community. I have been a teacher my whole life, and I love my profession. I teach preschool and kindergarten in the Paraiso neighborhood in Soledad Atlántico.

My experience teaching during this extensive quarantine has been wonderful. Connecting with my students and seeing them on the computer screen is so rewarding. Communicating with them was a challenge before I had internet at my house, but now I can teach and join the teacher's meetings and trainings from home. We have learned about how to teach using technology and apps such as Meet and Zoom.

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

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