

# **CovKids Share Their Stories**



### **Colombia**

My name is Elias Reyes and I am 11 years old. I live with my grandparents because my parents are not around. I love my grandparents but I miss my family too.



I have studied at the Happy Dreams Educational Center since I was four years old. This is my last year in elementary school but I really wish I could stay. I used to

get into trouble in school but now I have learned to respect others and share with them. I love being here because I have learned so many things. I will remember my math classes as that is the class I like the most. In my heart I will carry the love that the school has shown me, as well as values and friendships. Knowing God has changed my life and through the school I have learned more about Jesus and his word and I know he loves me and cares for me.



### India

Khushi Wadkar is nine years old. Since she was very young, her family has suffered from poverty. When she was two years old, her father died due to chronic kidney disease. His death pushed her family into deep financial hardship. Her mother was a housewife, and they had nothing left to survive the days ahead. A maternal uncle agreed to provide a small amount of money every month to meet the family's most basic needs, but it was not possible for Khushi to go to school.



Covenant Social Services (CSS) considered her situation and for the past three years has been financially supporting her education. Khushi is now studying in third grade. Her

mother hopes that she will be able to complete her studies and graduate so that she can help support her family.

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Khushi and her mother express their thanks to Hindustani Covenant Church and CSS as well as Covenant Kids for the financial support for her education.

## South Sudan



Nyanhial narrowly survived the Nuer massacre in Juba, South Sudan, in December 2013 through the help of United Nations troops. She lost her father and her maternal grandmother and went to live at

the UN camp when she was only six months old with her mother and four of her siblings. The food ration they received from the camp was not sufficient to support the entire family, so Nyanhial's mother earned a living by collecting fire wood.

Nyanhial's parents became members of the Covenant Church in 2007, long before the outbreak of ongoing civil war in South Sudan in 2013.

After five years in the camp, Nyanhial was old enough to be enrolled in the Evangelical Covenant Future Generation School (ECFGS). Her teachers applaud her character and dignity in her class. She scored first rank distinction in both first grade last year and the first semester of second grade this year. Nyanhial has a dream to become a nurse. She made herself a promise to care for all people equally and to treat all with fairness. If she does not become a nurse, she thinks she will be a teacher.

The ECFGS, a recipient of Covenant Kids funds, is supporting the education of Nyanhial and other children with school uniforms, books, pens, shoes, counseling, and Christian fellowship. Children are also being taught Christian stories and biblical concepts.



My name is Zutana and I am in fourth grade. Before our school was aligned with the National School Sanitation Program, I had a lot of stomach pains that prevented me from attending school regularly.

With the support of CKC powered by World Vision, I was elected as brigadier of our school. I benefited from training on the function of school brigades. I learned about the transmission of diseases, the five critical moments to wash hands, and ten hygiene commands. At the end of this training, I reported to the members of my family as well as my church on all that I had learned at the training.



Zutana attends school in Gemena and is pictured here installing a tippy tap for handwashing.

Now, I am very happy. I no longer have stomach pains, and I know how to put into practice everything I have learned. I thank World Vision and its partners for accompanying us in the National School Sanitation Program.

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

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