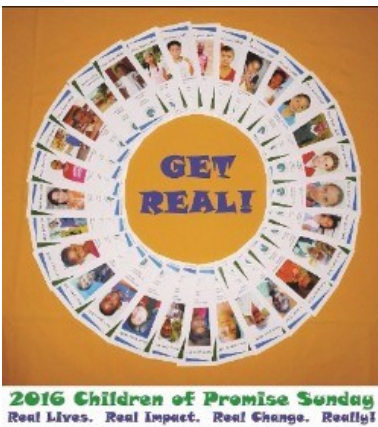


## Get Real!

Over the last few years, 1,310 children have been sponsored through Children of Promise Sunday events! We are thrilled that this many children have been rescued, restored, and released!

2016 begins a three-year emphasis for COP Sunday and within Children of Promise. For the past three years, we have emphasized "Rescue. Restore. Release." It has served well to help us articulate and spread the message regarding the needs of children and how sponsorship can help.



We are excited about the new theme for the next three years:

**Get Real: Real Lives. Real Impact. Real Change. Really!**

Children of Promise strives to help REAL children in difficult situations that are very REAL. Your sponsorship makes an astounding, REAL impact, resulting in REAL change in their lives. And that is the truth - REALLY.

You'll be hearing more about COP Sundays very soon. Be watching your mail for an announcement of two dates this year (April 17 and September 25), along with special information about materials, resources, planning, and even a message from our very special "Kid Director."



## Director's Perspective

Dr. Paul Maxfield,  
Executive Director

The Church of God family across the world was saddened to learn of the recent passing of Sharon Skaggs, a passionate supporter of the Children of Promise program. She was a COP Board member for 15 years, serving with humility and a determined spirit to give children the best possible assistance.



During the last year, Sharon worked at Children of Promise as an office associate. She endeared herself to sponsors, volunteers, and staff. Sharon had a special bond with our country directors. She loved and appreciated them deeply.

We have lost a friend, a supporter, a leader, an advocate, and a role model. Please join us in praying for her family. Memorial services are being held on February 6 in Portland, Oregon, and February 8 in Anderson, Indiana.

## Change a Life—Sponsor Today!

Call or go on-line today to sponsor. #765.648.2190

The children featured this month are all older and need sponsors to help them finish their secondary schooling.

### Gilbert OOLA (UGL-068) Uganda



**Male. Age 19. Grade 11. Four siblings. Father was killed by rebels.**

### Marcela MIRANDA (NIC-022) Nicaragua



**Female. Age 16. Grade 10. Two brothers. Father paints cars. Mother sells produce in the open market.**

### Maung Kyaw KHAING (MYL-031) Myanmar



**Male. Age 15. Grade 11. Father is a carpenter. Mother is a homemaker. Loves playing the guitar.**

### Chailani ZULU (ZML-012) Zambia



**Male. Age 15. Grade 8. One brother. Chailani lives with his aunt. Has dental needs.**

### Harison JACAN (UGW-019) Uganda



**Male. Age 15. Grade 8. Six siblings. Father abandoned the family. Without sponsorship, Harison cannot attend school.**

## Real Lives.



Let me introduce you to Mash Ecal BACALANGCO (PHDS-261) of The Philippines. Did you know that we have 941 children like Mash waiting to be sponsored? Some live in teeming urban settings, some live in mud huts in the African savannah, some live on mountainsides, some live on small islands, or in deserts, or in rain forests. Some must the cows. Some hunt for firewood. Some carry water each day. Some walk many miles to school. Some work in the fields after school. They all live very different lives. But, they all have one thing in common: THEY NEED HELP. Would you be able to help one of these children? Please call our sponsorship associate, Vicky Creamer, at 765.648.2206. **REAL LIVES!**

## Real Impact.



Recently, Cleabel Hernandez (PHNE-161) of The Philippines fell while playing a jumping game with friends. The result was a hip fracture. At first, she was not treated because the family could not afford medical help. Once the staff of Grace Family Helper Project learned of her condition, they went into action. Through our emergency fund, Cleabel had surgery with screw fixation in order to repair the hip. She is now undergoing physical therapy, learning to walk again. She recently wrote, "Thank you for helping me...the big amount you gave made my surgery possible and successful. At present, I can't walk alone, I'm still on therapy twice a week. I thank you so much for providing my surgery needs until now." **REAL IMPACT!**

## Real Change.



Rufus Waiba was a sponsored boy in Kathmandu, Nepal. Rufus grew up around the church people; he saw the struggles of the poverty-stricken families, many of whom worked in carpet factories for pennies a day. He watched his pastor/father and mother



support, pray for, and work with these families. And even at a young age, Rufus saw what the results of poverty can bring: despair, entrapment, and addiction. Today he is attending university. His dream is to work with young people who are in rehabilitation, working to be free of addictive substances and habits. Rufus's heart wants to help – that's his dream. To see people released...and experience **REAL CHANGE!**

## Really.

**Giving Promise**  
Kirk Bookout,  
Development Director



HELPING YOU HELP US TO HELP YOU - [COPGIFT.ORG](http://COPGIFT.ORG)

Did you know Children of Promise has really great resources that can be of great value for you and your family? They are on the Children of Promise gift page ([copgift.org](http://copgift.org)); which is, of course, about gifts that make a difference.

It also has great articles about [SAVVY LIVING](#). (Aimed mostly at older adults). In the [ABOUT WILLS](#) tab there are great videos about planning for your own family. "What is the right inheritance to give to your children?" is an example.

In the [NEWS](#) tab, you will find the latest Washington News which may be important to you.

Thinking about a gift (or not), [COPGIFT.ORG](http://COPGIFT.ORG) is a great place for information that helps you and your family.

## NEWS CLIPS

- **Annual Statement:** Every donor was mailed a statement in January 2016 that shows your total giving for 2015. This will be your **tax record**.
- **Friendly reminder:** Monthly sponsorship amounts have changed. New prices are \$32 (was \$25), \$38 (was \$30), and \$50 (was \$40). Thank you for supporting the children at these new rates. This was implemented in August 2015 and is effective as of February 1, 2016.
- **It is important to remember** that COP **CANNOT** receive packages of gifts for children to be sent overseas. If you send toys, games, candy, etc., we cannot send those items in the mail. We can only send flat things to children that will fit in a greeting card-sized envelope, i.e., **bookmarks, photos, stickers**, etc.
- **Children of Promise and friends.** Join us on April 2nd at Madison Park Church of God in Anderson, Indiana, for a day of conferences and great music. Presentations by Children of Promise, Christian Women Connection, Servant Solutions, and Anderson University (President John Pistole). Contact Kirk Bookout for more information at 765.648.2114 or [dkb@echildrenofpromise.org](mailto:dkb@echildrenofpromise.org)

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through remembering  
Children of Promise  
in your will.