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## Exciting Partnership in Côte de'Ivoire

In an innovative project, South Meridian Church of God in Anderson, Indiana, is tithing its current capital funds campaign to sponsor eight children for 12 years in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa. A care group from the church will communicate with, care for, and integrate these children into the life of the church on a regular basis.

The first installment of funds (\$13,500) was presented on COP Sunday at South Meridian on September 20. Bobby and Jenny Mishill, missionaries for Global Strategy, are doing the preparation and leadership training for this program, which will eventually be led by nationals. It will be launched in July 2016. Bobby and Jenny interacted over Facetime with the congregation on September 20.



Excitement is high! (If you would like to pre-commit to also sponsor a child in Côte de'Ivoire, contact Vicky Creamer.)

South Meridian's project is a great model for other churches. We are deeply grateful to Pastor Ed Hyatt, the South Meridian Elders, and the generous congregation for their support of these children and the ministry of Children of Promise. Thank you, South Meridian!

## Change a Life - Sponsor Today!



The children featured this month all need a sponsor. Can you sponsor one? Call or go online today to sponsor a child. #765.648.2190

### Deepika MUNDA (INSTG-040) India

- Female. Age 6. Grade Kindergarten. Three sisters. Father is an evangelist. Mother picks tea.

### Eriyabu NSHIMIYIMANA (RWGS-082) Rwanda

- Male. Age 10. Grade 3. Parents are farmers. Child sleeps on a dirt floor.

### Yousef BESHAI (EGRB-014) Egypt

- Male. Grade Kindergarten. Three siblings. Father abandoned. Likes to sing.

### Eidan REGALADO FEBLES (DRO-012) Dom. Republic

- Male. Age 5. Grade Kindergarten. One sister. Wants to be a guitarist in church.

### Elisha NAIK (INO-047) India

- Female. Age 7. Grade 2. Three siblings. Father is a laborer. Loves to sing.

### Engy NAIM (EGZ-030) Egypt

- Female. Age 8. Grade 2. Father is a carpenter. Child suffers from asthma. Medical attention needed.

## Director's Perspective

The latest news and thoughts from my perspective:

- **New Covenant Church** (Philadelphia) has sponsored the first seven children in Guyana. Thanks to Bishop Milton Grannum and his church for helping to get the Guyana program started.
- **Mountain Park Church** (Phoenix) has also sponsored seven children in Guyana. Thank you! (Guyana total: 14 first month.)
- Reports are coming in from around the country regarding children sponsored on COP Sunday. More information will be available in our next edition.
- We are in need of sponsors for the **New Hope Day Care in Cairo, Egypt**. Monthly amount is \$32, but any donation is appreciated.
- **I love this ministry.** Is there anything better than helping children? Thank you for joining us! You are changing lives everyday.



*Dr. Paul Maxfield*

## Giving Promise by Kirk Bookout, Development Director



Like the stores that pipe in Christmas music in October, I am already thinking that Christmas is almost upon us. Are you part of a group, a class, or a church that is looking for a great Christmas project and just have not found one that makes you grab it, wrap it, put a bow on top and yell, "That's the one!"

There are all kinds of gifts just your size at Children of Promise, everything from **Christmas gifts for children**, to **emergency medical gifts**, to **Un-sponsored Children gifts**, to **Mosquito net gifts** (malaria prevention), to **Making It All Happen gifts**. Or maybe your family would like to **sponsor a child** rather than exchange gifts this year. To learn more about these opportunities, call or email me. I'd love to go Christmas shopping with you. (Actually, any of our staff could help you, but I really want to be the one to do it.) In a world of children with tremendous needs, you make a world of difference!

Have you visited our new [COPGIFT.org](http://COPGIFT.org) site? The Savvy Living site article this month is about How to Save on Hearing Aids.

### NEWS CLIPS



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- ♦ **Christmas Shopping Tip:** If you shop at Amazon.com, you can use Amazon Smile as you shop, and Amazon will donate to COP. Check it out here: <http://bit.ly/COPAmazonSmile>
- ♦ Don't forget to get your **Christmas cards and monetary gifts** for your children to COP by **Mid-November**.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ Director **Colleen Stevenson** has returned to Uganda after a year's treatment in Canada. She is cancer free. Praise the Lord. The Ugandans are rejoicing!

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COP sponsors and friends came to the rescue of families in Malawi last spring following devastating flooding. Linda Mason, Juliette Wilson, and Laura Link recently visited there (as well as Uganda and Tanzania), interviewing children and touring homes built with your donations (see left). Families are now in dry, safe quarters after spending months without homes. Thank you. What a blessing to so many! You have proven again that we can do so much together!



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### Rescue.

**Nepal Earthquake Update:** As of October 2, over \$24,000 has been given toward the repair and building of COP children's homes. Dr. Paul Maxfield will be visiting some of these homes in late October, along with COP Nepal Director Bir Bahadur Waiba. Please continue to pray for the Nepalese children and their families. We are in need of about \$38,000 to complete the needed work. If you'd like to donate now, visit the link: <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/ChildrenofPromise/NepalEarthquake.html>



### Restore.

We are so proud of Tobert Enriquez! In April 2015, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in elementary education in The Philippines. Tobert was one of 26 graduates out of 3,500 who earned the honor of **cum laude**. Wow!



Tobert was first sponsored in 2004 at age 10. He has grown up in one of Manila's poorest neighborhoods. The First Church of God in Manuguit has nurtured him all these years. These photos show Tobert early in his sponsorship and at his graduation. Congratulations, Tobert!



### Release.

Your love for children lives on through an estate gift to Children of Promise.

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