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Impact Salem! - by Kirk Bookout, Development Director

Salem Church of God, in Clayton, Ohio, recently became the first congregation in the United States to sponsor children in all 29 countries that Children of Promise is in. (Soon to be 30, and then they will add one more country.)

Kyle Hayes, Outreach Pastor, traveled with Dr. Paul Maxfield, Executive Director of Children of Promise, on a trip to Myanmar to see the work of Children of Promise for himself. After coming back from Asia, Kyle led Salem Church in hosting a Children of Promise Sunday. **62 new children were sponsored in one day.** There now are 143 children sponsored within Salem Church.

Salem Church of God has a dramatic worldwide ministry that impacts individual children's lives daily, and could change the histories of the countries through whom these children are becoming.

Kyle saw for himself the impact that takes place in the life of a child as nutrition, medical care, education, and Christian nurture are provided. But he saw much more:

HOPE - Children with a new hope for the future, a new trajectory in life.

POWER OF EDUCATION - The value of education that provides a chance to break the cycle of poverty.

NEXT GENERATION LEADERSHIP - He specifically saw the impact Children of Promise is having on the church. Many graduates of Children of Promise are now active in leadership in their churches. They are the next generation of trained and educated Christian leaders who are making a difference in the lives of many others.

Children of Promise is a partnership. You too, can make an impact with this world-wide team. Contact us to see how you can join the IMPACT team.



Director's Perspective

Dr. Paul Maxfield
Executive Director

A sponsored boy named Isaac died this week. He had been sponsored since 2010.

We grieve, we question, we ponder, and we pray. Why would such a thing happen when the child was on a positive path? Why - when he had such a committed and loving sponsor who had walked with him for eight years?

It has made me ponder the fact that we cannot guarantee that every child will succeed. But, thousands are, and change is happening. I guess it's like a parent. We do all we can to raise our children with love, discipline, opportunity, guidance, and full acceptance. But sometimes things happen to them that we cannot control. Was all our effort useless then?

No. A resounding NO. We love, we parent, and we sponsor because it is in our nature and calling to nurture. God calls us to help the helpless, to invest in lives for the Kingdom's sake. To offer HOPE. To love fully. Even when hurt happens.

Thanks to all of you who are supporting children. While there are no guarantees, there ARE thousands of young adults today who are living extraordinary lives of service to God's Kingdom and their communities because of a sponsor's love and support. Their lives have been changed.

Please join us in praying for the family and the sponsor of the boy who passed away. We must love - even when it hurts.



The picture is of Kyle Hayes, signing up to become a sponsor for a child from Bangladesh. With his family's sponsorship, all 29 countries have sponsorships from Salem Church.

Change a Life—Sponsor Today!

Call or go [on-line](#) today to sponsor. #765.648.2190

The children below need new sponsors. Could you help them by becoming their sponsor? There are several who need help finishing high school.



Suthisa KUT-HOM (THMP-080)
Thailand Female. Age 16. Grade 11. One sister. Father is a driver, mother is a farmer. Enjoys reading Scripture. Dreams of becoming a scientist. [Sponsor Now.](#)



Tumain JOSEPH (TZ16-1050)
Tanzania Male. Age 17. Grade: 9. Three brothers, two sisters. Father is deceased, mother is a farmer. Tumain lives with his uncle in a home constructed of trees, mud, and a grass roof. [Sponsor Now.](#)



Resmi TELI (INSTG-018) **India**
Female. Age 15. Grade 9. Two sisters, one brother. Father is a tea garden worker, mother is a homemaker. She wants to become a pastor one day. [Sponsor Now.](#)



Gunanidhi DURGA (INK-060) **India**
Male. Age 18. Grade 12. One brother, one sister. Enjoys listening to sermons at church. Dreams of becoming a scientist one day. [Sponsor Now.](#)



Jeremia ALAIRUSHA (TZ06A-307)
Tanzania Male. Age 13. Grade 4. Five siblings. Father is deceased. Enjoys reading Scripture at church. Dreams of becoming a teacher one day. [Sponsor Now.](#)

