

- **Non-Pooled Countries:** Gift funds received for birthday and Christmas are used to purchase something for your sponsored child. **Countries following this policy: Argentina, Bangladesh, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Haiti, Honduras, Kenya, Lebanon, Malawi, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, and Russia.**

If you wish to send funds, make your check out to Children of Promise and state the purpose of the gift. You may mail a check to the office or go online at [www.echildrenofpromise.org](http://www.echildrenofpromise.org) to use your debit or credit card, noting the purpose of the gift in the comment section.

### GOING BEYOND SPONSORSHIP

Children of Promise has financial needs beyond sponsorship. If so, you may want to contribute in one of the following ways.

#### Making It All Happen (MIAH)

This is the operational budget. Roughly 65% of the Making It All Happen fund is provided for through the 20% assessment of sponsorship funds. The other 35% must be raised through donations from churches and individuals.

#### Un-sponsored Children's Fund

Once sponsored, a child remains in the COP program until he/she finishes high school. These funds provide the child's benefits until a new sponsor is found.

#### Emergency & Relief Fund

Medical treatment including surgeries and chemotherapy, relief following natural disasters, assistance with burials of children who die while sponsored, and famine relief are some ways these funds are used.

#### Scholarship Fund

In some countries, the cost of secondary education is quite a bit more expensive than primary education. These funds assist the students with additional expenses to help them achieve their high school diplomas.

## MORE WAYS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN OF PROMISE

### Children of Promise Sunday

This annual sponsorship promotion has resulted in 350+ sponsorships each year. An annual mailing is sent to each church's pastor shortly after Easter. The fourth Sunday in September is usually the official date for the promotion; however, each church can schedule their event when it is most convenient in its schedule. Some churches' promotions are in the spring, summer or winter. If you want to help bring a Children of Promise Sunday to your church, talk with your pastor or missions leader.

### Volunteer Network

Are you passionate about your COP sponsorship and wish you could do more? Consider become a member of the Volunteer Network. If you want to help sponsor children, here is your opportunity. Application forms are on our website: [www.echildrenofpromise.org](http://www.echildrenofpromise.org).

### Travel with Children of Promise to Visit & Interview the Sponsored Children

This opportunity allows you to talk one-on-one with the children to see how they are doing. You can meet your sponsored child and see first-hand how COP is making a life-long difference in your child's life and in the lives of nearly 5,000 sponsored children. Application forms are on our website: [www.echildrenofpromise.org](http://www.echildrenofpromise.org).

### VBS or Sunday School Fund Raising Projects

Children of Promise always has "kid friendly" fund-raising projects to purchase mosquito nets, blankets, socks and shoes, or school supplies. We would be happy to dream with you and make it a reality. Contact us!

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## Rescue. Restore. Release.

*“And Jesus took the children in his arms. And blessed them.”*

Mark 10:16

We take children in need into our hearts and **rescue** them from hopelessness, sometimes from death itself.

We invest in children and **restore** their bodies with nutrition, emotions with love, minds with knowledge, and souls with The Word of God.

We work to build a solid foundation and to **release** young adults to lives of commitment to their families and communities, and to service in God's Kingdom.

**Children of Promise** sees the children of the world and the vast need for nutrition, education, health care and spiritual development. In 1992, global child sponsorship was born in the Church of God. Nearly 5,000 children are sponsored in 27 countries, with one more country opening in 2016.

**Children of Promise** enhances the lives of children touched by the Church of God. They are given the life-sustaining tools of good nutrition, health care, education, and spiritual nurture to build a future filled with hope. Volunteers throughout the Church of God minister to the children and their families in villages, towns, and cities around the world.

COP volunteers know each family and each child. They know when the family has no food or cannot afford a visit to the doctor or to purchase a school uniform. They know because they live among those in great need. They care. Most importantly, COP volunteers know that God sees their children and has a plan to lift them out of poverty.



## SPONSORSHIP GUIDELINES



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# What is Children of Promise?

Children of Promise (COP) is a child sponsorship ministry designed to change the lives of impoverished children through ministries of the Church of God outside the United States. Our sponsored children receive food, health care, an education, and spiritual nurture and training as a result of sponsors and donors who give financially to Children of Promise.

Children of Promise's ministry goals are based upon Jesus' engagement with, and love for, children in Mark 10:16. **Jesus saw the children. He held them. And He blessed them.** Through sponsors and volunteers, the basic needs of children living in extreme poverty are met. Some children are alive today because sponsors or donors have given out of love and compassion.

## What does child sponsorship look like?

Quite literally, child sponsorship is grace and mercy in action. Children living in desperate conditions, often unable to attend school, are selected by local volunteers of Children of Promise to become sponsored. Then the USA Children of Promise office staff secures sponsors for the children. The monthly sponsorship funds give the sponsored children food, health care, education, and spiritual nurture.

### TYPES OF SPONSORSHIP

Most sponsorships are \$32 USD per month. Some are \$38 USD and \$50 USD per month.

**Individual Child Sponsorship** – An individual or a group (ex. Bible study group) selects a specific child to support. Of all COP sponsorships, 98% are individual child sponsorships for which sponsors send monthly support.

**The Program Sponsorship** – An individual or a group may support children who live in an orphanage or attend a daycare instead of sponsoring a particular child. (At least half of the sponsorships are long-term through high school.)

### METHODS OF SPONSORSHIP PAYMENT

- **Automatic Bank Withdrawal** from your checking account (ACH). Select withdrawal on the 5th or 20th of the month. A voided check must be sent to the COP office to begin the ACH. The ACH method saves

bank fees, labor, paper, and postage costs.

- **Bank Bill Pay** (Set up through your bank.)
- **Debit Card or Credit Card Payment** (pay online - [www.echildrenofpromise.org](http://www.echildrenofpromise.org))
- **Personal Check or Money Order** - Make check out to Children of Promise and mail to Children of Promise, PO Box 2316, Anderson IN 46018.

### YOUR SUPPORT AT WORK

How is the monthly support for a child used?

- **\$25.60 monthly (\$307.20 annually) purchases food, school uniforms, school fees and supplies, doctor visits, and medicine.** Christian education and activities are led by teachers and volunteers in local Church of God congregations.
- No more than 10% or \$2.56 (per child per month) may be used for office supplies, photography, transportation, bank fees, postage, and other office expenses to conduct the ministry.
- Of the \$32.00 monthly support, 20% or \$6.40 helps with global administrative costs.
- National leaders of COP in each country are responsible for disbursing funds to site committees for the purchase of items for the children – uniforms, school supplies, meals, medical care, or nutritional supplements and the payment of school fees. **No money is given to a child or a parent directly.**

### FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Children of Promise is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). This stamp of approval is the result of procedural and financial scrutiny and indicates integrity in ministry activities.

An annual audit is conducted according to national accounting standards by an independent accounting firm. The audit report is submitted to the Children of Promise Board of Directors and ECFA.

**Tax Deductible Contributions** – Gifts are tax deductible in the United States. Children of Promise is a registered 501©(3) nonprofit organization. Each time you make a donation for sponsorship, you will receive a receipt. The receipt states the time period which your donation covers.

### LETTERS & GIFTS FOR YOUR CHILD

**May I write a letter to the child I sponsor?**

- Yes, you may write letters or send cards to your child. Please list your child's ID number and name on your letter/card. **Envelopes may be a maximum size of 5" x 7".** Send your correspondence to **Children of Promise, PO Box 2316, Anderson, IN 46018.**
- You may email a letter to your child by sending the letter to [cop@echildrenofpromise.org](mailto:cop@echildrenofpromise.org). Our office will make sure the child receives

your letter.

- **You will receive two letters and a new photo each year from your child.** Each country director determines the dates that the letters are written and sent. Letters from newly sponsored children may take several months to arrive in the USA.
- Once children's letters are received in the USA, volunteer staff read the letters to ensure that letters are free of requests for money, gifts, higher education, or travel.
- **Please do not communicate via social media (FaceBook, Twitter, etc.) with your child or his/her family.** This is for your protection.
- **May I mail small gifts to the child I sponsor?**  
The cost to send gifts is prohibitive and the child would likely not receive the gift due to theft in overseas post offices. **You may** put stickers and flat items in **an envelope no larger than 5"x7".**
- **May I send funds for birthday and Christmas to the child I sponsor?**  
Yes. Each country has its own policy of how these funds will be used.
- **Pooled Countries:** Gift funds are pooled so that all sponsored children receive gifts. **Countries following this policy are: Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Jamaica, Myanmar, Nepal, Rwanda, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, and Zambia.** (over)