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## Sponsorship Protects Children and Prevents Child Trafficking

Join Children of Promise as we work to protect children and prevent child trafficking in communities around the world where the Church of God is ministering. You can put a child on a trajectory of HOPE that will help him/her move along a positive, Christian path toward a bright future and a life of service to his/her community, church, and family. Sponsorship is a great deterrent to children being trafficked. Contact us today (765.648.2190) to sponsor a child or you can select a child directly from our website at [www.echildrenofpromise.org](http://www.echildrenofpromise.org).

### ... Momentum is Building ...

Several things are in process at Children of Promise that are resulting in exciting momentum. Lives are being changed and children are feeling the rippling effects of HOPE.



This month we sent three profiles of children who are waiting to be sponsored to every church in the movement. We are asking the pastors, mission leaders, committees, groups, and individuals within each church to sponsor the three children sent to each church. We currently have 800+ children waiting, and more eager to submit their applications. The need is great. Children need help. We believe that we can easily sponsor these children and more if every church engages with this effort. Please talk with your pastor or missions leaders about the profiles sent to YOUR church, and help us get these children sponsored.

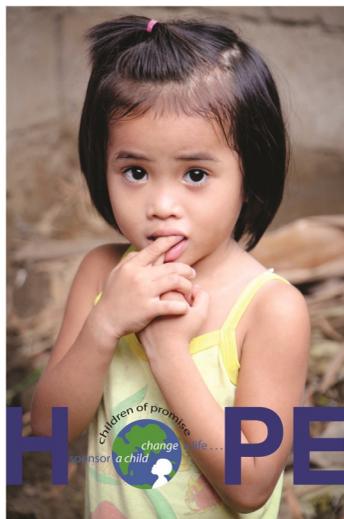
As we are speaking in churches and sharing what sponsorship can do in the lives of children, people are responding. In October, 72 children were sponsored. In November, so far, over 80 have been sponsored. As people hear what happens in the lives of children, they are choosing to make a difference, to protect a particular child and prevent child trafficking. There is a child waiting and praying for you to sponsor them. Start the rippling effects of HOPE in his/her life.



### Director's Perspective

Dr. Paul Maxfield  
Executive Director

I am so encouraged by the response we are getting as we share about sponsorship. People across the country are realizing that sponsorship really does make a difference in a child's life. There are so many children caught in lives that were not of their own making, from the child who has to work and can't go to school to the child who has been forced into prostitution. From the child who suffers from malnutrition to the child who has an ongoing infection that is not being treated.



I read some startling statistics from Compassion recently. They really jarred me. The average businessman pays \$1,609 for a flight to an Asian city (could be anywhere), \$211 for a hotel room, \$22.81 for a meal, \$6.50 for a taxi ride, and \$5 for a child prostitute.

Children of Promise is all about not only rescuing children, but preventing this type of abuse and exploitation. Please seriously consider joining us in protecting children and preventing child trafficking by sponsoring a child today. I can't think of a better use of \$32 per month, can you?

### Change a Life—Sponsor Today!

To sponsor today, call (765.648.2190) or go on-line  
<http://www.echildrenofpromise.org/sponsor-a-child/>

The children featured this month have all been waiting for a sponsor for over two years now.

#### Jeet ORAON (INSTG-050) India



**Male. Age 9. Grade 1. Only child. Lives with his grandparents. Sleeps on a cot on the floor. Monthly family income is \$35. [Sponsor Now.](#)**

#### Jeson SHAHI (NEK-007) Nepal

**Male. Age 11. Grade 4. Father is a farmer. One sister.**



**The family lives with extended family members. Enjoys playing soccer. [Sponsor Now.](#)**

#### Mukramatis ALHASSAN (GH-238) Ghana



**Female. Age 10. Grade 3. One brother, two sisters. Father is a security officer, mother is a trader. Monthly family income is \$55. [Sponsor Now.](#)**

#### Tyson SAKALA (ZMP-107) Zambia



**Male. Age 12. Grade 4. Both parents are farmers. Two brothers, one sister. No running water in the home. Monthly family income is \$11. [Sponsor Now.](#)**

#### Nermeen AWNY (EGHM-005) Egypt



**Female. Age 12. Grade 3. Father is a baker, mother is a homemaker. Suffers from malnutrition. Monthly family income is \$43. [Sponsor Now.](#)**

## Real Lives.



A Church of God pastor in India learned that one of the girls who attends her church was sold into prostitution by her mother. A

neighbor lady was trafficking children and convinced the parent to sell the child. This pastor spent days searching for the girl, infiltrating the trafficking scene, looking for this girl to rescue her. The pastor finally found her, and the girl is now in a government safe house. Once she is in a secure family home, Children of Promise has a sponsor waiting to support her, pray for her, and help her recover from this experience. Once a child is sponsored, he/she has a support system that protects him/her and prevents trafficking. Trafficking is very real in many children's lives. Help us protect as many children as possible.

## Real Impact.

Often when we are interviewing children in villages, rural churches, city slums, or island huts, we talk with them about the significant people in their lives. As the children mature, they begin to realize how important the Children of Promise volunteers are in their lives. They will often tell us how Maria took them to the doctor; or how Pastor Donald came running when their mother died; or how their Sunday School teacher led them to Christ. The volunteers love the children in their care, they sacrifice for them, and they have real impact upon their lives. You make this possible by sponsoring them. Thank you!



## Real Change.

Children all over the world are encountering the life-changing experience of sponsorship. The combination of nutrition, education, health care, and spiritual nurture is powerful! It births HOPE, and HOPE sets them on a positive path that begins to carve out a bright future. Small, shy, hesitant, fearful children become radio announcers, doctors, pastors, teachers, nurses, hotel managers, IT consultants....the list goes on. Real change happens as they follow the path of HOPE. Sponsors make traveling this path possible. Thank you!



## Really.

### Giving Promise

Kirk Bookout  
Development Director



## MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE

What if I told you that you can make a very big difference in your partnership with Children of Promise with very little sacrifice, but it could be with fun and great joy? We sent an email to every congregation asking for a little thing — that for December every dollar bill in the offering go to Children of Promise. It doesn't interfere with other Christmas efforts, and with a creative spirit, it could be great fun. A single dollar bill isn't much, but with all of us pooling them together, it can make a WOW difference.

A few things you can do with a dollar? You would turn it into 100 pennies, and there are lots of things to do with pennies. Or you could give a dollar to your grandmother; she gave you many over the years. Or you could try folding it in half seven times — or YOU COULD CHANGE CHILDREN'S LIVES! It's the DECEMBER DOLLAR DIFFERENCE!

Encourage your church to participate. Or your Sunday School class, or group. Let's see what a little bit can do if we all do it together!

## NEWS CLIPS

- **Desperate Need—Please pray:** For sponsors for 800+ children waiting. Also, click [here](http://www.echildrenofpromise.org/wp-content/uploads/December-Prayer-List-Global-Focus.pdf) (http://www.echildrenofpromise.org/wp-content/uploads/December-Prayer-List-Global-Focus.pdf) for our 12/2017 prayer calendar.
- **Children of Promise Sunday:** To register your event, click [here](http://www.echildrenofpromise.org/register-your-event/). (www.echildrenofpromise.org/register-your-event/) To download materials, click [here](http://www.echildrenofpromise.org/register-your-event/cop-sunday-materials/). (www.echildrenofpromise.org/register-your-event/cop-sunday-materials/). **Suggested date:** February 25 (Freedom Sunday) or any date that works for your church!
- **Christmas Gifts:** Thank you for your generosity to the Christmas Fund. We were able to send \$10 per child for EVERY child. This is an increase of \$2.50 per child over last year.
- **Upcoming Trip:** Travel with Dr. Paul Maxfield, Executive Director, to Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire, and Malawi in March 2018. Meet and interview children, visit homes, work with local volunteers, and worship with nationals. You may also want to join him in May in The Philippines, India, and Myanmar. We have other trips in 2018 also. Contact us.
- **End-of-the-Year Gifts:** Please consider an end-of-the-year gift for us. The last day of the year to do that by phone is Friday, December 29, before 5:00 p.m. (EST) A gift by mail must be postmarked December 31 or earlier to count for this tax year.

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