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A woman with her daughter in Zambia where mothers learn the importance of maternal health – taking better care of themselves so their babies get a healthy start in life.



Water tanks like this one being built in Guatemala lead to healthier children and families. Providing clean water sources is a major CCF effort the world over. (See related stories pages 6 and 13.)

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Good maternal health care is the key to healthier babies and healthier mothers. CCF supports good health practices through a special program in Zambia and elsewhere.



# Zambian Women Take Charge of Maternal Health

It was a big day for 66 women — 36 traditional birth attendants and 30 malaria control agents — who had participated in training by CCF-Zambia. By bicycle, the birth attendants will go to families' homes to help women deliver their babies and the malaria control agents will work throughout the country to prevent malaria. The day was highlighted when Dr. Brian Chituwo, Zambian Health Minister, spoke at the graduation ceremony and highlighted the importance of the role these graduates will play in ensuring good child and maternal health in his country.

Such activities are part of a world health movement to provide access to health care for rural families in developing countries. In rural Zambia 72% of the births take place at home and require the care of a trained birth attendant. Additionally, malaria is a leading cause of death throughout many developing countries. Trained agents will improve the health of mothers and their babies, while also helping to reduce cases of malaria, a disease to which children and pregnant women are particularly vulnerable.

As part of the ceremony, CCF awarded each of the graduates with a bicycle, to help them reach rural clients. In this area, CCF has provided 6,000 children and pregnant women with mosquito nets to prevent malaria, and 800 families with seeds and fertil-



**These mothers have graduated from CCF's maternal health training — they will train other expectant mothers on good health practices.**

izers to improve diets.

CCF-Zambia supports another key aspect of health needs for families through health huts that serve rural Zambian communities with basic medical care. Parents are taught when to bring their children in for medical attention. They also receive training on basic home care so minor health needs can be better addressed.

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# Reaching Out of School Youth



**These youth in The Gambia are learning secretarial skills as part of a larger program offering job skills training for those who have missed out on an education.**

Young adults who either dropped out of school or were never able to attend, are gaining valuable vocational skills at the Marie Bennett and Jamisa Skills Training Centers in The Gambia. The Marie Bennett Skills Center in Sinchu Baliya was made possible by a gift from the Akibene Foundation.

In this program area “the problems of school dropouts, youth unemployment, petty crimes and teenage pregnancy are on the increase,” said Eustace Cassell, national director of CCF-The Gambia. Of those who leave school, 22.4% are young women who must sacrifice their education because of pregnancy, forced early marriage or the inability to pay school fees.

The Marie Bennett center tar-

gets young dropouts to equip them with skills needed to help find employment. Students can acquire computer and secretarial proficiency, study English, learn bookkeeping, or participate in training such as sewing, embroidery, or crocheting. At the center, students are able to take exams and gain the necessary certifications for their occupations. The center recently moved from rented space to a new, larger facility on land donated by the community. CCF assisted in its construction.

Another center, the Jamisa Skills Training Center (located in the Saama Sang program area), provides job training to male and female students. “Almost 80% of the students are children who could not complete their high school education due to either poor academic performance or

early pregnancy,” said Cassell.

The major training programs at Jamisa include bookkeeping, accounting and secretarial skills along with office management and computer studies. The center hopes to expand and offer classes in sewing, carpentry, motor mechanics and metalworking. The buildings to house these programs are nearly finished.

Upon completion of classes at these centers, students have the skills and additional tools they need in life. Many even qualify for loans to help them start their own small businesses.

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## ChildFund International Alliance Broadens CCF's Reach



Christian Children's Fund is one of 12 international children's organizations that have recently joined together under the charter and banner of ChildFund International. This alliance creates a global force that will allow the organizations to mobilize support and coordinate strategies for children's rights and needs and sustainable solutions to poverty. In addition, ChildFund International mem-

bers have adopted best practices in programming, finance, fundraising, and governance.

ChildFund International members work in 55 countries and provide \$376 million in assistance to children and their families, without regard to race, religion, national origin, or gender. The alliance includes some of the oldest and most respected children's organizations in the world. The members are CCF; CCF-Australia; Christian Children's Fund of Canada; BORNEfonden, Denmark; Un Enfant Par La Main, France; CCF Kinderhilfswerk, Germany; ChildFund Ireland; ChildFund Japan; Korea Welfare Foundation; ChildFund New Zealand; Barnfonden, Sweden; and Taiwan Fund for Children and Families.



Education greatly improves when CCF creates small libraries like this one for children in Ecuador and elsewhere.

# CCF-Ecuador is Improving Education

by Sandra Shelley

“CCF is improving poor learning results, particularly in reading, writing and math,” said Carlos Montufar, the national director of CCF-Ecuador. This improvement is partially encouraged through ‘dream corners’, where children find a world made just for them. These are special spaces where the furniture is comfortable and the walls are colorfully painted. There are books, music, and art supplies, but as they play, a lot of important work is being done.

According to Montufar, “Ecuador is near achieving universal access to education. Because the state only provides the infrastructure and pays teachers, teacher training or other necessities are lacking,” he said. Over the years, CCF-Ecuador has helped fill that gap by introducing school lunches and special education teachers, and by improving school buildings and sanitation facilities. Dream corners are the latest venture.

CCF-Ecuador has already opened 10 dream corners and children are thriving. “In addition, we thought it would be an important support tool for children with learning or behavioral difficulties,” Montufar said.

Dream corners are already set up in several schools. One of them, Escuela San Lorenzo, is located in the Alegre Futuro program. The dream corner is a large room, where third and fourth graders will spend 90 minutes each morning. During that time, the children will rotate through different activity stations. The stations will provide them with opportunities to read, write, listen to music, and create art. An educational program, “Play and Learn To Think,” will help them to think more logically. The dream corner’s 80-title library “will provide the schoolchildren with their only access to books, as the community library remains closed due to a lack of resources,” said Montufar. Other grades will visit during the afternoon, and older children and university students will help lead some of the activities.

“Once all dream corners are up and running, they will provide the right mix of structure and freedom,” said Montufar. “Although teachers can link the activities of these spaces with regular curricula, they will provide a warm and friendly environment for children where they can use their imagination without interference.”

## Needs Around the World

Sponsorship is a caring way for donors to assist children facing dire circumstances, addressing their most basic needs. Periodically, there are special needs requiring assistance beyond what sponsorship can provide. Below are some of these needs. To help, please call 1-800-776-6767 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET.

### Homes Need Weatherproof Roofs in Sri Lanka

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**New Roof for a Family in Sri Lanka \$175** 35921  
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### Water Catchment Needed in Brazil

Water catchment systems can potentially provide about 5,680 gallons of clean rainwater for a family. There are thousands children CCF serves whose homes need these simple systems.

**Rooftop Water Catchment System in Brazil \$715** 35923  
**Share of Rooftop Water Catchment System in Brazil \$100** 35924

# Turning On the Water Again



**Clean water again:** This little boy is one of many children who will benefit from access to clean water in Sri Lanka following the tsunami. Almost all of their potable water supply was destroyed.

Among the greatest needs following the December 2004 tsunami is restoring access to clean water and sanitation. CCF has restored these critical necessities of daily life to thousands of Indonesian, Sri Lankan, and Indian families.

Among the beneficiaries is 14-year-old Hashini of Sri Lanka, whose parents lost their home and fish-exporting business in the devastating tsunami. Like many others, Hashini's family had to seek temporary shelter on their land as they rebuilt their home. They did not have access to convenient water or sanitation facilities so Hashini had use a toilet shared by many other households. "It was not safe for children to go there at night," said Hashini's father. Now,

CCF has laid water pipes to connect families in the community to a municipal water source, installed water taps in their homes, and helped them build their own sanitation facilities.

Many communities have benefited from CCF-Sri Lanka's water and sanitation program, funded in large part by a \$1.5 million USAID grant. It has restored bathroom and water facilities to schools and Child Centered Spaces, and has employed locals to clear debris from coastal areas, clean out rice paddies, and undertake other environmental projects.

Education is a key part of the program. CCF provides training to communities, schools, and camps for the displaced on the importance of hand washing, cleaning toilets, using safe water to avoid water-borne diseases,

proper garbage collection and disposal, and other sanitary practices. Every month, CCF's health and hygiene team delivers thousands of packages of soap and hand towels to families. Additionally, every two weeks CCF communicates key health and hygiene messages on a radio program broadcast from a Child Centered Space.

Health and hygiene initiatives, the restoration of water and sanitation systems, and environmental cleanup are vital programs in India and Indonesia as well. In India, CCF's "cash for work" programs have resulted in the repair and expansion of 41 community water tanks, the repair of six community wells and three water channels for irrigation, the rehabilitation of 38 village and agri-

cultural water ponds, and the construction of 88 temporary sewage units and solid waste pits. Widespread debris cleanup is also underway, including the removal of sand that the tsunami dumped on a 20-mile stretch of farmland in the state of Tamil Nadu. CCF-India has also provided families with 10,000 26-gallon storage tanks and 4,500 132-gallon storage tanks, distributed 3.3 million water purification tablets, and constructed five communi-

ty restrooms along with community wash and bath areas.

In Indonesia, CCF has supplied 30 water storage tanks to five temporary camps. Other efforts include the distribution of hygiene kits, 3,000 drinking water containers, and 3,000 wash bins. Additionally, CCF-sponsored youth groups mobilized over 400 youth in Banda Aceh/Aceh Besar to spend a day cleaning up the environment.

## Tsunami Assistance – ‘We’re Putting Our Hearts Into It’

“We’re helping tsunami-affected families...so we’re putting our hearts into it,” said Nima, a volunteer at a Christian Children’s Fund Child Centered Space in Sri Lanka. The love and care are apparent at these special centers for children, where basic education, nutritious meals, and inventive programs are offered to children of all ages. In Sri Lanka’s Matara District, near a flooded rice paddy restored by the community, one CCF center hosts up to 175 children. Youth are engaged in volleyball, girls are painting, and younger children are playing. Here, mothers are learning to sew and some are also involved in beautician classes. Over 10,000 children, youth, and parents participate in CCF-Sri Lanka’s 53 Child Centered Spaces and 59 Youth Clubs.

In India, painting, and board games are some of the offerings at Child Centered Spaces, which serve about 18,000 children and youth in 92 centers. Additionally, children who have dropped out of school take part in basic education courses.



These children are eating a meal in a CCF Child Centered Space – one of many such spaces created to begin recovery after the tsunami’s devastation.

In Indonesia, CCF operates 111 Child Centered Spaces that serve over 12,000 children and youth, ages 3-19. At the centers, CCF promotes healing and recovery through children’s rights events, public children’s debates, and children’s festivals.

During a time when the Indonesian government undertook a massive relocation of those living in the camps, volunteers in the centers worked with children to write songs about child protection and rights. The

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# Getting Back to Work After the Tsunami

One of the main goals of the tsunami recovery effort is getting people back to work again, at least temporarily, so that they can begin earning an income. “Cash for work” programs are especially important to women and other vulnerable groups whose livelihoods were destroyed by the tsunami.

In Indonesia, CCF has employed nearly 3,200 men and women in “cash for work” efforts including school reconstruction, cleanup initiatives, and other activities. In one program, women are building bed frames with wood harvested from tsunami debris. These projects provide incomes to women, who have limited opportunities to earn money in this traditional society. At the same time, they provide much needed services for the community and those displaced by the tsunami.

CCF-India has hired people to run temporary shelters, renovate buildings, undertake repair projects and community cleanup, rehabilitate ponds, fix irrigation channels, rebuild wells and construct temporary sewage units and solid waste pits. Others have received

supplies to set up or reestablish small businesses, including pushcarts for fruit and vegetable sellers and delivery bicycles for salt and fish vendors and store owners. Also, CCF has helped fishermen return to work by repairing hundreds of fishing boats, along with distributing post-harvest fishing items including iceboxes and fishing nets.

In Sri Lanka, more than 3,000 people employed in “cash for work” projects have restored water systems and cleaned up debris from coastal areas and flooded rice fields. They have undertaken construction and repair projects such as fixing roads, and packed and distributed food rations for over 10,000 families.

In the Matara District of Sri Lanka, over 200 men and women are clearing roads and drainage systems. Among them is a woman who lost her twin 11-year-old sons to the floods. She is laboring with her husband to save money to buy a boat, so that he can work as a fisherman again. “I never expected to work on the road, but in order to live, we need to,” she said.

## Tsunami Assistance – ‘We’re Putting Our Hearts Into It’

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children sang and recorded the songs, which were later broadcast on local radio. The songs helped children remember what to do in case they got separated from their parents or caregivers during relocation, and stressed to them the importance of remembering their names and not talking to strangers.

Youth clubs are an important part of CCF’s programming in tsunami-affected countries. In all of them,

youth participate in community cleanup efforts. In Indonesia, young adults can learn printmaking, write poetry, join dance clubs, or attend youth empowerment and leadership workshops. Youth in India are active in vocational activities, including basket weaving and embroidery. Sri Lankan youth take part in leadership training, debate teams, festivals, musical programs, and sports competitions. They have also helped construct a shelter where Child Centered Space activities take place.

*Editor's Note: Below is an excerpt from a letter sent to friends by a sponsor who went on a CCF study tour to Brazil. Hazel Gass is president of a local church women's group, and gives presentations on Christian Children's Fund to other women's organizations.*

Dear Friends,

Last fall, after praying about how I could serve with a limited ability to spend time on my feet, I got the call to go to Brazil with Christian Children's Fund for a study tour. I left September 9, 2004, with Hurricane Ivan brewing in the Caribbean. We were serenaded at the airport in Belo Horizonte by a drum group of young CCF children, and watched a display of cultural dances.

The next day, we visited two projects. Public school is only a half-day in Brazil, either morning or afternoon. The rest of the day, the children are in the hands of CCF. They are placed in classes to help with their education, and also learn art, drama, dance, nutrition, health habits, and how to improve their lives.

I was able to visit three of our present sponsored children, and two we had sponsored in the past. The children live in an arid and poor part of Brazil, and they had to travel 12 hours to visit with us. There were 29 sponsors on the trip. We each had a translator for our visit with the children. We went to a lovely park, and there were many activities for us. The next morning, we had breakfast together and we gave the children some gifts that we had brought them. They gave us a gift with their pictures on it.

We were completely sold on CCF's program to raise the standards of living for many, and eliminate the street children problem and drug abuse.

With love,

Hazel Gass

**Hazel Gass on a CCF study tour to Brazil to visit her sponsored children. Here, she poses with a former sponsored child.**



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# CCF Celebrates 'Day of the African Child'



These children in Liberia are honored during festivities for "Day of the African Child," which is celebrated in many African countries where CCF works.

In June, children from Christian Children's Fund communities throughout Africa celebrated the annual "Day of the African Child." This year's celebration focused on the continent's orphans, many of whom have lost one or both parents to HIV/AIDS.

Working with partner organizations, CCF-Ethiopia lined up a variety of activities for children. Children from selected projects met with government officials to discuss urgent children's needs and rights, and a CCF representative served as the moderator of a panel discussion on education. Throughout the day, children participated in competitions, theatrical and musical performances, and rallies. The events in Ethiopia, as well as in several other countries, were covered by their national news media.

In Zambia, young finalists from school debate contests presented their views on issues including drug abuse,

HIV/AIDS, and physical and sexual abuse. In Guinea, one of CCF's newest countries of assistance, parents and children met to talk about child development and protection issues.

Over 4,000 children from four CCF project communities in Liberia took part in the day's events. The programs received a high level of participation from both children and governmental officials.

Children presented speeches, dramas, cultural dances with drumming, or songs. Outdoors, they played kickball and soccer, ran relay races, and watched movies. The United Nations Mission in Liberia provided food and transportation.

"All of the country teams took great pains to ensure that the day was all about the children, and did whatever they could to make sure that the children knew just how special they are," said Wayne Bleier, CCF-Liberia country director.

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# A Special Day for Women in Chad

Chadian women have commemorated International Women's Day for some time. So this year, CCF helped Sudanese women living in the refugee camps in Chad start their own celebration. These women gathered to observe International Women's Day at the Iridimi and Tullum refugee camps, having fled their homes in Sudan to escape an ongoing brutal civil war.

"In Chad, International Women's Day is celebrated each year. For the Sudanese refugees, this was a new event," said Davidson Jonah, CCF's child protection adviser. "It was very important to organize festivities for the Sudanese women so they can express themselves."

They listened to speeches about women's issues, and shared special foods, songs and dances, as they experienced the celebration for the first time.

Locations were set up throughout the camps where women could participate in the day's activities. CCF provided fruit juices while other organizations supplied ingredients for donuts.

At each location, said Jonah, "children and women danced and sang songs. It was a real pleasure to see them smiling, laughing, and enjoying this



Despite being refugees in Chad and leaving their homes behind in Sudan, these women find the courage to celebrate International Women's Day.

day." Women displayed handicrafts and children took part in activities at CCF Child Centered Spaces. At each location a woman designated by the others made a speech focusing on the Sudanese women and the importance of women in the community.

Refugee and local women came together for the events. Women from the Iridimi camp presented songs and dances with those from Erre village. Women from the Tullum camp and Eryani village performed a play. "It was an excellent occasion to continue building good relationships between Sudanese and Chadian women," said Jonah.

# Mexico's First Lady Recognizes CCF for Helping Children

Christian Children's Fund in Mexico has been honored with a "Commitment with Others" award by the Mexican Center for Philanthropy—Centro Mexicano para la Filantropía (CEMEFI). CEMEFI is an organization set up to foster and encourage charitable giving in Mexico. First Lady Marta Sahagún de Fox made the presentation this year to two individuals and three organizations, including CCF.

Virginia Vargas, CCF-Mexico

national director, and Daniel Silva Jáuregui, president of the Board, accepted the award. According to Vargas, CEMEFI selected CCF "for being a model organization working in favor of less fortunate children and for creating an environment of hope in which children can reach their greatest development."

CCF-Mexico, one of the largest nongovernmental organizations in Mexico, supports the well-being of nearly 30,000 children in 53 programs.

# Thailand Camps Promote Children's Rights

At children's rights camps in Thailand last spring, children in CCF programs were asked for something unusual—their opinions.

"In Thailand, parents rarely think to offer children an opportunity to express their viewpoints," said Kanchada Piriyarangsan, national director of CCF-Thailand. The 557 children who attended the CCF camps learned that they do have something to contribute, and that freedom of thought and expression are included among their basic rights.

To get the children talking, the camp leaders broke them down into small groups and engaged them in ice-breaking games and activities. In one, children imagined they were young trees. The leaders asked them what, as a sapling, they required to thrive. "As the children thought about the needs of the tree, they also began to think about their needs as children," said Piriyarangsan.

The children also learned about their rights as defined by the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which 192 countries—including Thailand—have ratified to date. Among them are the right to medical assistance, primary health care, education as well as freedom of thought, conscience, and religion. Also included are protection from economic exploitation, underage armed services enlistment, and from all forms of mental, physical or sexual abuse.

"Children in Thailand face a number of challenging issues," said Piriyarangsan. Among them — physical and sexual abuse, as well as neglect by parents who work far away from home and leave their babies and children with grandparents or other

relatives. In many cases, these children receive improper nourishment and care due to the limited education of their caregivers.

At the camps, children were able to exchange experiences and ideas with peers from 20 northern and northeastern provinces. Children in attendance were between the ages of 11 and 18, and were accompanied by a parent. The three-day camps enabled them to develop their leadership skills and to think about how to face challenges in their own communities, according to Piriyarangsan. "Children were eager and interested in participating in all activities. With the experiences gained, children brought home new aspirations and greater enthusiasm to share the things they had learned."

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# Water Harvesting: Long-term Famine Intervention Realized

by Fikru Abebe, National Director, CCF-Uganda (Formerly national director of CCF-Ethiopia, Fikru Abebe is a specialist in agriculture and rural land use planning.)



**Water is the gift of life: This cistern is one of several methods CCF uses to keep crops growing in Ethiopia – where drought is a constant threat.**

No matter how hard Alemayehu worked in his fields, it seemed that his life boiled down to a struggle for survival and a dependence on emergency aid.

In Borchota, Ethiopia, where Alemayehu and his family live, rainfall is erratic and drought and famine are commonplace—almost an annual event. During times of crop failure, his family used to rely on CCF for water and emergency food. But these days, Alemayehu is keeping his family self-sufficient, and his crops thriving, through water harvesting.

CCF began the program in Ethiopia after the 2002 drought as part of a long-range plan to offer more permanent solutions to recurring drought and famine. The program reaches those who depend upon rain-fed agriculture in drought-prone regions. The technology involves collecting runoff

water during the major rainy season, which later provides supplementary irrigation and drinking water during the dry months.

Communities capture the water through neighborhood cisterns or underground reservoirs. The water is then piped to fields through a drip irrigation system, which deposits a precise amount of water at each plant. One cistern can provide enough water to carry 20 households through four consecutive dry months. Over the

past two years, CCF has constructed 90 cisterns in the Borchota, Shashemene and Buie areas, and 47 cisterns in Golan, CCF-Ethiopia's most affected community. CCF has also established 107 ponds that serve the livestock of more than 2,000 families, and is building three retention dams.

As a result of the program, Alemayehu is now successfully harvesting a variety of fruits and vegetables at least twice a year. He is confident that his family's household income and nutritional status will continue to improve without emergency assistance.

In a country where about half of the population is undernourished and 47% of the children are suffering from moderate to severe malnutrition, innovative technologies are essential to breaking the cycle of drought-fueled emergencies.

# Fighting Child Labor and Prostitution in the Philippines



Young children and youth often work in sugarcane fields in the Philippines. CCF has implemented programs there and elsewhere to combat child labor.

“I had already lost hope and did not really care about studying anymore. I want to thank CCF because it has brought my dream back to life: to finish my education and to have a good future.” These are the words of a 17-year-old former child prostitute who has now gotten her life back on track through a special CCF-Philippines child labor program.

Through the ABK Initiative (which stands for “Education of Children for the Future” in Pilipino), CCF combats child labor through education. The project targets children working in the particularly exploitative industries of mining and quarrying, sugar agriculture, pyrotechnics, deep-sea fishing, domestic work, and prostitution. CCF is one of four agencies participating in the initiative in a consortium supported by a \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. Among CCF’s goals are making quality education available to child

laborers – especially those at risk of becoming employed in hazardous or exploitative occupations; educating communities about the problem; and strengthening local structures that protect children.

“The program is our response to the alarming child labor situation in the country: more than 4 million child laborers, with 2.4 million of

them engaged in hazardous forms of labor,” said Evelyn Santiago, program manager of CCF-Philippines.

In May, Ann Marie Jackson from the U.S. State Department and Timothy Cipullo from the U.S. Embassy visited a CCF community participating in the initiative. They went to the CCF-run Bukas Kamay center, meeting with children whose lives had been turned around by the program. Then they toured the city, to see where the children resided and attended school.

Afterwards, both expressed their admiration for the initiative. “It is reassuring to see how well you are using this grant to make a difference in the lives of the child laborers we met...Keep up the good work you are doing on this very important issue,” said Cipullo in a letter to the project.



Educating these young boys, and other children in the Philippines, is a major part of CCF's effort to help curb child labor. These youngsters are working in a sugarcane field.



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These young children are in school in Senegal where CCF promotes education. Education helps make lasting change — see related story page 5.