



The Fellowship Child Sponsorship Newsletter

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When you sponsor a child, you make a long-lasting, holistic impact in the life of a child, providing love for today, and hope for tomorrow.

Updates from The Fellowship Child Sponsorship ministry locations.

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Casa Hogar [Honduras]

Fellowship International missionaries: Melodie Francis, Rick and Ena Ward

A home for marginalized and vulnerable children and youth rescued from various at-risk locations throughout Honduras. [Learn more](#) about the ministry at Casa Hogar.



So many exciting things have happened at Casa Hogar in the last six months.

Hector made public his decision to profess Jesus as his Saviour through baptism. This is an important step as he transitions into adulthood and independence in the next couple of years.

The end of the bilingual (English/Spanish) school year in June 2024 culminated with Josué and Jennifer (Mera) graduating after 13 years of studies at the bilingual school. Child sponsorship and dedicated sponsors provided them access to a great private Christian bilingual school.

The four Vasquez children that arrived in December 2023 are adjusting to life at Casa Hogar and attending school for the first time in their life. Although they still struggle with health issues due to low immune systems they are enjoying the active life with all the other kids. At one point during our summer visit we watched Wilmer, the oldest, interacting with a group of the kids playing soccer with them. This is a substantial achievement for him.

Pray for continued spiritual growth and maturity for Hector. Pray for the Lord to open doors for Josue and Mera as they figure out life after high school. Pray for wisdom for Melodie as she cares for the children and manages their education.

Joy Foundation [Dominican Republic]

Fellowship International missionary: Helene Hwang

Joy Foundation is a school that serves the children of undocumented Haitians living in the Dominican Republic. [Learn more](#) about the ministry of Joy Foundation.



The children in our sponsorship program live in Santiago and Puerto Plata. They attend the elementary school and kindergarten we operate, and are part of the communities where we partner in ministry. Our sponsors also share a special relationship with Joy Foundation, as they continue to offer love and support for the children.

Each year, mission teams come to share God's Word with the children and spend valuable time with them. The teams provide activities like Taekwondo class and beach trips, and assist with painting and repairing the children's homes. After the work is completed, they write Bible verses on the freshly painted walls, leaving behind messages of faith and hope that inspire the children. Medical ministry teams visit to assess the health of the children and local community members, offering much-needed medical care and distributing essential medicines.

We continue to see transformation in the lives of the children, and it is a humbling reminder of God's grace at work.

Praise God for the provision of a ministry truck. Pray that the lives of children and youth will be transformed through Joy Foundation's ministry.

Who do you know who many consider sponsoring a child?

We are so thankful that you choose to support the Fellowship Child Sponsorship Program. The influence of the holistic care evidenced in this newsletter are only possible through your generosity.

As we add new ministries and new children join our existing ones, the Fellowship Child Sponsorship program is growing. We are praying for 242 new sponsorships this year to reach our sustainability needs. We encourage you to share this newsletter with anyone you think might consider sponsoring a child.



Love Trust [Sri Lanka]

Fellowship International missionary: Ronald Jeyaseelan

Love Trust is made up of four preschool programs located in rural Sri Lankan communities where extreme poverty is the norm and social services are inaccessible. [Learn more](#) about Love Trust's ministries.

We are so thankful for the way the Lord has been working in our midst. The holistic care that is provided through Love Trust sponsors is having great impact in the communities where the preschools are located.

Many of the children who come to preschool have behavioural problems due to their family background. Yet, through the care they receive at preschool, there is a life-changing impact. In addition to learning their letters and colours, they learn how to behave, to say *please* and *thank you*, and to pray before they eat. Parents often comment that when the kids come home from preschool, they will not eat without praying first.

One key piece is the ministry coordinator who acts as a counsellor for the mothers and preschool children. The children who have finished preschool also continue to come to her – even as teenagers! They share their struggles and with compassion she listens, counsels, and prays for them. This is an essential part of encouraging the budding relationship with Jesus in the women and children beyond the days of preschool.

Pray for the Lord to provide for a missionary couple to help support the work of Love Trust. Pray for the children to grow in their faith and reliance on God.

Clementia Life Centre [Lebanon]

Fellowship International missionaries: Bechara and Roula Karkafi

CLC is a school and community outreach centre that serves Syrian refugee students and their families in Lebanon. You can [learn more](#) about the ministry at Clementia Life Centre.

Our hearts are heavy as Lebanon's situation worsens. Schools, once places of learning and growth, are now closing to serve as shelters for refugees, disrupting education. In response, we've launched an online program to provide hope and stability to our students during these uncertain times. *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."* Isaiah 41:10

The influx of immigrants from the South has caused rents to triple, and the demand for food has skyrocketed, placing immense strain on our students' families. We are doing our best to provide food packages, but the need far exceeds our capacity. We remain hopeful that brighter days are ahead as we support each other in faith and resilience during these trying times.

We launched our academic year through online sessions due to the conflict. Some parents find it difficult to support their children's education. We continue to adapt to this challenging situation, knowing we may need to make up for lost ground when we return to in-person learning. Together, we will navigate these challenges and emerge stronger as a community committed to their success.

Please pray for our students and staff, in the midst of war in the region; lifting them up for safety, strength, and peace.



Cedar Home [Lebanon]

Fellowship International missionaries: Karim and Rita Anayssi

Cedar Home is a Christian home for abandoned newborns, as well as orphaned, disadvantaged and stateless girls in Lebanon. [Learn more](#) about the Cedar Home ministry.

In times of war, there are two choices: wait for the conflict to end and then resume life, or simply continue doing what you do best. We have chosen the latter. We have Jesus by our side, and His hope and strength sustain us through every challenge.

Local schools are currently housing displaced people due to the war, so it was necessary to transition to online education. It is inspiring to see how our girls help each other academically. They are divided into two groups: teachers and students. By taking on roles in both learning and teaching, they feel empowered, valued, and their unique talents shine through.

Our neighbourhood is home to many displaced Shiite Muslim families, giving a great opportunity to serve our neighbours. Under Rita's leadership, the girls have been helping prepare delicious meals, delivered to 200 families each week. It's a powerful way to involve our girls in acts of love, showing them firsthand how giving brings joy to both the giver and the receiver.

Please pray for the safety and protection of the girls and staff at Cedar Home as they live, work, and play under the threat of war. Pray for an end to the conflict.

