



# Child and Elder

*Sponsorship Program*



# Together,

*we can make a better world for God's children.*

Supporting at risk children and elders with the love and services they deserve is one of the greatest gifts of kindness you can share.

Through your support, the Global Ministries Child and Elder Sponsorship Program partners with agencies and churches all over the world to provide services that create opportunities and affirm dignity.

Please look through the sponsorship opportunities and Frequently Asked Questions, then decide if you can make a life changing difference for both you and a child or elder.

## Child Sponsorship Opportunities



Your gifts through Global Ministries Child Sponsorship make a difference! The Child Sponsorship program works closely with partner organizations that have long-established links with the UCC and Disciples. Collaborating with partners, your gifts to Child Sponsorship provide food, basic health care, clothing and in some cases housing, school fees, uniforms, books and training.

### East Asia and the Pacific

#### *Dumaguete Kalauman Center for Development*

This center is a community-based program in Dumaguete City, Philippines serving children who live with their parents or other close relatives who are under or unemployed. The children participate in church classes, Vacation Bible School, camp, literacy programs, field trips, and cultural activities. The program's activities encourage children to grow as a whole person: mentally, physically, socially and spiritually.

*Sponsorship:* \$35 per month



#### *Elim Home*

A residential home in Xuchang City, Henan Province, China, Elim Home provides care for school-aged children formerly living in impoverished conditions, "street kids" and children with incarcerated parents. Elim Home provides them with opportunities to receive an education, get basic medical care and enjoy the human rights of love and freedom. The children are encouraged to study, learn basic life skills and read the Bible to learn God's word.

*Sponsorship:* \$30 per month



### Latin America and the Caribbean

#### *Pringle Home for Children*

This residential home for girls in the hills of Carron Hall, St. Mary's, Jamaica is operated by the United Church of Christ in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. Pringle Home is a safe haven for girls who have been abandoned or abused emotionally, sexually, and physically. Services include schooling, employment training, recreation, life skills, behavioral management, conflict resolution training and devotions. Counseling is provided to willing family members as girls prepare to leave the home, enabling the girls to return home and contribute to their communities. The girls are referred to Pringle Home by the government's Child Development Agency.

*Sponsorship:* \$30 per month



## Mount Olivet Boys' Home

Mount Olivet is a residential home for boys located in Walderston, Manchester, Jamaica, and operated by the United Church of Christ in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. It is a home for boys between the ages of 6 and 18 years old who are in need of care and protection. The home is a refuge to promote healing in a positive living environment for post-institutional children. Services include schooling, medical and mental healthcare, recreational, social and spiritual development. The boys are referred to Mount Olivet by the government's Child Development Agency.

*Sponsorship:* \$30 per month

## House of Hope

A community service program in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, House of Hope provides food, shelter, clothing and education for children. The program serves boys and girls between 5 and 18 years old who labor as domestic servants (*restaveks*). It is a safe place where the children also learn social skills and a professional trade. House of Hope is sponsored by the Ecumenical Committee for Peace and Justice, a non-profit ecumenical Christian Agency in Haiti.

*Sponsorship:* \$30 per month



## Middle East and Europe

### Rawdat El-Zuhur School

Rawdat El-Zuhur is a co-ed elementary school in East Jerusalem that serves lower income Palestinian children from kindergarten to sixth grade. The school provides equitable opportunities for children and nurtures their relationship with society. Both Christianity and Islam are taught. Classes include reading, research, computer technology, music, arts and sports.

*Sponsorship:* \$30 per month



### Armenian Missionary Association of America

This program serves more than 2,800 at risk and marginalized orphans and children of Armenian and Karabakh families. The families are provided basic medical, educational and job training assistance. Necessities such as food, clothing and fuel in the winter are supplied for families. This Christian agency is committed to improving the social and financial conditions of the people of Armenia.

*Sponsorship:* \$30 per month



## Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches Children's Program

This church-based program in the Near East is in Lebanon. Many of the children who attend the schools are from Armenian families who have roots in Turkey and escaped the 20th century massacres. This program assists with necessary provisions, school tuition and supplies to poor children in local congregations.

*Sponsorship:* \$30 per month

## Africa

### Lephoi Centre for Learners with Visual Impairment

Lephoi Centre is a residential hostel in Francistown, Botswana for approximately 50 children. Visually impaired children receive primary education, vocational skills, and life and health education training. They attend outings and educational tours while in a nurturing and loving environment. Music is a valued tool to help the children learn and improve their hearing skills. The children are integrated as far along as possible with other children at the same education level and they are inspired to believe that their "disability is not an inability."

*Sponsorship:* \$30 per month



### United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe Children's Program

The Children's Program is a church-based project throughout Zimbabwe. Children living with their families are provided financial assistance for school fees and other needs. Orphans living at the Daisy Dube Home on the campus of Mt. Selinda Mission Station are provided housing, education, healthcare and other needs.

*Sponsorship:* \$30 per month



## Southern Asia

### Family Village Farm (Pannai)

The Family Village Farm's mission is to improve the conditions of the young and the aged in Vellore, India in life-sustaining ways. Children are provided food, clothing, shelter, love, discipline and training. In a home-like setting, the children find their identity, dignity and self-worth.

*Sponsorship:* \$35 per month



## Family Village Farm – King’s Matriculation Day School

King’s Matriculation School is on the campus of the Family Village Farm (Pannai). The children are residents of Pannai and more than 32 surrounding villages. Education provides the opportunity for a better future, but many of the non-residential children come from families who cannot afford to pay tuition. Your sponsorship keeps the children in school and provides them with one hot meal a day during the school year.

*Sponsorship:* \$25 per month



## Sermey Thoesam School

Sermey Thoesam School in Karnataka, India provides an education for Tibetan children living in poverty. Their education includes technology training, English, math, heritage and preservation of Tibetan culture. The students attend school six days a week, 14 hours per day, and receive meals, healthcare and educational supplies.

*Sponsorship:* \$30 per month

## Sonada Refugee Camp

Sonada Refugee Camp is home to more than 500 Tibetan refugees. The children’s programs address the socio-economic conditions and offers basic provisions and education. Activities include crop and dairy farming.

*Sponsorship:* \$30 per month



## Tibetan Children’s Village

A children’s residential home located in Dharamsala, India, Tibetan Children’s Village provides assistance to children at the Bylakuppe village. The more than 12,000 Tibetan refugee children among the villages receive technical, dairy farming and handicraft training. Education includes teaching the Tibetan language, culture, science, arts, counseling and computer technology.

*Sponsorship:* \$35 per month



## Tibetan Refugee Self-Help Centre

More than 650 Tibetan refugees live in a cohesive and productive community at the Tibetan Refugee Self-Help Centre in Dharamsala, India. This rehabilitation organization trains adults in handicraft arts to support their families, while children are provided free education in both Hindu and English, textbooks and school supplies.

*Sponsorship:* \$30 per month

# Elder Sponsorship Opportunities



In many countries an individual is not entitled to government assistance after retirement unless they have worked for the government. Global Ministries Elder Sponsorship centers assist elders who have no place to live and no family to care for them. Your sponsorship of an elder helps provide shelter, medicine, and meals. Elders are given the opportunity to live out their lives in dignity and solace in an environment where they feel loved and cared for.

## Elders at the Family Village Farm

The community of the Family Village Farm in Vellore, India includes elders who have no place to live and no income. The elders are part of “cottages” where three generations are a family unit. They act as grandparents providing wisdom, guidance and, most importantly, a nurturing figure in the lives of the children. The elders receive meals, medical care, shelter and a small stipend for their role in the cottage. Their spiritual needs are met by regular prayer meetings and worship time.

*Sponsorship:* \$35 per month



## Elders at the Tibetan Refugee Self-Help Centre

The elders at the Tibetan Refugee Self-Help Centre in Dharamsala, India have all lived and worked at the Centre as adults. The Centre is home for more than 650 Tibetan refugees, and many have lived there all of their lives. Some elders are frail or sick and have no family to care for them. Your sponsorship will provide food, shelter, care and hope to aging refugees.

*Sponsorship:* \$30 per month



# Frequently Asked Questions

## **How do I sponsor a child or elder?**

Go online at [www.globalministries.org/child\\_sponsorship](http://www.globalministries.org/child_sponsorship) or mail your completed sponsorship form from this booklet with a check or electronic gift option selected. Please indicate the center of your choice or let us select a child or elder for you. Payments begin the same month the child or elder is assigned.



## **Who are the children and elders in the program?**

The children are generally orphaned, refugees, court referrals or from low income families of Global Ministries partners. The children range from infancy to 18. A child is eligible for sponsorship until they are 18 years old. Children leaving a participating center are no longer eligible for Global Ministries sponsorship. The elders are individuals without sufficient income or family support to care for them after age 60.

## **Will I receive information about a specific child or elder?**

Yes. A brief biography and photo of your child or elder with a cover letter will be sent to you by the Child and Elder Sponsorship Program office. We ask you to consider them an extended family member. Please contact the Child and Elder Sponsorship Program if you wish to discontinue your sponsorship so we can identify another sponsor.

## **How much does it cost to sponsor a child or elder?**

The cost of sponsoring a child or elder varies from place to place according to the services provided and the cost of living in that country. The lowest amount is \$25 per month and the highest is \$35 per month.

## **How much of my payment will be used for administrative expenses?**

100% of your designated gifts go to the children or elders. The generous gifts from congregations to the Disciples Mission Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission of the United Church of Christ underwrite the administrative costs of the Child and Elder Sponsorship Program. The program is currently being funded by an anonymous donor who established a Lead Trust Annuity. In addition, we do make every effort possible to minimize the program's overhead. We invite you to contribute to the Annual Sponsorship Appeal to help cover the administrative cost of the program.



## **How does my child or elder benefit from the money I provide?**

Your support helps provide a child or elder with food, clothing, healthcare, other needs and sometimes housing and education. In the case of a school-age child, your support may also help to pay school fees or buy uniforms and books.

## **How do I make a gift and will I receive receipts?**

Please make your check payable to *Global Ministries* earmarked for the Global Ministries Child and Elder Sponsorship Program. Additional options include Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and automatic credit card gifts. Each time you send in a check, we will mail you a receipt and an invoice for your next gift. Electronic payment and credit cards will receive annual statements in January for the previous year's gifts.



## **May I write or visit my sponsored child or elder?**

Yes, you may! They will love hearing from or seeing you. If the child is old enough to write or draw, he or she will answer your letter. If the child is too young to write, disabled, or if translation is needed, the administrators will write and keep you informed of your child's progress. In the case of the elders, you will receive reports from partner staff. It is our hope that you will receive at least two letters or progress reports per year from your child or elder. Mail service to and from countries may be extremely slow. Please contact the Child and Elder Sponsorship Program office if you have not heard from your child or elder or you wish to visit them. Visits are always welcomed, however, visits must be coordinated with our partners. Please contact us to assist you in making arrangements.



## **May I send my child or elder gifts?**

All our partners and the Child and Elder Sponsorship Program office share the concern that elaborate special gifts for individuals may create distinction and alienate others. Please contact the Child and Elder Sponsorship Program office to discuss special gift options.

Consider:

- Sending a small financial gift through the Global Ministries Child and Elder Sponsorship Program office for the child or elder or a general donation to be used where it is most needed. This also stimulates the local economy and ensures personal gifts will be suitable. In addition, sending packages can be an expense to our partners to receive.
- Sending a modest gift such as combs, brushes, balls, dolls, t-shirts or school supplies such as crayons, pencils or paper that can be used by several children. These gifts should be sent directly to the partner agency.



*Sponsorships can be given as holiday gifts, in honor or memory of someone, or a one-time gift to use where most needed.*

# Sponsorship Form

## Global Ministries Child and Elder Sponsorship Program

### Sponsorship Centers and amount per month

- Use where most needed for a child or elder  \$30  \$35  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \$30 – Armenian Missionary Association of America, Armenia  
 \$35 – Dumaguete Kalauman Center for Development, Philippines  
 \$30 – Elim Home, China  
 \$35 – Family Village Farm (Pannai), India *Child Sponsorship*  
 \$35 – Family Village Farm (Pannai), India *Elder Sponsorship*  
 \$25 – Family Village Farm - King's Matriculation Day School, India  
 \$30 – House of Hope, Haiti  
 \$30 – Lephohi Centre for Learners with Visual Impairment, Botswana  
 \$30 – Mount Olivet Boys' Home, Jamaica  
 \$30 – Pringle Home for Children, Jamaica  
 \$30 – Rawdat El Zuhur School, E. Jerusalem  
 \$30 – Sermey Thoesam School, India  
 \$30 – Sonada Refugee Camp, India  
 \$35 – Tibetan Children's Village, India  
 \$30 – Tibetan Refugee Self-Help Centre, India *Child Sponsorship*  
 \$30 – Tibetan Refugee Self-Help Centre, India *Elder Sponsorship*  
 \$30 – United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe Children's Program  
 \$30 – Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches Children's Program



### Please print:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I/We choose to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_  per month  One Time Donation

I/We also understand that if we choose automatic gifts, the gifts will continue until we cancel in writing (30-day notice required).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Options

- Check made payable to *Global Ministries*  
 Automatically charge my checking/savings account (*please include a voided check*)  
 Automatically charge my credit card:  Visa  MasterCard  American Express  Discover

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Automatic Gift Date (*choose one*)  1st of the month  15th of the month

Frequency (*choose one*)  Monthly  Quarterly  Semi-Annually  Annually

Start Date (*month, day, year*) \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Name (*please print*) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Visit us online

[www.globalministries.org/child\\_sponsorship](http://www.globalministries.org/child_sponsorship)

## To set up your sponsorship

Send completed form and payment option to:

Global Ministries  
Child and Elder Sponsorship Program  
700 Prospect Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44115-1100



Do not cast me away  
when I am old;  
do not forsake me  
when my strength is gone.

Psalm 71:9



### Questions?

Email: [ChildSponsorship@ucc.org](mailto:ChildSponsorship@ucc.org)

Phone: (866) 822-8224 ext. 3222

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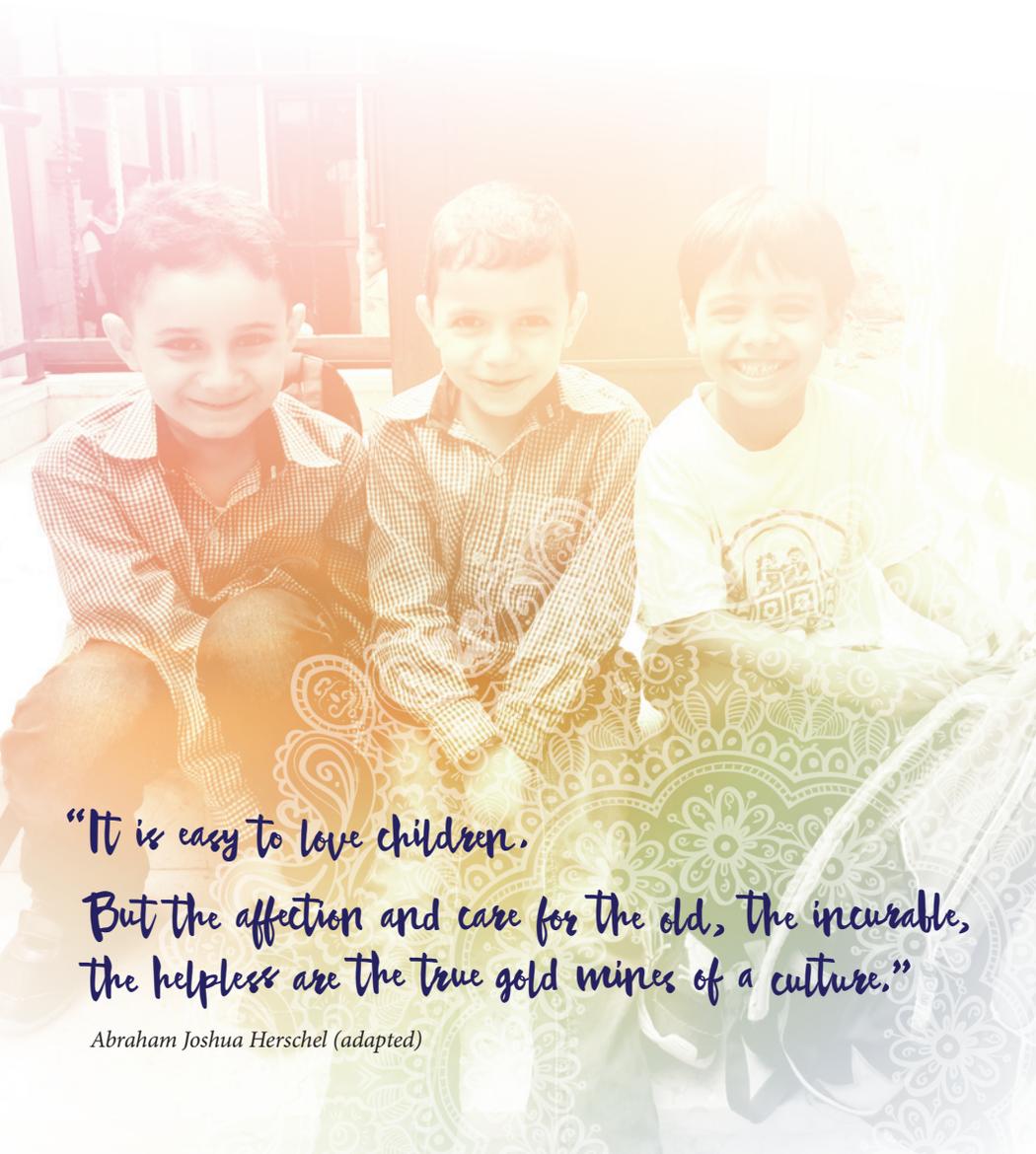
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*"It is easy to love children.*

*But the affection and care for the old, the incurable,  
the helpless are the true gold mines of a culture."*

*Abraham Joshua Herschel (adapted)*