



Mosquitos are the deadliest animal in the world.



As Sarah lays down in her bed, she hears a buzzing in her ear. She tries to sleep, knowing she will probably wake up covered in mosquito bites *again*.

Mosquitos kill hundreds of thousands of children each year by spreading diseases like malaria. But there's a simple solution to protect children—mosquito nets.

When Sarah was given a mosquito net, she could go to bed without fear, knowing she was safe.

You can give a life-saving mosquito net to a child like Sarah today.

Give
2 mosquito nets
for just
\$28!
Visit go.cotni.org/mosquito-nets
to give now!

When You Feed a Hungry Child, You Change Nations

*Where will I find my next meal?
Will this water make me sick?
If I get sick, where will I go?*

These are the questions asked by children living in poverty every day.

But what if we lived in a world where no child had to ask these questions? A world where they could learn, play, and dream big?

According to the United Nations, from 1990 to 2015 extreme poverty decreased by 36% worldwide. Ending extreme poverty was within our grasp, but COVID-19 has been a huge setback to this progress. That's why we need your help now more than ever.

A world where every child has their needs met and is empowered to learn and grow is a world worth fighting for. Will you join us in that fight?

For the Children,
Chris & Debbie Clark
Chris and Debbie Clark
Founders



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☒ **YES, I'll protect a child like Sarah!**

I've enclosed my gift of:

- ☐ **\$28** for mosquito nets for 2 children
- ☐ **\$56** for mosquito nets for 4 children
- ☐ **\$84** for mosquito nets for 6 children



You can save time and money by giving online at go.cotni.org/mosquito-nets or by calling 360-698-7227



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Alice in 2003

Alice's childhood was defined by hunger and tragedy. Today, she is making a better path for the next generation.



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Survival Was Once Alice’s Only Goal—That’s All Changed

Today, Alice is making life better for hundreds of children.

“Children of the Nations started because of a child’s prayer.” -Chris Clark, Founder and CEO

That prayer could have come from Alice and her twin brother Alex. They were there from the beginning.

Alice and Alex’s life was defined by tragedy from day one. They were born during a brutal civil war that killed tens of thousands and displaced millions in Sierra Leone. When they were just a few years old, their father died.

With only their mother and grandmother to care for them, life was difficult. They only survived day-to-day on what they could sell in the market. If they didn’t sell anything, they walked home, heads hanging low and stomachs empty.

Then their mother died—Alice and Alex were now orphans. Their grandmother couldn’t take care of them on her own. *What would they do now?*

By now it was 2003, and we were ready to help just

when Alice and Alex needed it most. At ten years old, they were some of the first children to become part of the ministry. They moved into our very first construction project—a children’s home in Freetown.

With staff and donors to care for her, Alice ate nutritious meals every day. She was able to go to school and discover a love for singing gospel music. Alice’s face lights up when she talks about singing: “I want to share Jesus through singing to people.”

Alice dreamed of becoming a nurse and was in the first group of students in the program to graduate high school. She knew that Sierra Leone desperately needed doctors and nurses. She worked hard, graduated university, and just like she had dreamed—became a nurse.

“Children of the Nations gave me the opportunity to learn about myself and my career path in life. I learned that I love school,” says Alice.

Today, Alice is using her skills to teach health education to hundreds of vulnerable children. She doesn’t want to treat illnesses and injuries. She wants to prevent them. “Prevention is better than care,” says Alice.

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Alice was once on a path of poverty and desperation. Today, she is building a new path. One where children don’t die from illnesses that can be prevented—where children aren’t destined to a life of poverty, but instead are changing their nations for the better. ■



In just one week, Nurse Alice taught 278 students about cholera prevention.

It Would Take a Miracle for Him to Survive—Partnership Made That Miracle Happen

What does true partnership look like? And how does it save lives?

Stanley’s* parents knew his life would be hard—he was born into poverty in Haiti. Then they discovered Stanley had a disability. It would take a miracle just for him to survive.

Stanley has cerebral palsy, a motor disability that affects a person’s ability to move. His parents desperately wanted to help him, but they couldn’t even give him enough food to eat each day.

They took Stanley to see a doctor—she suggested the family register Stanley in our program. She says, “I was worried about his ability to survive without a safety net.”

Stanley’s older brother used to carry him on his back every day to help him get around. Living in a rural village in Haiti, he is surrounded by uneven dirt roads, including the path to his home.

But now, because Stanley is part of our Village Partnership Program, he was able to get a rolling walker. Every day, staff take him to school, then his parents take him home—a true partnership. He is also able to attend a special school and get physical therapy. The doctor who treated him decided to become his sponsor.

Being a part of Children of the Nations means Stanley always has someone advocating for him.

Miss Magalie is the ministry center nurse. She is responsible for the care of over 100 children, but she still takes time to advocate for Stanley’s specific needs.

“I know the challenges that disabled children in Haiti face.



Because Stanley doesn’t have to focus on surviving, he can play, have fun, and be a kid.

[Stanley] needs someone to defend him because he has a right to live a full life. He has a right to care, to education, and to social protection. It is my responsibility to make sure he is not denied these rights,” says Nurse Magalie.

Stanley’s story demonstrates the heart behind the Village Partnership Program: empowering families to care for their children so they can become leaders who transform their nation.

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Partnership is what makes it possible to raise a child out of poverty. You become part of that partnership when you decide to help a vulnerable child. Mark Drennan, our Sierra Leone liaison, says, “Partnership is a coming alongside. It’s joining our brothers and sisters and learning from them as they learn from us—helping them as they help us.”

Partnership means families don’t drown in never-ending poverty. It means children like Stanley can overcome obstacles and rise up to become part of the next generation of leaders in Haiti. ■

**This child’s name and photo has been changed for their privacy.*

Thank You!

In our winter newsletter, we asked you to give blankets to children who didn’t have them. We were so grateful by how you responded.

For a child living in poverty, getting a good night’s sleep isn’t easy.

They sleep with only a thin mat to separate them from dirt and insects. They wake up in the morning covered in mosquito bites. They have no protection during the heavy rains of hurricane season.

That’s why a blanket means so much to a child.

You raised \$5,900, enough for 590 blankets! Thanks to your generosity, 590 children will be able to sleep with a blanket that will keep them warm, dry, and protected.

Thank you for showing love to vulnerable children.

