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Child Sponsorship Is The Foundation Of WME's Work



At the heart of all of our work is Child Sponsorship. It was our first mission and became the foundation upon which the rest of World Missionary Evangelism was built. Almost seven decades ago, Dr. John E. Douglas, Sr. was challenged to take care of seven children who had been orphaned due to political violence in India. After saving those first seven, on his following missionary trips to the poorest regions of the globe, Dr. Douglas personally witnessed thousands of other children near death's



Our Founder stopping to feed a starving child.

door due to malnutrition. Through World Missionary Evangelism, Dr. Douglas shared the stories of the dying children with the hopes that others would step up and save at least one child. Dr Douglas' faith was rewarded when hundreds pledged to sponsor a child. That was the beginning of WME, and it remains who we are.



These children are like so many we find who need sponsors.

In 2026, a storm of issues and circumstances have come together to place the children who live in developing nations at a higher risk than at any time since the end of World War II. To understand why Child Sponsorship is so important in 2026-2027, we must know the problems that have created this perfect storm.

Droughts, excessive heat, and natural disasters have led to homelessness and death in many areas of the world. Extreme weather has caused the loss of livestock while creating crop failures. When sources of food became unavailable, many picked up what little they had and began the trek to find something to eat. We have witnessed this movement in regions of Africa and Asia. People don't want to leave the homes they have always known, but they couldn't allow their children to starve to death.

Natural calamities have also led to thousands of children losing



For a child who has not eaten in days, a bowl of soup means everything.

one or both parents. With no one to take care of them, these little ones have followed other groups searching for food. Sadly, just like in the days after World War II, without help, the smallest and weakest don't live long.

Beyond the issues caused by weather and war, most of the world is facing economic insecurity. There are a variety of reasons for the rise in costs of fuel and food, but the bottom line is that inflation in places like Asia, Central America, and Africa has led to the convergence of two major issues that are driving childhood hunger and homelessness.

The first is the price of goods. Even we in the United States are paying more for gas and food, but most of us have the ways and means to address these issues. In the areas where WME has missions, when food prices rise, the poor simply can't afford to eat. Mothers forgo meals to give their children what little they can find. Their lives have become nightmares that often end in death.



Many are praying they won't be forgotten.

The second major issue was created in part by the first: because of a lack of funds, civic groups and organizations have had to cut back on feeding programs for the poor. So, at a time when weather and inflation have placed children under great stress, programs that used to fill the gap are no longer there. This year the hunger related deaths of children will assuredly top 5 million with many

Christian medical relief organizations predicting the final total will be more than 9 million.

Let's be honest, none of those who support WME can save every starving child. But this is not a reason to throw up your hands and say, "It's too overwhelming!" If you can't save all of them, the question you must ask is, "Can I save one or two?"

The cost of sponsoring a child is $35 a month. That small gift provides a child with food, clothing, medical care, and an education. If you sponsor a child, you not only save them, but they also will become your legacy of lived faith. Your action might even inspire others to come forward.



Sponsored children's lives change dramatically because they are assured of security and hope.

What has happened to the children who sponsorship saved? First of all, they lived, were nurtured, and educated. When they became adults, most were able to escape poverty. Many raised families who were Christ-centered. They also went into the world and often changed it for the better. They became medical professionals, teachers, mechanics, farmers, business owners, and even missionaries. And this happened because of the thousands of WME donors who stepped up. Will you step into the heart of WME's seven decades of Christian compassion by sponsoring a child today?



WME's Spiritual Anchor
Native Missionary Sponsorship

WME's founder, Dr. John E. Douglas, Sr., was both forward thinking and practical. When the Child Sponsorship program was established, he saw the need to have men and women on the ground who could be stewards of our programs for children as well as share the Gospel in nations where Christians were in the minority. Rather than attempt to train Americans to go into foreign nations, Dr. Douglas built WME's leadership team with Christian citizens from the nations where our work was located. Why? His reasons were twofold.

The first was that people who had grown up in those nations understood the language and knew the customs. Because of this knowledge, they were much more likely to be trusted by the local people. In countries were few knew about Jesus, these men and women were also better able to explain the Gospel and what it meant to be a Christian in ways locals could understand. And as these missionaries talked



Meeting the needs of the sick, and elderly in Eastern Europe.

and walked their faith in places where there was often persecution of Christians, their courage and convictions could not be questioned or doubted. So, trusting locals with this responsibility highlighted Dr. Douglas's forward thinking.



Ministering to youth in The Philippines

Our founder's practicality and stewardship were also displayed with his support of Native Missionaries. How? Dr. Douglas knew the high cost of training Americans for the mission field. American missionaries had to learn the language, be taught the local customs, and there was also the expense of travel and housing. So, WME could support twenty or more Native Missionaries for the cost of sending and supporting one American missionary. Seven decades ago, WME was one of the few organizations using this model. In 2026, many other Christian groups are following in our footsteps because of both the cost and the results.



Preaching in a Nicaragua Church

What does a Native Missionary do? There is no single answer. A Native's job varies in urban and rural areas. In cities, the Native not

only pastors a church, but might also teach in a Christian school, work with feeding programs in slum areas, oversee ministry to children, and develop and lead street ministries.

In rural areas, a Native Missionary's church is often a community center, used for childcare, and a home for Food For Hunger distribution. That same missionary might supervise adult educational programs and organize youth groups and camps.

In both urban and rural areas Native Missionaries identify children who are suffering and could benefit from Child Sponsorship. They alert us to these children, so we can match them with donors. Also, all of our missionaries are there in times of disaster to distribute needed materials, food, clothing, and give spiritual support. No matter the program, these men and women also make sure our donors' gifts are used wisely and effectively.

Native Missionaries are essential to our work. Without them the Gospel would not be shared, Bibles would not be distributed, churches would not be established, church



These men and women are sharing the Gospel in Africa and are a vital part of the WME team.



Leading worship in Sri Lanka.

buildings would not be built, children who need our support would not be identified, and the light would never appear in the world's darkest places.

For our Native Missionary program to succeed, we must have sponsors. We often say that sponsorship makes you a Gospel partner in living out the Great Commission. What does that mean? It can be defined this way. Your monthly gift of $40 brings two kinds of security. The first is financial, assuring the missionary they can provide for their family. The second is in knowing that someone in America is not just sending money but is praying for and believing their mission is valuable. That second part serves as a spiritual anchor during times of trials or persecution.

Those who sponsor missionaries can write to them and they will also be given updates on their mission partner's work. Hence, just like in Child Sponsorship, a bond can be established between the sponsor and the man or woman in the field. Perhaps this holiday season linking with a missionary and supporting their work would be a perfect way for you to put Christ back into Christmas.

FINDING TODAY'S ANSWERS TO FEEDING STARVING CHILDREN BY SEARCHING IN THE PAST

One of the most heartbreaking scenes our Native Missionaries witness is seeing starving children. Right now, we are seeing thousands of malnourished children in schools around the globe. These students come from poor families who simply don't have means of providing three meals a day. Thus, their children often come to school hungry. Since our founding, WME has sought ways to meet the needs of hungry children. In Kenya, we do this by using a soup that you might have heard of but have not likely ever seen or tasted.

Porridge is a grain-based dish, served hot, and is one of the oldest meals in world history. People who knew Moses, David, and Jesus ate porridge. After much research, missionaries and teachers in Kenya realized this ancient recipe was an effective, tasty, and inexpensive way to relieve children's hunger. When they began preparing porridge and serving it at breaks, it changed everything. Students became healthier, more attentive, and their learning and behavior dramatically improved. The porridge break became something the children looked forward to with enthusiasm and thanks.



This program is saving and changing lives.

Over the past almost seventy years, when children were



Lining up to receive their porridge.

suffering and no one was helping, we searched for ways to fill the gap. This time we found the answer in the past. Why are we having to use this ancient recipe to provide for children in our modern age? It is a sad fact that in many areas of the world, including Africa, funds that once fought hunger and helped alleviate starvation have dried up. Food sources and programs impoverished families depended upon are gone.

The cost to purchase the ingredients needed to make porridge for children in our Kenyan school is only $42.00 a week. This small donation will provide food for as many as sixty students for five days. For $168.00 you can supply a month's worth of porridge. If you support this mission, we guarantee your gift will provide hungry children with a food source that sustains them and allows them to grow in both strength and knowledge. Your gift will also fight off maladies such as wasting, stunted growth, and rickets.

Most Americans have the ability to make a huge impact on children in Kenya. The question therefore becomes, who will feel called to step forward? Children's lives depend upon someone answering that call. And if enough caring people respond, we can expand this time-proven method of feeding hungry children to other schools and areas.



Their clothes are provided by WME.

Dedicated Team Feeds Slum Children



The mission team with food for children in the slums.

In this month's magazine, we have several stories that present the needs of impoverished children, and how Native Missionaries identify those children and meet their needs. In this story, let's focus specifically on children who live in the chaotic and dangerous slums of Colombo, Sri Lanka. But first, let's review our work and our representatives in this island nation.

The Sri Lankan team is talented, committed, and driven. Those involved in the outreach are young, energetic, and filled with enthusiasm. We are constantly inspired by their dedication. To these young missionaries living and reaching others with Christ's love is the central focus of their lives.



A small girl standing inside her family's slum home.

The dynamic mission team in Sri Lanka is made up of people from all over the country. Their outreach includes a modern, dynamic Children's Home, a thriving ministry that is leading many to Jesus, water projects in

rural areas, Bible distribution, directing many churches and programs for teens, and a well-established feeding mission in the slums.

The slum children, some little more than toddlers, are so hungry that on a daily basis they search through trash for food. While wandering the streets, they face danger we cannot imagine. They are exposed and often exploited by both criminals and predators. Many are abused; some sexually. Those who don't exploit these desperate children treat them with disdain. If the children approach, most adults curse them and push them away. But the Sri Lankan ministry team always greets each child with compassion, grace, acceptance, and love. And day after day, these missionaries reenter the dangerous slum, often risking their own lives, to save these little ones who are in such great need.



Living conditions in the slums are numbing.

How can you partner with these dedicated men and women? To help the slum children we need gifts dedicated for Food for Hunger in Sri Lanka. A donation of any amount will save lives and open the door for Gospel outreach. So, please consider providing a special one-time gift for this need. We are also praying that a family, a Bible study group, a Sunday school class, a business organization, or a church might sponsor a monthly feeding program in Sri Lanka. This would be a tremendous way to emphasize mission outreach and consistently meet the needs of little ones living on the edge between life and death.

Reaching the Poor



In Eastern Europe

One size doesn't fit all, so we tailor our missions to meet the specific issues found in each area. In Moldova and Romania our work centers on orphaned children, impoverished elderly men and women, and persecuted minorities. Focusing on these four areas is how we make the greatest impact in Eastern Europe and best open the door to sharing the Good News.



This woman must wear a coat inside due to the poor conditions in the nursing homes we visit.

In Stefanesti, Romania, the frail and elderly are living in a nursing home that lacks both staff and support. They have next to nothing and deeply appreciate every gift we provide. When they see our team, they are reminded that someone is not just helping to fill their needs but is genuinely concerned about their lives. This means they

feel loved once again. To these people we distribute winter clothing, blankets, mattresses, food, and medicine, and these gifts save lives.

At Cornesti, there is a state-run orphanage. Children come to the home because their parents are dead, chronically ill, or destitute. Government resources are limited and what is provided barely meets the children's most basic needs. Our representatives go to this home bringing laughter and joy as they deliver toys, fruit, shoes, socks, underwear, towels, and other clothing.

Much like those in orphanages and nursing homes there are widows who the world ignores. These women remain in the small homes they once shared with family and live on government assistance of $100 or less per month. The team provides food and clothing, and during the long winters the mission also helps supply wood that is necessary to keep homes warm. The price of wood to heat a small house for the entire winter season has increased to $750. Without this firewood, these women can't cook or stay warm. If we don't provide help, some will die. So, you can understand why this mission is vital.



Converting an abandoned building into a church.

We are also working with local missionaries. These men and women have created churches that meet in fields, barns, and homes. They are growing so quickly they need dedicated church buildings. Giving the cost needed to help build a church is a wonderful project for your church, Sunday school class, Bible study group, business, or family. To find out more email your questions to mainoffice@wme.org.

Spotlight on... PRESSING NEEDS



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR POOR STUDENTS IN THE USA: WME works through our WME USA missions to supply children with school supplies and backpacks. Some of those who benefit are children who are staying in shelters with their mothers, and then there are those who come from extreme poverty whose parents do not have the means to purchase even pencils and paper. **A gift of $25** can help us provide supplies for a child.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR SPONSORED CHILDREN OVERSEAS: **With a gift of just $5 to $10**, you can send items like new underwear, socks, towels, or bedding. To you that might seem trivial, but to a poor child that's a Christmas wish come true. **A gift of $15 to $25 dollars** can provide a present that will be forever cherished. **A gift of $100** could help us purchase several Christmas presents for children in need.





DISASTER RELIEF: How many of us have been moved by images of men, women, and children grappling with a disaster that has suddenly turned their lives upside down? Families devastated by a war or natural disaster have urgent needs for staples like food and shelter. Your **gift of $25** can help WME distribute items like rice, grains, beans, corn, and oil to desperate people. Your **gift of $20** can help provide blankets, mosquito netting or pillows to a family starting over.



REACHING THOSE AT THE DUMP. In Nicaragua there is a landfill where families dig each day in heat, rain, and cold, scavenging for something that might keep them alive.These people, wearing clothes they dug out of the trash, celebrate when they discover food they can eat or something they can sell. **A gift of $100** can help us feed families and provide spiritual guidance to these people who truly are the poorest of the poor.

WATER WELLS: In developed countries, safe water generally requires a quick trip to the kitchen. But in many places where WME works, safe water is a great treasure. Water wells near WME mission areas open up the hearts of community members so we can share the love of Jesus with people who have been blessed by clean water. **The cost of a well starts around $3,500** and goes up, depending on the terrain, necessary depth and equipment available. Please consider giving the gift of water today.





SEND WINTER BOOTS TO CHILDREN, WIDOWS, ELDERLY OR MISSIONARY FAMILIES IN EASTERN EUROPE: In Eastern Europe, we are involved in an Annual Shoe Project. In Moldova, there is a Christian shoe manufacturer who provides winter boots and shoes at minimal cost. These good quality shoes and boots are made to withstand long, harsh winters. Our WME Ministry Partner supplies these shoes to children in state-run homes, elderly in area facilities, the poor and national missionary families. With a **gift of $30**, you can bless someone in Eastern Europe with a warm pair of winter shoes.

COWS, GOATS, RABBITS & CHICKENS: With farm animals, a family can enjoy eggs, milk, cheese and other products. They also can earn money by selling food and animal offspring. Cows, Goats, Rabbits, & Chickens – flock of chickens - **$100**; a pen of rabbits - **$100**; pair of milk goats - **$150**; pig or hog - **$200**; milk cow or water buffalo - **$300.**





FEEDING SLUM CHILDREN IN SRI LANKA: Our team in Sri Lanka works in slum areas where hungry children often dig food out of trash. As a part of the mission to provide children with education, safety, and Biblical lessons, there is also a feeding program. The meals this mission supplies are life savers. **A gift of $25 or more** can help distribute meals to children from extremely poor families. During this time when Sri Lanka's economy is in chaos, this program is vital.

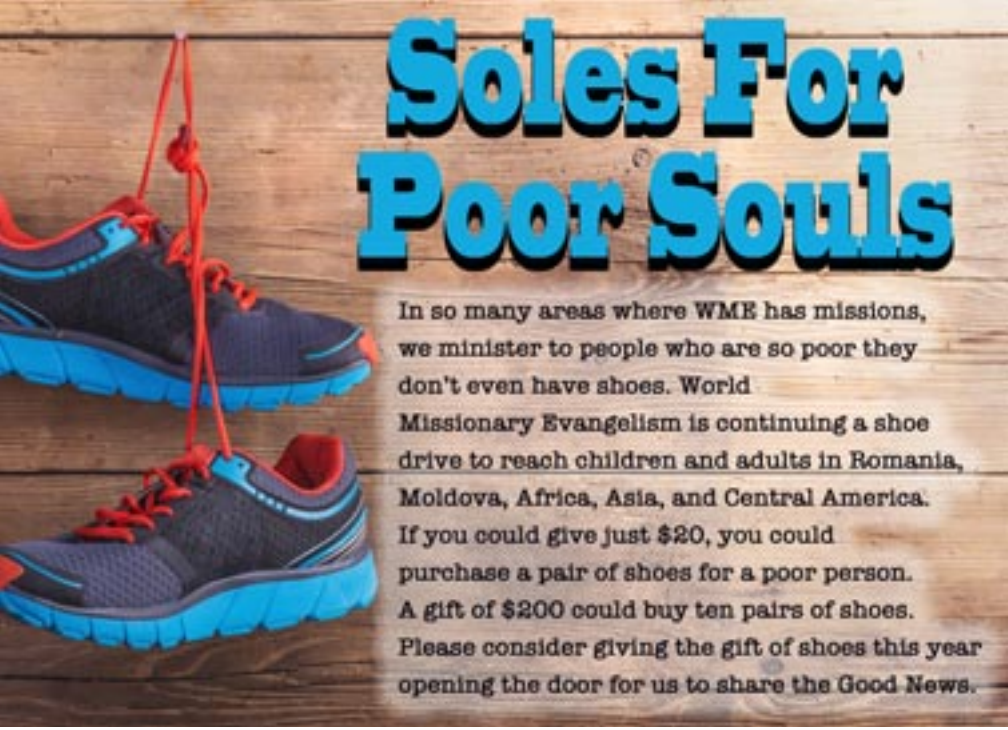
FOOD FOR HUNGER MEXICO: Two years ago we opened a new work in rural Mexico. At this time, one of the most urgent needs for the indigenous people in this area is for food. For many, just putting one meal a day on the table is an impossible task. These people are almost all but forgotten. **A gift of $25** would help us ease the hunger for a family. As we need to expand this feeding program, a larger gift would be deeply appreciated and make a dynamic impact.

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USA Food For Hunger: For decades World Missionary Evangelism has addressed the needs of the poor in several areas of the United States. At this time we are helping poor people in the Rio Grande Valley providing food, clothing, and school supplies. In the Dallas-Fort Worth region we also provide food, clothing, and school supplies, but also are involved in programs to address needs of abused women living in shelters, and homeless military veterans. **A gift of any amount** can help the least of these in our own country.

Designated gifts provide for needs that may fall outside our sponsorship programs. Please consider helping us with one of these this month!





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87752 Raquel is a nine-year-old girl who lives in Nicaragua. She has three siblings. She likes school and is a good student. Her parents dearly love their children but even though the father works, he doesn't make enough to cover the family's expenses.



87360 Shierah is an eight-year-old girl who lives in the Philippines. Even though her parents are not believers, she never misses church. She loves to sing and dance. Her family is very poor.



87740 James is a fourteen-year-old boy who lives in the Philippines. He is the oldest of three boys. He is a kind child who likes doing farm chores, going to church, and riding horses. His family is very poor.



87784 Juniour is a four-year-old boy who lives in Kenya. He stays with a very poor grandmother. She needs help just meeting the child's basic needs.



87770 Briannah is a four-year-old girl who lives in Kenya. She is being raised by a single mother whose work keeps her away from home. So, she often stays with her poor grandfather. She loves to draw and play with dolls.

Native Missionaries

Spreading the Word to the Lost!



87860 Nilan is a pastor in Sri Lanka. He is forty-five. Together with his wife, Mihiri, he leads with a vision to inspire others through Christ's love. They have one child.



87810 Gayan is forty-three and a pastor in Sri Lanka. In just five years he has built a growing congregation that mirrors his faith, love, and compassion for the Lord. He and has wife, Chandrika, have four children.



87590 Surendra is forty-seven. He ministers to a community in India and is completely devoted to the Lord. He and his wife have two children.

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