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Report to General Conference 2024

Imagine... A world where there are no needy people. Every child is cared for, fed, educated and growing spiritually. This is Acts 4, there were no needy people because everyone saw their needs and was willing to help. Today our churches have come together to sponsor kids but there is still more to do!

As I reflect on the work that the International Child Care ministries does around the world especially over the 15 years that I have been leading our ministry in Canada, I have seen firsthand how sponsored children have been impacted by holistic development. We focus on four major areas, cognitive, socio-emotional, physical and most importantly spiritual. When you sponsor a child you are investing in these areas.

For over 50 years, we have sponsored thousands of children globally and they are connected to our Free Methodist Churches around the world. These children, now adults, have been impacted by Christ's love and His work within them. Our vision is to see a world where children are loved, safe and developing their God-given potential.

Why sponsorship matters – Purity's story:

“My name is Nyanduko Purity Nchore from Kenya and I am a beneficiary of the ICCM sponsorship program. I am immensely grateful for the sponsorship that paved the path of my journey to become a pharmacist. Through your generosity, I was able to focus on my studies without financial challenges and ultimately achieved my dream of becoming a pharmacist. This sponsorship not only alleviated the financial burden but also instilled in me a sense of determination to give back to the community that supported me.

As a practising pharmacist, I aspire to further my education in the field of radio pharmacy and make meaningful contribution to the advancement of healthcare. I am profoundly thankful for the opportunities you have afforded me and am committed to utilizing my education to positively impact the lives of others. My journey stands as a testament to the transformative power of sponsorship, and I hope my story will inspire others to support aspiring professionals on their paths to success.” This is what sponsorship accomplishes!

Since last General Conference we have seen more ICCM graduates attend post secondary education because of the Empowering scholarships in Haiti, Burundi and Sri Lanka. We have seen an increase in giving towards food and physical needs during the pandemic. Leaders have experienced an astonishing number of children coming to Christ and growing in their faith.

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Building partnerships that last:

This year we are focusing also on church partnerships. Just as the early church partnered together, we want to build healthy partnerships with our churches in Canada, global schools and holistic child development centres. We would like to see churches focus on an area of the world, cultivate relationships, share resources, and learn from each other. We have seen how lives have been transformed by churches partnering globally. I would love to meet with you to discuss how your church can also experience the transforming work that we do!