

THIS EASTER, YOU SENT HOPE HOME

Food for today.
The Gospel
for eternity.



India



Peru



Kenya



Uganda

“ For the first time, our grocery rack is full. We’ve never seen it like this before. Jesus turned everything from empty to overflowing. - Sunitha, India ”

Dear Friend,

As spring begins and new life appears all around us, I’ve been reflecting on the steady ways God is at work in the lives of the children we serve together.

This Easter, you made something truly meaningful possible. Through Hope Packs, children didn’t just receive groceries; they returned home with food for their families and the story of Jesus in their hearts. **In homes filled with uncertainty, your generosity brought both provision and hope. Thank you.**

What we continue to see is that hearing about Jesus is just the beginning. Lasting transformation happens over time, as children are known, encouraged, and disciplined week after week. At Life Centers, they gather regularly to grow in God’s Word and begin to follow Him in their everyday lives. **Because of you, children are not only hearing the Gospel, they are growing in their faith.**

As we look ahead to the rest of 2026, we’re trusting God to continue this work through the local church, reaching more children and helping them build a lasting foundation in Christ. **Please continue to pray with us that each child would come to know Jesus and grow deeply in their relationship with Him.** I am so grateful for your partnership.

With gratitude,

Bill Nienhuis
President, Childcare Worldwide

15,453
POUNDS OF RICE

7,342
POUNDS OF FLOUR

68
LIFE CENTERS PARTICIPATED

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WHY DISCIPLESHIP?

FROM A MOMENT TO A LIFELONG FAITH

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...” — Matthew 28:19

A child may respond to Jesus in a single moment, **but what happens after that moment shapes everything.**

Without consistent discipleship, that spark of faith can fade under the weight of daily life, poverty, pressure, and a lack of spiritual guidance at home. But when a child is surrounded week after week by truth, community, and care, something different begins to happen.

At each Life Center, children are discipled week after week. Every Saturday, they open God’s Word, learn how to pray, ask real questions, and begin to understand what it means to follow Jesus in their everyday lives. They are known by name and guided by leaders who care for them.

This is where faith takes root.

When faith takes root, it begins to shape choices, restore hope, and reach beyond the child into their family and community. This is why Childcare Worldwide is committed to discipleship through the local church. **Not just one-time moments, but a foundation. Not just decisions, but transformation.**

One moment with Jesus can change everything, but a lifetime of following Him changes the course of a child’s life.



A LIFE CHANGED THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP

Thirteen-year-old Sophia’s father shared that while she believed Jesus was real, **her faith had not yet become a central part of her everyday life.**

That began to change when Sophia started attending her local Life Center.

Week after week, she learned God’s Word and discovered what it means to follow Him. **What began as simple lessons grew into a deep hunger for God.**

Today, her father sees a remarkable difference.

Sophia is now active in her church, serving in praise and worship with confidence and joy.

At home, she gathers her family and even leads them in Bible study, becoming, as her father says, *“our little Bible teacher.”*

What began as quiet belief is now a faith that is lived out and shared. **Sophia is not only following Jesus, she is helping lead her family closer to Him.**

Her father shares with gratitude that the Life Center has strengthened her faith and transformed their home.

Because of faithful support, children like Sophia are growing in their faith and leading others to do the same.

This is what discipleship looks like.



Read more stories like Sophia’s at childcareworldwide.org/impact

A DAY AT LIFE CENTER

STEP INTO THE SHOES OF A CHILD ATTENDING LIFE CENTER

It's Saturday morning, and you wake up with a smile. **Today is Life Center day!**

You hurry down the path, dust rising beneath your feet, spotting your friends ahead. When you arrive, your Life Center teacher greets you by name. She asks about your family and reminds you she's been praying. **You feel known. You feel cared for.**

Before everything begins, there's time to play, running, laughing, and catching up with friends. **This is your place. These are your people.** Soon, everyone gathers close, and the room quiets as God's Word is opened.

Today, you're learning the foundations of your faith, who God is, why we pray, and what it means to trust Him. You listen, ask questions, and begin to understand what it means to follow Jesus. Together, you repeat a memory verse until it settles into your heart.

Then the room fills with worship songs. Voices rise. Hands clap. Some kids laugh as they follow the motions, others sing at the top of their lungs. You join in, smiling as joy fills the space. **Then you bow your head in prayer, bringing your worries and hopes to God.**

Finally comes the meal. A warm, nutritious plate, sometimes the first large meal of your day, or even your week. You eat alongside your friends, laughing, sharing, and drinking clean water. **You feel full, not just in body, but in spirit.**

When it's time to go, you step back into the sunlight. But you don't leave empty-handed. **You carry truth. You carry joy. You carry a faith that is growing week after week.**

And for many children, that weekly rhythm is changing everything.

EVERY SEAT MATTERS. EVERY CHILD MATTERS.

Right now, 491 children are waiting to join a Life Center.

Each number represents a child with a name and a story, waiting for a seat that already exists. Waiting to hear the Gospel of Jesus and be known, encouraged, and disciplined.

The space is there. The teachers are ready. The local church is prepared.

What's missing is someone to say yes.

Through Life Center Membership, you help fill that seat, ensuring a child is disciplined week after week in the truth of God's love. **Today, you can move a child from waiting to belonging, from wondering to knowing Jesus.**

Will you help fill a seat today?

Send a Child to
Life Center





Jesintha

WHEN THE NEXT GENERATION TURNS TO JESUS

At a recent high school gathering in India, **nearly 100 students came together at a Life Center**, many carrying pressure, questions about their future, and the weight of everyday challenges. It was a space to pause, reflect, and hear truth in the middle of uncertainty.

Jesintha was one of them. Growing up in a family facing financial hardship, she often felt overwhelmed and unsure of what her future might hold. But through years at Life Center, **she learned God's Word, discovered the power of prayer, and found strength and stability in her faith.**

At this gathering, something became even clearer. As she listened and reflected on all God had done in her life, **Jesintha made a renewed decision to surrender her future to Him and trust His plan, no matter what lies ahead.**

Today, she is in college, full of hope and grounded in a faith that has been shaped over time.

And she wasn't alone. **Many students left encouraged and strengthened in their faith, with several choosing to follow Jesus.** What began as a single gathering continues to impact lives far beyond that day.

13 Students Gave Their Lives to Jesus

At a recent high school gathering in Uganda, students came together to worship, pray, and hear God's Word. Thirteen gave their lives to Jesus. Praise God! These students will continue to be disciplined and carry the hope of Christ back to their schools.

Because of your generosity, children are not only receiving help for today—they are being disciplined for a lifetime of faith in Christ.



Jospel

EQUIPPED TO LEARN. GROWING IN FAITH.

This March, because of your generosity, **468 children in Peru received school supplies through Life Centers, including backpacks, notebooks, and essential materials that meet a real need for families working hard to provide.**

Jospel, one of the children who received school supplies, lives with his mother while his father works far from home to support their family. At home, every expense matters, and even basic school supplies can be a heavy burden.

But because of you, that burden was lifted.

What may seem simple brought real relief, easing the pressure on his parents and lifting a weight from their home. **Now, Jospel has what he needs to learn.** He can fully participate in school, growing in confidence alongside his classmates.

And he sees something more. Through the Life Center, he is learning that God provides. As he grows in school, he is also growing in his faith, becoming more joyful, responsible, and full of hope.

Because of your generosity, his family is experiencing God's faithfulness.

