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Reaching Children with God's Word Worth the Effort

Dear Friends of CBSI:

When children study the Bible for themselves, hope takes root, and joy is not far behind.

Community Bible Study International children's workers often travel bone-jarring roads to remote villages. The pain of the travel disappears when they see the joy on the faces of the children.

In Myanmar, Pastor James straps Mizo Chin Bibles and Children & Youth (C&Y) lessons on the back of his motorbike to navigate steep muddy trails and ford streams to reach distant Chin States. In January, the leaders he trained there started C&Y classes in 27 villages.



This little girl from Myanmar is pleased to have a Bible in her own language, Mizo Chin (left). Mizo Chin is spoken by 1.6 percent of Myanmar's population. James goes to great effort to help the Chin people have the opportunity to study God's Word (upper right). Here is just one of the classes in the 27 Myanmar villages where CBSI is reaching children for Christ. (lower right).



Ishimwe shares his testimony in C&Y group.

Rwanda's C&Y Ministry Flourishing

Meanwhile in Rwanda, the C&Y ministry has grown to 90 classes and nearly 4,000 children and youth in little more than a year.

The Rwandan leaders are particularly encouraged by the response of the youths who are learning to study the Bible for themselves.

Thirteen-year-old Ishimwe said, "I was born to a poor family where my Mommy worked for the rich people in order to get some food and school fees. Unfortunately, I was last in my class of 32 students with very bad marks because I was living in very bad conditions. I was unhappy and hopeless.

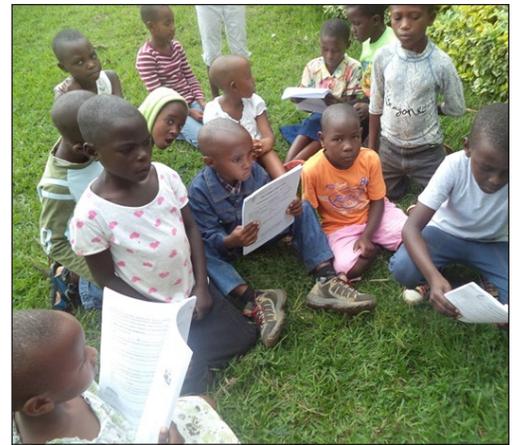
"After I joined the youth class and began reading the Bible, especially the part in Luke about the temptation of Jesus, I knew that even if I had many problems, I can pray, and I will win over the problems."

The requests for help in launching C&Y classes and training leaders around the world go well beyond our current resources, but you can help. Would you please pray for more national trainers to answer the call of God? And would you prayerfully consider making a generous gift to the CBS Worldwide Ministry, so we can respond to these cries for help anywhere in the world?

Thank you!

Frank + Marian

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Children study God's Word outdoors in this Rwanda C&Y class.



Children in a Kacyiru Parish, Rwanda, class engage fully with their C&Y lessons.

