



CBSI Children & Youth

“I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back!” Children around the world are deciding to follow Jesus as they meet Him in the pages of Scripture. CBSI Children & Youth leaders around the world are having the privilege of ushering them into the kingdom of God and discipling them in C&Y classes.

Half the population in Burundi, Africa, is made up of children under age 14. CBSI C&Y has begun to reach this next generation with God’s Word. Children in Korea are coming to a C&Y class to study English and are learning to follow Jesus. Incarcerated gang members in El Salvador are learning in Bible study that God wants to be their loving Father. In India, parents are stunned at their teenage boys’ changed behavior as their sons follow Jesus.

Enjoy reading about the great things our Lord is doing around the world. Pray for the children and their leaders as they become grounded in the Scriptures and fall in love with Jesus. Then there will be no turning back for them!

Burundi: Children Help Widowed Children & Youth Leader

Ana-Lissa, a C&Y supervisor, shares the story of children in the Kiremba, Burundi, class: “One day, the children learned the Bible story about Dorcas, who was a generous woman. She was always doing good and helping the poor and widows (see Acts 9:36). I am a widow, too. After the lesson, I asked the children, ‘How are you going to respond to the Bible story about Dorcas?’ Some of them said, ‘We will help the old people to carry heavy things; we will help them to clean the house; we will give clothes to the poor,’ and so on. Others said, ‘We will help you bring drinking water.’ (There is a place where pure drinking water is found, and it is far from my house.) That afternoon, I was surprised to see three children coming to my house with drinking water. Praise the Lord! His Word is powerful to transform lives.”

Almost half of Burundi’s population is children age 14 and younger. CBSI C&Y has the potential to reach so many children and really change the future of Burundi.

CBS Burundi C&Y ministry was launched in April 2015 as a pilot class with 73 children in Kiremba. Now it is an established ministry of 12 classes and more than 350 children. We praise God for this new beginning. We had prayed for two years for the Word of God to be able to be shared with the next generations in Burundi—and now is God’s time.



Three children brought their widowed leader water after they learned that God tells us to care for widows.



Korean children go to C&Y class on the weekends.

Korea: Making Time for Bible Study

From Janet, Caleb to South Korea

One of the challenges to C&Y growth in Korea is the culture’s emphasis on education and the heavy demands placed on its students. Most students are in the classroom up to 16 hours per day and in study groups or tutoring another 8–10 hours on weekends. Many Koreans laugh at the suggestion of adding another activity—such as CBSI—to their children’s lives. We have committed this problem to our Lord and trust Him to make a way.

One solution being implemented by C&Y leaders is offering a Saturday English class for elementary children. Students are learning English by memorizing Scriptures. They are also being taught to apply Scripture to their lives so it can transform their thinking and desires.

The first C&Y class for Korean teens will be held in Hampyung, a small farming community. The class will be facilitated by the trained teenage daughter of the pastor of the church there. The church hosted a youth camp in May 2015, and now it plans for their youth to study Genesis.

We rejoice as our Lord finds ways to reach Korean children, and we are grateful that He wants to do for them immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine (see Ephesians 3:20).



Spanish youth studied through C&Y.

Spain: Reaching Teens

Simon and Ann, husband-and-wife Caleb team to Spain, joined 46 youths age 14–20 at Escuela Betania in Alicante. Escuela Betania (Bethany School) is a two-week intensive discipleship course for young people.

The calebs' goal was to help the students learn how to read Scripture in a way that will transform their lives. Simon and Ann taught the CBSI study method, using the CBSI Global study *Philippians*. Eight students are being trained as C&Y leaders to start CBSI study groups.

Please pray for these leaders to love Bible study and for the motivation to start classes. Ask God to spark a passion for Bible study among the youth in Spain.



Sus Hijos Prison Ministry Team

El Salvador: Incarcerated Youth Study the Bible

A team of passionate C&Y leaders serves faithfully on the very front lines of the battle for the kingdom. They are serving 200 gang members, both girls and boys, in the youth prisons of San Salvador, El Salvador, the third-most-violent city in the world. Their weapons are CBSI Bible studies and the loving care that flows through them from the heart of God.

The class members cannot keep their CBSI lessons within the prison, so the leaders work through the lessons for each week with the students and share a wrap-up with them. Each student has his own Bible memory cards.

They recently studied *Philippians*, written by another prisoner, Paul, and learned about a joy that comes regardless of life's circumstances. Please pray that the students would respond to Christ's invitation to be His children as their lives are transformed by the powerful Word of God.

India: Rebellious Teens Become Kind and Humble after CBSI

Moses studies the Bible at a Tamil-speaking C&Y class. He told his leader, "Doing my CBSI lesson daily has helped to change my life. I have started praying. While my class was studying James, my father had a stroke. In James, we learned that the prayer of the righteous is a blessing. I got the faith to pray. There was no hope. My father lived, and he is recovering, even though not completely."

Moses's class leader, Miriam, shared: "After training by Regional Director Manokaran in 2015, I started the class for young people as a follow-up for VBS [Vacation Bible School]. I was concerned about the spiritual life of my teenage son, so I prayed and started the group in my home for him and his friends. We have completed the studies of James and Mark. Ten boys attend regularly.

"Parents have asked me to continue the study. Parents provide remarkable testimony that their children have changed. They study the Bible regularly and have become more obedient. Now, children wake up on time and also do their school homework regularly. Rebellious and disobedient boys have become responsible and humble in their family relationships.

"Praise God for CBSI, and for giving me—a housewife—a marvelous ministry of shaping young boys' lives. Some parents want to have a separate group for girls, and I may do so in the future."



Miriam, above, and Moses, left

THANK YOU!

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—Worldwide C&Y Team