

CBSI Children & Youth



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C&Y in Tanzania

We have great news for you: tens of thousands of children now study the Bible through CBSI Children & Youth around the world!

2012 → 3,000 kids

2016 → 50,000 kids!

Praise the Lord! Some have planted, some have watered during those four years—but it was God who gave the increase!

The C&Y team has been working hard to create the new Global C&Y curriculum that best fits the children of the world. The curriculum includes three basic levels to meet the needs of children: Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3. Memorizing Scripture, praying, and loving and caring for the students are at the core of each level. (See a description of the levels to the right.)

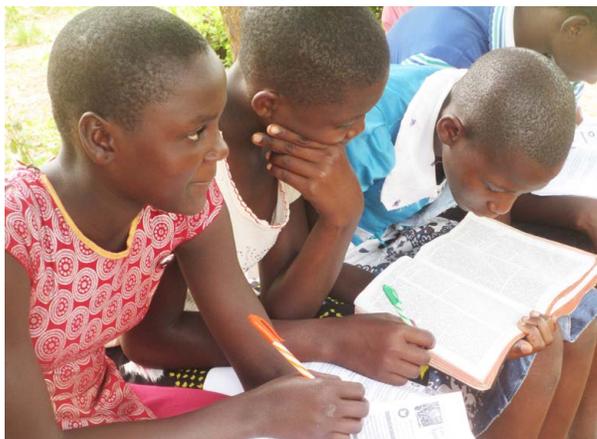
Completing new Global curriculum for all the levels is a huge project that will cost around \$500,000. As we talk with leaders around the world, pilot the material, and work to refine the lessons, we are convinced of the urgency of this project. This material will guide children of all ages and biblical backgrounds as they study the Bible and grow in their relationships with God. Read on for a few of the many stories of how God is using the C&Y program around the world! 🌐

Answered Prayers in Tanzania

What started as prayers for people in a small Tanzanian church several years ago has turned into God's doing something amazing. Now, 4,500 Tanzanian adults study God's Word in CBSI, and 3,200 children and youth study the Bible through CBSI in churches and after-school programs.

As these children learn to study the Bible for themselves, they not only begin to be transformed, but they start to "own" their faith. They begin to make decisions based on biblical principles, they learn to follow Jesus's example of loving one another, and they begin to influence their families and communities for Christ.

Doors that have opened in Tanzania are not coincidences or works of man—they are being opened with God's hand because He desires for everyone to know Him. Praise Him for His mighty works!



C&Y Class in Tanzania

One open door is with Compassion International. CBSI is in joint ministry with Compassion in five of their locations in Tanzania. CBSI C&Y provides Compassion with the Bible study and discipleship piece to their excellent children's program and trains the Compassion leaders to use CBSI lessons. Compassion provides Bibles and prints the C&Y lessons.

Some children gather midweek to study the Bible and answer the study questions. On Saturdays, they gather again to discuss the CBSI lesson in small groups and listen to a Compassion leader teach the lesson's Bible passage. We are excited to be ministering jointly with Compassion to disciple God's kids in Tanzania.

Thirteen more Compassion locations are expected to start CBSI studies soon, with the possibility of all 305 Compassion Tanzania locations starting CBSI studies. This opportunity could involve 72,100 children—that's 72,100 potential disciples of Jesus! 🌐

What Are the Levels?



Level 1 uses selected Bible stories from the Old and New Testaments that the leader tells to the children. This teaching gives students a Biblical foundation.



Level 2 lessons assist the students as they begin personal Bible study. Students share their lesson answers in a small-group discussion and hear a teaching by the class leader.



Level 3 students have more Bible knowledge and can go deeper into a personal study of the Word. As with Level 2, students share their answers and listen to a teaching.



Kids study the Bible together in Uganda.

C&Y in Uganda Is Growing!

"I used to not go to worship. But today I go for worship, and I am able to read the Bible in front of the class. I used to fight other children at school but I no longer fight," shared Owen, a C&Y student in the Bunyoro area.

In Uganda, as children dive into God's Word, C&Y supervisors such as Rose, in the Ruwenzori area, tirelessly visit classes. They encourage teachers and prayerfully strive to grow the ministry so that more children can be in closer relationship with God through CBSI studies.

Please be in prayer for the C&Y Uganda ministry as it continues to grow and mature. 🙏

"So Who Is Jesus Anyway?"

by: Judy Skinner, Caleb to El Salvador

"So who is Jesus anyway?" asked a girl in the El Salvador detention center where we minister. A group of us, Salvadoran and American, go to this detention center each week to do Bible study and to develop relationships with the girls. My husband, John, and I have discovered that people don't care what we know; they simply want to know we care. The girls we spend time with have been involved in gang activity, and they are serving sentences as juveniles. Most are between the ages of 15 and 21—such important years for possible transformation!

The question about Jesus came up while we were hanging out with these girls. One girl told us how a group of American Christians had come and talked to them about their past sins and future repentance. The Americans told the girls to pray a prayer with them so that they would be saved and Jesus would forgive them. This girl in particular prayed the prayer, and the group of Christians went on their way, excited about the new convert. After telling us the story, the girl asked us, "So who is Jesus anyway?"

This is why I am so excited about CBSI's beginning in El Salvador! I believe until people know who Jesus is, it doesn't matter so much to them what He has done for them. We now have a study that can help people of all ages and backgrounds (gang activity, drug and sexual abuse, homelessness) learn who Jesus is and then understand what He has done for them. 🙏



Leaders in the Detention Center Class

Kids' Zone

Hiroshi, C&Y Philippines

Hiroshi, 13, is from a broken family. He is so happy that he accepted



Hiroshi, right

Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior and that he can go to heaven someday. Hiroshi said he will stop arguing and fighting with his neighbors, stop stealing and telling lies, and most of all will start to obey the instructions of his grandmother who raises him. Now he is determined to finish high school and go to college so that he can help his family. 🙏



Esther, C&Y Rwanda

"My name is Esther; I am 13 years old. I praise my Lord because my life has been transformed.

I am in a CBSI class of

teenagers and am very proud to be in Bible study with my schoolmates because this helped me know the Word of God, which has transformed me. Before I attended this class, I had a burden in my heart because I hated one of my schoolmates. She was my enemy, and she was also in my CBSI class.

"In my CBSI class, we discussed the Bible lesson of loving enemies, specifically where Jesus said, 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you' (Luke 6:27).

"My mind-set has been changed, and because of Jesus's words I decided to love my enemy, forgive her, and pray for her. Now she is one of my closest friends." 🙏

You Can Help!

Would you pray about helping us lead children from around the world to become disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ?

To make a tax-deductible gift online, please go to www.communitybiblestudy.org and click **DONATE**, and designate **International Children & Youth**. Or you can mail your gift for **International C&Y Ministry to Community Bible Study, 790 Stout Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80921**.

Thank you for joining us in making an impact in the lives of so many children!