



HOPE



CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Every child was created by God to experience His love.



Goal

Equip 8 million pastors, Christian leaders, teachers, parents, children, and youth with the training and resources they need for young people to learn Bible-based life skills and to explore or deepen their faith in Jesus Christ



Progress

7.5 million people reached from October 2015 through March 2022



Investment

\$25 million (fiscal years 2016–2023)



Opening doors to a relationship with Jesus for every child

In too many impoverished communities, cultural norms in parenting aren't built around the transformative love of Christ, and churches often don't focus on children—or aren't equipped to teach them in ways they can understand.

Based on research done by World Vision, children of all faiths develop curiosity about the love of God as they experience acts of love and kindness starting in their own families, inexplicable blessings, or God's work revealed in creation. Curiosity leads to awareness and eventually, we pray, to a knowledge of God in Jesus.

World Vision has been working with parents and churches for decades, providing training, resources, and support that help children learn and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

What is our approach?



Equip

We equip parents through our Celebrating Families program to be loving contributors to their children's faith, using biblical principles around raising children, forgiveness, and healthy relationships.



Train

We train Christian leaders to nurture the spiritual growth of parents and children. Our Channels of Hope for Child Protection program equips faith leaders to lead a Christian response in addressing vital community issues that affect children.



Strengthen

We strengthen children's and youth ministries, working with churches and schools on effective, age-appropriate programs—including materials for Sunday school, Bible clubs, Vacation Bible Schools, church camps, leadership growth, and mentoring.



689,478 CHILDREN AND YOUTH have directly participated in World Vision–supported discipleship activities since October 2015.



An approach that helps more children experience God's love

Children's faith is best nurtured when they encounter Christ's love in all parts of their life: caring churches, loving families, and supportive children's and youth programs. Our family- and church-strengthening approach to children's discipleship sets World Vision's work apart from other Christian organizations.

One of the foundational elements of our approach is the provision of Bibles, biblically based materials, and Bible training. Particularly in societies impacted by conflict, poverty, and oppression, Scripture is vital to support people's spiritual well-being and equip them to make godly choices—but a Bible is often seen as an impossible luxury. We work with local churches, Christian partner organizations, and schools to provide Bibles that equip pastors, teachers, parents, and children to read God's Word for themselves.

"My family and I have partnered with and invested in World Vision for many years and have seen the fruit of their Christian discipleship work globally. World Vision is constantly demonstrating the love of God and discipling to millions of children and families, training faith leaders, and empowering the church to reveal Christ in every corner of the world. Serving Christ isn't *part* of their model. It *is* the model."

—Andy Robblee, donor partner, Washington



Each year around **2.8 million children** participate in our Christian discipleship programs where they can grow in their faith.



LEARN MORE

Contact your World Vision representative or visit worldvisionphilanthropy.org/christian-discipleship.

Enabling more children to experience the love of Jesus

For families living in poverty—and even for some church teachers—a Bible in their own language is impossible to afford. But without one, it's difficult to grow in knowledge of God and relationship with Him. World Vision provides Bibles through local partnerships so everyone has the chance to read God's Word for themselves.

Every year, thousands of children and youth come to faith in Jesus Christ through the ministry of churches and Christian partners in program areas whose capacity has been developed by World Vision.

Thank you for your investment in the spiritual growth of others. Your gifts through the Christian Discipleship Fund help make a difference that will last for an eternity.



Join us in following Jesus into the toughest places, where He's already at work. Together, let's equip more children and families to create change for themselves. **Enable more children to experience the love of Jesus.**

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. Motivated by our faith in Jesus Christ, we serve alongside the poor and oppressed as a demonstration of God's unconditional love for all people. World Vision serves all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender. PHL18412_0922 © 2022 World Vision, Inc.