

The heart of ministry in Monterrey, Mexico

Dear Friend of World Mission,

THANK YOU for your faithful support!

Caring for God’s children around the world is a core commitment of Covenant World Mission (CWM). In all of the thirty-eight countries where CWM serves, we work to ensure that children have the opportunity to experience wholeness of life. Project Down is a wonderful example of how the lives of children and families are forever changed because of the presence of CWM and the creative and entrepreneurial ministry of our missionaries.



Curt Peterson

Having a child with a disability in Latin America often means a lifetime of limited opportunities, rights, and especially, hope. Families and children are both at risk of isolation—a situation that can lead to frustration, anxiety, hopelessness, and developmental delay for the child. In 2002, Covenant missionaries developed the Family Foundation’s Project Down ministry—a place for families of children with Down syndrome to connect, share, and encourage each other. Project Down offers families education, resources, and training that equips them to care for their children in practical ways. Since its founding, Project Down has experienced nearly a ten-fold increase in participation and now serves more than 130 families.

OUR GOAL: Covenant World Mission is seeking to raise \$48,000 to sustain the vital, growing ministry of Project Down so that it can continue to offer support for families, training for teachers and volunteers, and scholarships for children to receive therapy. I invite you to give a gift today to FOWM Project #205, and help Project Down equip and empower families to provide the best opportunities for their children with special needs. *If you are already a faithful Friend of World Mission, please consider increasing your gift by \$5, \$10, or more. Or consider an additional gift to wherever it is needed most in our ministry of serving globally. I am so grateful.*

In Christ,

Curtis D. Peterson, executive minister, Covenant World Mission



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your prayers and
financial support.**

PAYMENT INFO

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. Please make checks payable to the Evangelical Covenant Church, designated FOWM. See reverse side for more giving options.

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Hope for families of children with Down syndrome

“I have witnessed how my brother and his wife have been transformed throughout these five years of being part of Project Down. They have experienced what it is to be part of a community where you find not only support, but also the opportunity to connect with other families in the same situation and share their stories and common experiences. The many things I have learned at Project Down have equipped me to better serve my nephew.”—Norma, aunt of a Project Down child.

Beatriz and Alfonso arrived at Project Down with their little girl, Celeste, after they met Dena Luchsinger, a Covenant missionary who served with her husband in Mexico and who also has a child with Down syndrome. Beatriz and Alfonso were struggling with feelings of helplessness and loneliness, overwhelmed with the care of their special daughter. They had found, up to this point, limited resources or help, even though they lived in a big city. For Beatriz and Alfonso, Project Down has been a source of support, fellowship, acceptance, growth, and a place where they can share some of what they have learned with others. For Beatriz, the value of Project Down is in *el corazón*, the heart, because that is where she finds comfort when she feels alone or desperate. For her family, it has been a safe space to share their feelings openly about the disability of their child, receive and share information, and value the life of each child with Down syndrome. It is a place where families who are overwhelmed can grow and be strengthened.

“I am part of a great family where we are received with open and loving arms, are embraced, and invited to walk along side others in the same situation...”—Mayra, mother of Cris and participant in Project Down

PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF FUNDS: Scholarships for therapy, \$30,000; Promotion, office, and administration, \$10,000; Education efforts, including snacks for workshops, personnel, and educational toys, \$8,000



Your impact so far...

- Project #201: Providing theological education to local churches \$33,141
- Project #202: Partnering with Covenant churches of South Sudan \$33,894
- Project #203: Sharing the gospel with prisoners in the Czech Republic \$28,604
- Project #204: Vehicles for Cameroon To date: \$20,907

Additional gifts can still be given to these projects.

To make your gift today, please fill out and return the bottom portion of this letter in the enclosed return envelope, or mail to: The Evangelical Covenant Church, Attn: Friends of World Mission, 8303 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago IL 60631. For more information, visit CovChurch.org/mission/projects/fowm.

YES! I want to help through Friends of World Mission.

- ☐ I will give generously toward Project Down. Enclosed is my gift of:
☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other \$_____
- ☐ I want to become a regular FOWM member! I will use the enclosed enrollment form to begin my monthly donations of:
☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other \$_____
- ☐ I would like my gift to be used where it is needed most in serving globally.
- ☐ I commit to praying for our FOWM projects on a regular basis.
- ☐ Please send me _____ FOWM brochures to share with my friends, Sunday school, or church.
- ☐ I would like more information on how to make an estate gift.

WAYS TO GIVE...

- Give online at CovChurch.org/donate
- Estate planning at covenanttrust.com
- ACH using the enclosed form

YOUR GENEROUS GIFT PROVIDES:

- \$10** Snacks for a family event
- \$25** A manipulative learning toy for a child
- \$50** A day of support for a program coordinator
- \$100** Training opportunities for teachers, volunteers, and parents
- \$500** A scholarship for therapy