The work of Christian Horizons Global would not be possible if not for the faithful and generous support of you, the donors. It is amazing the impact that our funding can have in other parts of the world. Our budget internationally is small compared to our work in Canada (which is government-funded), but the results are significant.

Consider Senayet from Ethiopia. She has been faithfully supported by a sponsor here in Canada. When Senayet was a child, she assumed she wouldn’t be permitted to attend school because she was blind. “I didn’t think a blind person could go to school”, were her words when she shared her story with me this summer. Our meeting was held about the time she was about to graduate from university to become a school teacher, specializing in disability.

Almost 2000 people give faithfully each month to Christian Horizons Global, most as sponsors to 1,300 young people. Your support makes stories like Senayet’s possible in communities around the world. Our vision is that people with exceptional needs belong to communities in which their God-given gifts are valued and respected. For thousands of others like Senayet, it’s your support that makes that possible. Christian Horizons Global is merely the steward of your gift.

Senayet thought she couldn’t go to school. Now she’s a teacher helping other children who were like her. Your gift goes on.

Thank you,
Dwayne Milley
Vice President, Operations and Development

So, what can I do?

PRAY Please support our ministry in prayer. “Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.” (Psalm 127:1) Pray with us that God will continue to bless this work as we reach out to support those dear to His heart.

LEARN We’re active in seven countries, so there’s always something exciting happening. Keep up-to-date by visiting christian-horizons.org and connecting with us on Facebook and Twitter.

GIVE It’s donors like you that provide 100% of our ministry’s funding. We’re doing a lot and we’re always trying to do more, but it’s only through your generous gifts that we’re able to serve those living in exceptional circumstances around the world. If you would like to give, return the enclosed donation slip to us, visit christian-horizons.org or call

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THOUSANDS AFFECTED BY SUPPORT

SOUTH SUDAN UPDATE

Please continue to pray for our staff, sponsored children and their families in South Sudan.

The situation is dire. Pray for their safety and for peace to come to the region.

Your gift of $10 A MONTH will help further the work of Christian Horizons Global.

THANK YOU!
An attendance sheet is marked with 24 fingerprints and 23 signatures. Unable to sign their name, illiterate parents use their fingerprints to sign their children up for school.

In El Zapatillo, children, particularly girls, are often discouraged by their parents from attending school. Just like their parents, these children would have been unable to read and write. However, this cycle of illiteracy can be broken.

Thanks to your support, Christian Horizons Global has established an educational program tailored to the local cultural these children live in. This program supports 30 children and teaches reading, writing, science, and Bible study.

Sully, Director of Christian Horizons Global Guatemala, explained how the program will focus on supporting children who are marginalized – girls and kids with disabilities. Girls don’t have access to as many opportunities as boys. Sully hopes to provide opportunities to girls through this program because “if we educate a girl, we are going to change a family in the future.”

Additionally, it is important to teach children with and without disabilities together so they learn how to value one other.

In Sully’s words, “[Acceptance] is important because it makes a community more open to help people with disabilities.”

Our hope is to expand this program to include more children in several communities in need. With your help, we can do it.

To donate please select Head Start: Early Childhood Education on the Projects page found on our website: www.christian-horizons.org.

Meskelu and his friends belong in Robe.

In the middle of a busy courtyard outside of the Robe community center, Meskelu blows bubbles and watches as they drift into the afternoon sky. With an ever-present smile on his face, Meskelu lights up every room he’s in.

Other children in Meskelu’s circumstance can’t experience childhood in this way.

Meskelu’s father died when he was very young, leaving Meskelu and his 4 sisters and 2 brothers to be raised by their mother.

Meskelu also has a developmental disability. People with a disability who live in rural communities have to travel far distances to attend special needs education programs. Because of this, Meskelu couldn’t go to school and had to help his mother around the house.

All of this changed when Meskelu was sponsored last year. Because of sponsorship, he is now able to buy clothes and food and attend a day program at the local community center.

Additionally, because of your generosity, Christian Horizons Global has created a special needs education program in Robe. Now, Meskelu, and children like him, can develop to their full potential.

This is the impact sponsorship has in a person’s life: Meskelu has been able to experience a full childhood. At school, Meskelu can focus on his studies, his friends, and being a kid.

Thanks to you, Robe is a community where people with exceptional needs belong.

You have given kids school supplies to help with their education. Thank you!
BELONGING IN THE CLASSROOM DESPITE LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

In Isaiah’s grade 6 classroom, children experience a community where everyone’s gifts are valued. In Isaiah’s words, his students “are like family. This is not a classroom. This is a big family. They are like brothers and sisters.”

For students in Isaiah’s class like Louidine, this type of community is incredibly important. Louidine loves to study French and Creole and she likes to help around the house with chores. Within this environment, Louidine can look beyond her disability to develop herself.

Louidine was born with some challenges. She has difficulty walking because of a medical issue with one of her legs and she has vision problems. In addition, Louidine has learning difficulties in school. According to Isaiah, Louidine could use extra help outside of school, but extra help is difficult to come by.

When Louidine was sponsored, her life took a turn for the better. Through her sponsorship, she is able to buy food and attend school. Her classmates help her out. She has also been able to access medical care for her leg.

Louidine’s dream is to one day become a nurse. When asked why, she said, “I like taking care of people when they are sick.” She hopes to help others in the way different nurses have helped her.

Thanks to you, sponsors like you, Louidine is able to go to school. She truly belongs in her school family.

Thanks to your generosity, Louidine will positively impact the lives of others.

Your support of sponsorship creates communities of belonging for all children with and without exceptional needs. You are changing a community for the future by changing the life of a child today.

SPONSORSHIP PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP SKILL-SET

At 21 years-old, Jackson is a role-model and big brother figure to the children living at St. Bartholomew’s Orphange in South Sudan.

This is amazing considering his childhood consisted of suffering from paralysis-causing polio and African trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness), a civil war that caused the death of both parents and, later, abandonment by his aunt while under her care. He was without hope.

Jackson had two turning points in his life. The first was meeting a church leader who shared God’s message of love with him. The second was arriving at St. Bart’s with the opportunity to be sponsored.

Fast forward through eight years of sponsorship to today and Jackson is working hard to maintain the orphanage property, leading children in Bible study and prayer, and studying for his diploma in medical laboratory technology.

His desire is to apply his education at St. Bart’s to benefit the medical dispensary. Jackson also collects wood to build chairs that he then sells. The money he earned from his small business allowed him to purchase his custom wheelchair. Generously, he also uses his income to supplement the needs of children without sponsorship support who live at St. Bart’s.

Sponsorship gave Jackson the opportunity and encouragement he needed to develop his God-given gifts and create communities of belonging for the children at St. Bart’s. You too can impact the lives of children around the world.
PROVIDING EDUCATION, JOB SKILLS, AND COMMUNITIES OF BELONGING IN ETHIOPIA

Adam found a passion where his gifts can be used and valued: “I want to pursue IT [information technology] because I have a disability and a mobility problem. But, if I study IT, I can easily sit and work on computers.”

However, for many students like Adam, studying IT was often discouraging. According to Adam’s teacher Binyam, between six and 12 students had to share one computer.

Adam’s difficulties in the classroom were magnified because of his disability:

“I was about to give up... We used to work on one computer for a group of six or seven. Sometimes students jump from one computer to another. I can’t do that because of my mobility problem.”

Adam did not feel like he belonged in the classroom. However, your support has created a new experience for him. Because of your generosity, Christian Horizons Global has opened a new computer lab in Robe.

Students with disabilities are treated as equals in the new computer lab. You make this possible.

CREATING A SMILE THROUGH SPONSORSHIP

Lorena has not had a lot to smile about in her life. Her brother and sister died while she was young and her family is very poor. In her community of El Zapatillo, girls are typically not sent to school and have fewer opportunities than boys. Hope was hard to find in Lorena’s situation.

It wasn’t until a sponsor stepped in that Lorena was able to reach beyond her circumstances. Through her sponsorship, Lorena now receives nutritional support, clothing, and medical attention. She attends church and Christian Horizons Global’s Bible and Nutrition Program. Her involvement in her community grew and her self-worth increased.

Usually, sponsored children gain enrollment into school and have access to school supplies. However, Lorena was not allowed to attend school because her “mother needed her to do housework and it’s not important for a girl to go to school.” Though it is not our standard policy, we felt it was important to allow Lorena to continue to be sponsored even though she was not in school.

In spite of this, Lorena continued to attend church and the Bible and Nutrition Program. Eventually, through support from the community chief, church elders, and others, Christian Horizons Global was able to convince Lorena’s mother to allow her to attend school.

This additional lab creates new opportunities for the 82 females and eight students with disabilities in Binyam’s classroom.

For Adam, this new computer lab symbolizes a new hope. Adam can access a computer from his chair and can take his turn on the computer.

After he graduates, Adam would like to own a technical support firm. Even more than this, he wants to encourage people with disabilities to start businesses of their own.

Your support has made this possible. You are creating communities of belonging in Ethiopia where people like Adam can realize their dreams.

Thanks to you, and donors like you, Lorena loves her new school.

Recently, Sully said “I saw [Lorena] laughing a lot at VBS. It filled my heart see her open-mouthed and laughing.”

Thanks to you, and sponsors like you, children like Lorena have a reason to smile. Now, Lorena is a happy 11 year old who experiences what it means to belong in her community.