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## A CHILD IN NEPAL

ACCORDING TO THE United Nations, Nepal is one of the poorest and least developed countries in the world. Despite the international aid which keeps the country afloat, Nepalese children do not have access to all of their human rights. Many of them live lives that are mired in poverty, malnutrition, violence, and other harmful situations.

The Nepalese healthcare system suffers from a serious lack of needed supplies and competent workers, and health indicators reflect this. More than 45% of Nepalese children perish before the age of five, and 21% of young Nepalese are underweight.

The Nepalese educational system is also in a poor state. Factors such as mediocre teachers and a lack of buildings, materials, and personnel hinder children's chances of attending school.

Child labor places a large black mark upon Nepalese society. Over 25% of girls work every day, as opposed to 17% of boys, since the latter represent a family's future and are thus more likely to be enrolled in school. Those who work do so to help meet their families' needs, and they often work in very dangerous conditions.

Benjamin, age eight, is an orphan who comes from a Hindu family. One day, his parents went missing. This lad and his brother Jonathan then went to live with their aunt, but she lacked sufficient money to take care of them.



An ACTION worker was able to find an orphanage for Benjamin, where both his necessities and a strong spiritual environment are provided.

More than 45% of Nepalese children perish before the age of five... Things have changed for this lad, especially in school. Benjamin passed his year-end exams and is now in the third grade. He has a deep love for learning and is an honor student.

ACTION does not want the Benjamins of this world to fall into deep pits of misery, but to be rainbows of joy, to

know Jesus, and to become productive members of society.

Please consider becoming an active member of ACTION. For more information, send a message to <a href="mailto:info@actionintl.org">info@actionintl.org</a>.

## EVANGELIZING CHILDREN

**EVANGELISM MUST** be the primary goal for children's ministries. It's nice to give cookies and milk to children, but they need most of all to be filled with Christ.

According to Ministry-to-Children.com, 66% of today's Christians came to faith before the age of 18, 43% came to Christ before the age of 12, and fewer than one-quarter came to Christ after the age of 21. This data is not new. In my seminary studies, I found similar statistics from the late 1800s. Evangelism must be the primary goal of kids' ministry.

The family plays an important role in raising a child to know Christ. But, at times, the family is not there. What is needed then? A ministry that meets the child's spiritual needs. This could be Sunday school, children's church, vacation Bible school, or a street Bible club. Jesus said it well: "Let the little children come to me."

The educator David Brook has written that "students learn

from people they love." So, what is needed? Children's workers who have a passion for reaching children for Christ. If this quote fits your lifestyle, ACTION has a place for you.

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After ministering for many years in Colombia, Phil and Mariela Legal now minister to needy people on the U.S./ Mexico border







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