

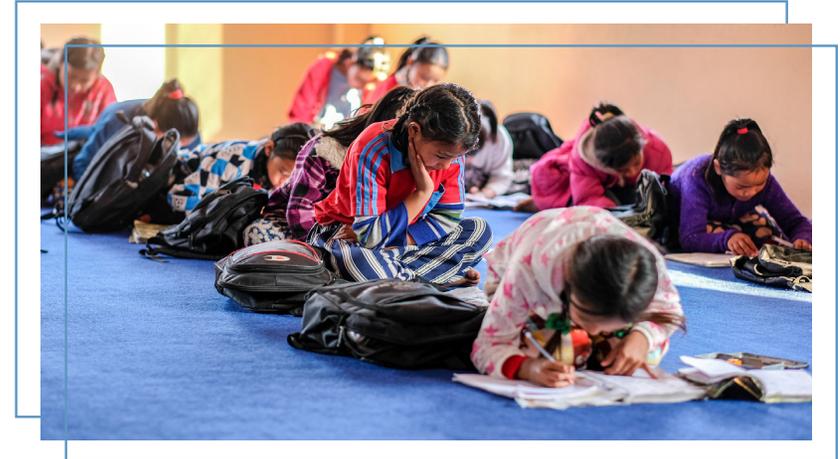


# PROGRAM UPDATE: HOLISTIC CHILD DEVELOPMENT

## Your Impact: Caring for Children Globally

More than half of those who live in poverty are children. Growing up in poverty makes it even more difficult to break the cycle; malnutrition, lack of education, and illness are just a few of the things that impact children's chance at a better future. Nazarene child development is holistic, addressing not just one aspect of a child's life and growth but all of the key aspects: spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional, and relational growth.

Educational support helps children do well in school, and social games and learning help them develop relationships. Before the pandemic, child development centers provided healthy meals to fill the gaps in a child's nutrition. And during the pandemic, staff of child development programs were able to use the connections they have with families to continually provide food staples.



Holistic care for children in Nepal impacts the entire community.



**11,000+** children are cared for through child development programs



Programs in **60** countries care for the spirit, mind, and health of children



**253** Nazarene child development centers create safe spaces for children to grow



Nearly every center adapted to continue serving during the pandemic

## Stories from Nepal

Pema lives in a rental house with two school-age daughters. It has been only the three of them since her husband passed away in 2019. Pema wasn't able to attend school when she was young, and she had no marketable skills to rely on after her husband's death. With few other options, she went to work as a day laborer at a construction site, earning a little for each day and no more.

Then, just a few months later, the COVID-19 lockdowns began and the construction site closed. "I had no any other earning source for feeding, nourishing, schooling, and taking care of my children," Pema explains. She desperately wanted something different for her daughters. "I have to make a path for them," she says.

The girls' Nazarene child development center was a huge help after their father died. There, they received counseling, health checkups, meals, and educational support. During lockdown, the center became vital for Pema and her daughters yet again. When she wasn't able to provide food, the family received food staples from the center. And when their landlord asked for rent that Pema didn't have, the center helped the family keep their home.