

PORTRAITS OF **PROMISE**



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With many of us still confined to our homes amid the uncertainty of this global COVID-19 pandemic, we invite you to travel with us across the world today.

Come see how Orphan's Promise partners are continuing to serve as the hands and feet of God's love. Thanks to your faithfulness, we can keep sharing tangible expressions of love during these difficult times.

Love that says, "I care, and I'm here. We're doing this together."

These are the stories.
These are the souls.
These are the portraits of the lives we're changing.



LOVE AROUND THE WORLD
DURING A PANDEMIC



FIRST STOP: COSTA RICA.

We want to introduce you to Michael, who is 11 years old and lives with his mother and two sisters. For the past three years, since the family has been separated from Michael's father, it's been difficult for his mother to provide for her children. Now, due to the coronavirus outbreak in Costa Rica, Michael's mother has lost her job.

Thankfully, the Hope Bunker in Playes El Coco, which is supported by Orphan's Promise, has been able to stay open twice a week in three different locations, distributing nutritious meals to children like Michael who might otherwise have nothing to eat. Hope Bunker also continues to provide some classes and spiritual mentorship, which has been incredibly helpful to parents like Michael's mom who must juggle sporadic work schedules while trying to care for their children.





135 million people around the world already face acute food shortages.

Due to the coronavirus, 130 million more could go hungry in 2020, according to the World Food Program.

NEXT, LET'S VISIT MEXICO.

Here, Orphan's Promise partners assemble care packages for vulnerable families in isolation—gifts designed to help parents and children use their time together in healthy, positive ways. These care packages include necessities like food, toilet paper, and cleaning supplies, as well as academic packets to help kids stay on track with their studies while they're out of school.

The staff members who typically lead in-person Bible studies at our centers created devotional packets to include in the care packages, as well as daily digital devotionals so parents and children can continue to get the spiritual nurturing they need. Lastly, they added fun family activities like puzzles and conversation-starters, plus a sample schedule for a "typical" day using these activities.

Everyone's schedule looks different right now, and the lack of work, school, and certainty can place an extra burden of stress on families who are already struggling to survive. Our hope is that our staff's creative care packages will prove to be a tangible expression of hope and love during these difficult times.

UKRAINE IS NEXT!

Anya has one of those stories that catches at your heart and brings tears to your eyes.

She is the personification of hope: the idea that when you are able to bring love and healing to one child, you empower them to share that love with everyone around them. We're not changing the world. We're loving on world-changers. We're equipping hope warriors.

Here's what we mean. When we first met Anya, she was reserved, hurt, and angry due to a broken world that had not given her the love and cherishing every child deserves. But, with the love and acceptance she found through Orphan's Promise, Anya blossomed into the kind of child God created her to be: happy, healthy and whole.

When the coronavirus hit, she noticed some of the elderly people in her village walking around without protective facial masks, and she knew she could help them. So Anya learned to sew—and began producing hand-made masks for those at risk.

Anya's desire to serve is contagious, and today the other girls in the transition home where she lives have joined her. Together, Anya and her friends are producing more than 100 masks a day! The local hospital is placing orders with them to help ensure that all their patients have protective masks.

Thank you for your continued support of Orphan's Promise. If you're an Orphan's Promise donor, Anya's story is your story. And she is not alone. There are thousands of other kids like her who are transforming their worlds around them. We call them hope warriors. What a privilege it is to intersect with their lives and stories!

A young boy with dark hair, wearing a blue patterned shirt, is flexing his muscles with a confident smile. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with greenery.

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We look forward to making a difference together.**



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WE'LL FINISH IN THE PHILIPPINES!

Joey and his five siblings share a small one-room home with their parents amid the lush beauty of the mountains in the Philippines. The scenery is breathtaking, but providing for a family of eight here is grueling work—particularly during a pandemic.

“It is very difficult for us now since we have no means to buy food,” says Joey’s mom, Rose. “We have crops in the farm, but it is not yet ready for harvest. My husband’s last paycheck was already spent on food and we are worried about how we can provide for our children.”

Both of Joey’s parents are farmers who grow vegetables to feed their family. During harvest season, they sell some of the crops, but most of the food goes toward their daily meals.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, Joey’s father was newly hired as a construction worker and received about \$6 per day for his work onsite, while his mother continued tending to the farm. When the pandemic hit, however, all construction work was temporarily suspended, and the income was lost.



Thankfully, though, this family is part of our Orphan's Promise family; Joey and his brother John are involved in the Bless-A-Child Project, which is supported by Orphan's Promise. As the pandemic has been affecting so many people financially, we've been working to provide parcels of food items and hygiene products to families across the Philippines who are hurting right now—like Joey's family. Our local church partners follow up with the families to pray with them and provide spiritual support during this difficult time.

“The food packages and hygiene supplies provided by Orphan's Promise were just in time. We are so thankful for the help you brought to us.”

With the support of partners like you, we are able to provide relief to Joey's family and all of our children and let them know they are not alone in this struggle. We will not allow them to go hungry!



THANKS FOR JOINING US AROUND THE WORLD.

Not just today, but every day. Even though you may be staying closer to home right now, your generosity continues to span the globe—reaching into some of the world’s most remote regions and touching the hearts of precious people.

So we have two words for you: thank you. We say it a lot, but that’s because we are privileged to see firsthand the impact your giving has on the lives of real children and families who are incredibly vulnerable right now. It’s a powerful mission to be part of.

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