

Celebrating the Season of Giving

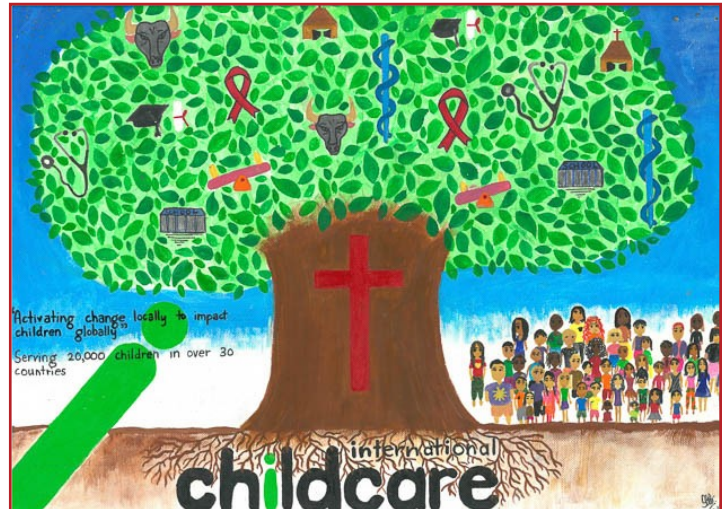
Saying thank you can vary from culture to culture. Some cultures do not rely on words. They use gestures instead when it is appropriate to express gratitude for something. Here are some ways to say thank you in languages other than English:

- Arabic – shukran (shoe-kran)
- Chinese – xiexie (shye-shye)
- French – merci (MEHR-see)
- Greek – efharisto (ef-hah-rees-TOH)
- Indonesian – terima kasih (Tur-EE-mah KAH-see)
- Japanese – arigato (ah-ree-GAH-toh)
- Portuguese – obrigado (oh-bree-GAH-doo)
- Spanish – gracias (GRAH-syabs)
- Tagalog – salamat (sa-LAH-mat)
- Thai – kop khun (cap-coohn)

Children in Rwanda raise their hands in gratitude and celebration over gifts purchased with funds sent by their sponsors. They praise the Lord for His provision and care.



Thank you! Thank you! To all our donors who gave for children in many countries around the world to receive their own Bibles, we convey our heart-felt gratitude!



This original art by sponsored child Ishanna (Shiny) was gifted to the ICCM U.S. staff. She also sent one to her sponsor. This is how Shiny says, "Thank you."

"Be mindful. Be grateful. Be positive. Be true. Be kind." – Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

Writing Thanks to Sponsors

ICCM sponsored children write their words of appreciation to sponsors at least twice a year. Some letters are newsy and affectionate. Others seem very simple and almost rote. Yet we believe it is a healthy exercise that promotes gratitude in the children.

The one thing the children and their parents consistently tell us they most desire is a letter from their sponsors. Would you be willing to encourage them by sending a note and/or a photo of yourself and/or your family? Letter writing is much easier



Dear Sponsor & ICCM Supporters,

Thank you for standing alongside us. We couldn't do it without you.

We are seeing dreams come true because of you and your generosity.

Children who could never have dreamed of an education are attending school because someone sponsored them. Children who didn't have a Bible are filled with joy when they receive their own personal copy. The Good News becomes a light for them. Children who may not have felt secure in knowing where their next meal was coming from have been provided with meals because money was given to one of the food funds (Haiti, India, Burundi).

Because of you children have hope, their eyes are seeing new possibilities.

Your financial support and prayer – prayers for protection, provision, perseverance are being answered in mighty ways that are impacting the children in life changing ways. Thank you for your faithfulness and being obedient to God's prompting.

