

Script for Give a Girl a Chance Powerpoint

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Every child in the world deserves certain things as children of God—a family that cares for them, enough food and medical care, safety and a place to call home—and to go to school

You know how important an education is—without it, life is much more difficult. It's harder to find a good job or have self-confidence—or to follow your dreams. Yet 70 million of the world's children aren't in elementary school. Why?

It's often because their families are poor, and can't afford to send their children to school

Or they need for their children—especially their daughters—to help out at home—like this Mayan girl in Guatemala taking care of her little sister while her parents work

Or this young Burmese girl—who has to walk for miles every morning to gather wood for her mother to cook with

Or these Sudanese girls, carrying water. They're smiling—it's not that much fun. Try carrying five gallons of water for a couple miles sometime to see how it feels ...

Sometimes girls—like these Toposa tribal girls from Sudan—are married off to older men when the girls are as young as 12 or 13 years old. The man pays the girl's family up to 100 cows to marry her, and that's hard for a poor family to turn down.

Other times children aren't in school because of wars going on near them—like these children in a refugee camp. They've had to leave their homes—and their schools and sometimes their parents—behind, as they run away to look for safety.

Sometimes it's just because the child is a girl, and people don't think girls are as important as boys. In Nepal, they have a saying: "To be born a daughter is a lost life." If you are a girl, your life will be hard.

This girl's name is Puja. She is 13 years old. She and her mother were carrying these bricks up hill all day long. They would be paid 75 cents.

Many girls in Nepal don't get to go to school. Sometimes these young girls are sent to another country to work in factories or in the circus, or to be a servant for rich people.

God wants every girl to have a better life than this.

The Give a Girl a Chance program of the New Community Project is helping girls in different parts of the world, like these girls in South Sudan—get the education they need for the life they deserve. It costs \$120 a year to keep a girl in school in Sudan—that's about what the average American teenager spends on three trips to the mall.

The girls are doing their part—some of them walked 500 miles to get to this girls' school. What's 500 miles from where you live?

Altogether in Sudan, Give a Girl a Chance will support around 150 girls to go to school this year, including these Toposa girls.

In the hill tribe area of Burma in Southeast Asia, girls are often finished with school after fifth grade—to go to Middle School would cost their family too much.

Give a Girl a Chance is sending two girls from each of three villages to Middle School this year.

In another area of Burma, a cyclone destroyed thousands of homes and schools—and killed many people.

Many children lost their parents in the storm—or their parents can no longer care for them—or send them to school.

Give a Girl a Chance is providing scholarships and school supplies to over 60 children whose families were affected by the cyclone.

Nepal, also in Asia, has the highest mountain in the world—that's it—Mt. Everest.

Nepal also has some of the highest poverty rates in the world—and about one-third of the children are malnourished. It's hard to go to school when you're hungry.

That's also where they say 'being born a girl is a lost life.' We're trying to change that! Give a Girl a Chance helps women get training to have better jobs so they can help their daughters go to school.

And we give scholarships to girls from several villages whose families are too poor to send them to school.

All of this makes these girls—in Burma, Nepal and Sudan—very excited! Wouldn't you be too?! After all, these children just need a chance—and that's what we're trying to give them!

So that's what Give a Girl a Chance does—but we can only do it with your help! All the money we send to help these girls comes from camps, schools, churches and individuals—and everything you send us, we send to help the girls.

We also go to visit these girls. Sarah did. First she raised enough money on her 16th birthday to help 12 Sudanese girls go to school, then she spent her 17th birthday in Sudan on our Learning Tour visiting them—cool!

Giving young women the chance they need to have the life they deserve as children of God—that's what Give a Girl a Chance is trying to do. Thank you for helping us do that—the girls said to thank you too

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