

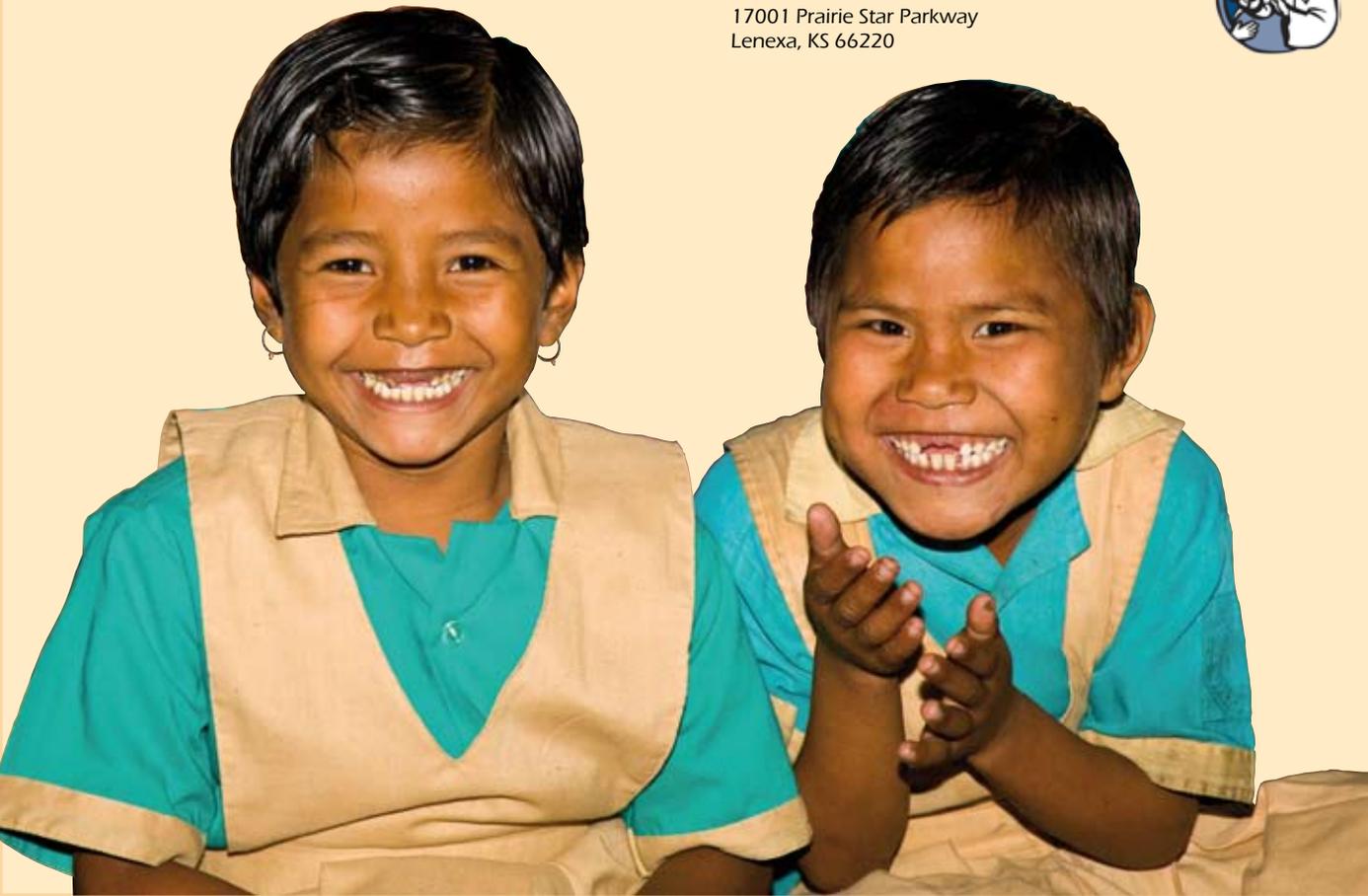
All over South Asia, NCM is starting child development centers (CDCs): to offer children hope and a chance of breaking out of the cycle of poverty and exploitation that has enchained their families for generations.

My name is Sukhi. I have four brothers. We're very poor, so my father said: Girls don't need education! This made me very sad. I didn't smile anymore.

Then my mother heard about the CDC and admitted me there. I was so happy! The CDC is very different from other schools. After our normal lessons we learn songs, dances and drama. Every day we get a good lunch. If we get sick, the school gives us medical care. And my mother attends evening classes there.

I love my school a lot and I'm so glad I can go there.

Now I've always got a smile on my face!



You can make children in South Asia smile!

...by sponsoring a child (one sponsorship covers several children) or an entire CDC (75-100 children):

per child per month	\$ 25
per child per year	\$ 300
per CDC per year	\$ 5,500

...or by giving a one-time donation (any amount).

To **sponsor** a child, go to: www.ncm.org/childsponsorship
For more **information** on CDCs, please contact South Asia Partnership Facilitator Glen Argabright (tel: 540-798-8081; email: Glen@argabrightcontractorsinc.com).

For a one-time **donation**, send checks payable to "General Treasurer" with the memo "APT 1017 - CDC" to:

General Treasurer
Church of the Nazarene
17001 Prairie Star Parkway
Lenexa, KS 66220



YOU



**make
me
smile!**

Sumi has five siblings. Only the oldest could go to school. Sumi stayed at home, bored and unhappy, wanting to learn. Then she heard about the CDC, and her father admitted her. Now she goes every day. "I love to study", she says. "And in the free time I play with my friends. I like my school so much!"

Regular school education is free in South Asia, but it's often inaccessible and poor children are left far behind. In CDCs children like Sumi receive school classes or homework help and learn a variety of other things that will help them succeed.

In addition, children receive regular health check-ups and children and parents are trained in various health and hygiene issues.

I want to learn!



I'm hungry!



Shonjit's father died when he was small. His mother didn't earn enough to buy proper food. "Often we only had gruel and I was hungry. But now I get a good lunch in the CDC!"

In some CDCs, children receive a nutritious snack or meal. But more importantly, mothers learn how to prepare nutritious meals with locally available food, and receive seeds and training to plant their own home gardens.

In self-help groups, mothers learn to start small businesses with their savings, which often substantially raise the family income.

A CDC child started crying when the teacher gave homework: write ABCDE... for four pages. Why? "Please make us write one page only!" the child pleaded. "I don't have enough pages left in my book and no money to buy a new one!"

This is why children in our CDCs are also given basic school materials such as books and exercise books, pencils, erasers, and bags. CDC schools in Bangladesh also supply school uniforms.

I'd like to play!



In the afternoons, the tea plantation around the Hatton CDC erupts with laughter: the children have invaded the playground.

In CDCs, children also have the opportunity to play and behave like children, in sports and games, cultural events, songs and drama, and many other activities.

Development is only successful and effects lasting transformation if it is holistic. That's why the CDCs address all aspects of the children's development: physical, cognitive, social, mental, and spiritual.

