Dear Partner,

Now it’s easier than ever for churches to partner with Children of the Nations (COTN) to promote our ministry and help our children. COTN’s Church Partnership Program will give you and your church the tools and knowledge you need to join us in our mission to raise orphaned and destitute children to transform nations.

Becoming a Church Partner means committing to participate in one or more of COTN’s four seasonal campaigns:
- Hunger
- Back to School
- Some Kind of Miracle benefit season
- Christmas

In exchange, COTN commits to support your church in organizing events, raising awareness, and partnering with us in ministry. Church partners will receive coaching from our Field Services staff, assisting you in discovering the best ways for your congregation to get involved, creating an action plan for your church, and providing materials for promoting events and generating enthusiasm for our mission.

There’s no cost to join, and activities and events aren’t mandatory. You choose the best ways to participate for your congregation, and we’ll show you how to make your involvement a success.

To learn more, visit www.cotni.org/share-in-your-church, or contact our Field Services Office at (360) 698-7227 or ericnachtrieb@cotni.org.

Thank you for your involvement.

For the children,

Eric Nachtrieb
BECOMING A COTN PARTNER IS AS EASY AS 1-2-3

1. MAKE THE DECISION!
   Let COTN be your link to the opportunity to make a difference in the world!

2. CONNECT WITH COTN!
   Identify a liaison and contact us to discuss ways to get started.

3. MOBILIZE YOUR GROUP!
   Get involved! Our staff is ready to help with the tools you need to take action.
### Area of Focus | Ideas for Involvement
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**FAMILY**  
Providing a stable, relational environment for our children to grow physically, spiritually, mentally, and socially. | - Sponsorship – Promote our sponsorship program (Sponsorship Sunday)  
- Feeding – Host a meal marathon or coin drive  
- SmilePacks™ – Gather clothing, hygiene items, and other necessities  
- Venture – Mobilize your community to participate in a Venture Trip to one of our countries  
- Christmas Project – Promote COTN's annual Christmas Project (gift catalog, online giving, etc.)

**FAITH**  
Encouraging and developing spiritual growth in our children and countries through discipleship and outreach. | - Church of the Nations – Sponsor a church start; provide discipleship materials and supplies  
- Venture – Mobilize your community to participate in a Venture Reach (Evangelism) trip to one of our countries  
- Camps and Retreats – Host or contribute funds toward annual camps and retreats for our staff and children  
- SmilePacks™ – Collect Bible SmilePacks™  
- Evangelism – Supply or fund materials, audio/visual equipment, vehicles for outreach, etc.

**EDUCATION**  
Providing education for our children—preschool through university or vocational skills training—with self-sufficiency being the goal. | - SmilePacks™ – Collect School SmilePacks™  
- Sponsorship – Fund and support a specific teacher and/or classroom at one of our schools  
- Venture – Mobilize your community to participate in a Venture Teach (Education) trip to one of our countries  
- University Student Program – Sponsor a university student or raise funds for COTN’s University Fund  
- Skills Training – Provide funding, supplies, and/or equipment for COTN’s vocational skills centers

**MEDIA / ARTS**  
Using the media (radio, film, press) to educate and empower our children and the communities in which they live. Encouraging culturally relevant artistic expression in our children. | - Radio/TV – Develop ideas for our children to participate in radio and TV programming; work to establish in-country relationships and opportunities to spread COTN’s message  
- Journalism – Mentor our children; use your writing skills to further the cause of COTN  
- Video/Film – Teach/train our children; create pieces that will educate people about COTN  
- US Communications/Marketing – Help us create printed materials, websites, videos, graphics, etc. overseas and in the US.  
- Art/Music/Dance – Develop and fund art, music, and drama programs/projects in our schools

**GOVERNMENT / POLITICS**  
Raising our children with the belief that their voices can be heard by those making decisions in their country, and empowering them to be the leaders of tomorrow. | - Advocacy – Create opportunities/materials to address cultural issues; financially support lobbyists in-country  
- Campaigns – Help design, fund, and execute campaigns that address cultural issues  
- Subject-Specific Activism – Bring awareness to specific subjects in our countries; work to dispel myths, educate people, encourage action, etc.

**BUSINESS / ECONOMICS**  
Developing self-sustainable, skill-based empowerment programs. | - Training – Develop or fund new programs of study for our vocational skills centers  
- Microfinance – Support our Microfinance programs

**ENVIRONMENT**  
Creating sustaining projects in agriculture for COTN children. | - Farming – Support and fund our agricultural projects  
- Self-Sustainability – Teach children how to create self-sustainability  
- Health and Sanitation Initiatives – Educate children and nationals on health and sanitation issues  
- Environmental Awareness – Create and implement green and environmentally responsibility programs in our homes and villages.
IDEAS FOR INVOLVEMENT (BY SEASON)

Children of the Nations has an annual calendar which focuses on four (4) seasonal campaigns: Hunger, Back to School, our Some Kind of Miracle benefit season, and Christmas; and four (4) year-round campaigns: Venture, Resource Gathering, Sponsorship, and Share the Vision™.

### Seasonal Campaigns:

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<td>HUNGER</td>
<td>• Gather Let’s Eat SmilePacks™&lt;sup&gt;™&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>• Participate in a Meal Marathon or organize a meal packaging event</td>
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<td>• Incorporate COTN's Hunger Experience into your church’s youth curriculum</td>
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<td>• Organize a youth fundraiser to benefit COTN’s feeding department</td>
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<td>SUMMER March/April/May</td>
<td>BACK TO SCHOOL</td>
<td>• Plan a church-wide Sponsorship Sunday</td>
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<td>• Organize a Back-to-School resource drive (taking advantage of sales on classroom supplies, backpacks, etc.)</td>
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<td>FALL September/ October/ November</td>
<td>Some Kind of Miracle benefit season Share the Vision™</td>
<td>• Promote or host a regional benefit celebration</td>
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<td>WINTER November/ December</td>
<td>CHRISTMAS</td>
<td>• Promote COTN’s Christmas Campaign (Gift Catalog, online giving, etc.)</td>
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<td>• Promote COTN’s Christmas Projects (Gift SmilePacks™ drives, in-country Christmas parties, COTN Christmas Tree in your church lobby, etc.)</td>
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| **Men's Ministry**   | • Organize a SmilePacks™ drive (i.e. Hygiene SmilePacks™)  
• Host a meal packaging event  
• Donate church/professional attire (used suits, shirts, ties, belts, shoes, etc.)  
• Collect funds for a loan for COTN's Microfinance Program |
| **Women's Ministry** | • Organize a SmilePacks™ drive (i.e. Clothing SmilePacks™)  
• Organize a clothing drive  
• Host a quilting bee (make quilts for COTN's children's homes)  
• Organize a supply drive for COTN's Widows Program (yarn, fabric, etc.)  
• Host a meal packaging event  
• Write letters/gather small gifts for unsponsored children |
| MOPS                 |                                                                                                                             |
| **Youth Ministry**   | • Organize a SmilePacks™ drive (i.e. Bible SmilePacks™)  
• Organize a shoe or sock drive  
• Host a meal packaging event |
| **Children's Ministry** |                                                                                                                     |
| **Awana**            | • Organize a SmilePacks™ drive (i.e. School SmilePacks™ or Gift SmilePacks™)  
• Decorate boxes for a meal packaging event  
• Schedule a coin drive  
• Collectively sponsor a child (through ongoing coin drive) |
| **Boys and Girl Scout Troops** |                                                                 |
| **Bible Study**      | • Organize a Bible drive  
• Collectively sponsor an in-country pastor (provide monthly support) |
| **Worship Team**     | • Donate used musical instruments (to be sent to our countries)  
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• Host a fundraiser to purchase musical instruments for our in-country worship teams |
| **Care Groups**      | • Collectively sponsor a child  
• Host a Share the Vision™ event |
| **Missions**         | • Organize and promote annual Venture trips (youth, vision, teachers, construction, pastors, evangelism, etc.)  
• Provide funding for COTN support-raising/missionary staff |
| **All Church**       | • Host a Sponsorship Sunday  
• Host an all-church Share the Vision™ event  
• Raise money for an in-country project (i.e. construct a school, furnish a children's home, drill a well, etc.)  
• Promote COTN's “Staff and Volunteer Opportunities” via weekly church flyer or bulletin board  
• Schedule “pulpit time” for returning Venture participants and/or COTN staff  
• Host an all-church meal packaging event  
• Promote COTN in weekly church bulletin  
• Fund an in-country church plant  
• Create a Children of the Nations bulletin board, spotlighting COTN's children, programs, etc.  
• Provide a Christmas Celebration for one of our villages  
• Promote COTN's annual Christmas Gift Catalog  
• Erect a COTN Christmas Tree (gift-giving project)  
• “Adopt a Village” (provide funding for ongoing needs)  
• Encourage monthly support of COTN missionary staff |