

# LEAP

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION AND  
ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

**\*What were Jesus' feelings toward children?**

**\*Why do Christians have a responsibility for helping to feed, clothe, educate children in need around the world?**



## JOIN THE INITIATIVE

The **Leadership Education and Advancement Program (LEAP)** is a scholarship program that gives sponsored children the chance to continue their education. Nazarene Child Sponsorship is only available until a child graduates high school. With LEAP, child sponsorship graduates who have shown exemplary leadership ability and choose to continue their education in their own countries are assisted through scholarships.

As part of LEAP, the students will also be required to participate in service at their local church and in their community. Advanced education and community service will create equipped and effective Nazarene leaders that use their gifts to transform society for the kingdom of God.

You have the opportunity to go beyond the sponsorship program, go beyond feeding and basic education. This is your chance to participate in shaping future Nazarene and community leaders through continuing education.

### **The Value of Children: EDUCATION**

Everyone deserves a quality education... yet right now **75 million children and 774 million adults are missing out.**

Most of the children and adults who are deprived of an education are from some of the poorest countries in the world.

Education helps **reduce poverty**. When people go to school, they are able to eventually earn more money and support their families.

Education is essential to **improving health**, halting the spread of HIV/AIDS and enabling families to better cope with illness. Everyone, no matter where they are born, deserves a chance to receive a quality education.

The Bible commands every Christian to, “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute” (Proverbs 31:8). The Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-7; 11:19) admonishes us to communicate God’s grace to our children. Psalm 78:4 declares, “We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.” Jesus affirms this in Luke 18:16, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

### **Practical ways your congregation can get involved:**

Educate to increase awareness: Talk to friends, neighbors, and coworkers about the need for education worldwide. Share with them about NCM’s child sponsorship program and LEAP as ways to help.

Educate by raising and saving some of your own money to help. Take an offering in your local church or support LEAP as a Sunday School class.

### **Invest in children**

*If you plan for a year, plant a seed. If for ten years, plant a tree. If for a hundred years, teach the people. When you sow a seed once, you will reap a single harvest. When you teach the people, you will reap a hundred harvests.*

—Kuan Chung