

# A bit about Global Family

#### What is Global Family?

Global Family is Mennonite Central Committee's education support program. More than simply providing children with access to school, Global Family supports communities in providing their children with quality educational programming.

### Global Family's history

Global Family started in 1953 assisting individual orphans in Korea after the Korean War. Since then it has branched out, embracing a different development model, one where communities of children are being supported rather than individuals.

This approach falls in line with good development practices of today. It reduces dependency, becomes more cost effective, eliminates jealousy that sets in as a result of specific child selection and fosters community ownership.

### **Global Family today**

We currently support a variety of programs to bolster the development of communities through:

- PROMOTING girls education
- INCREASING access to education in rural areas
- INVESTING in teacher training and resourcing
- SUPPORTING vocational training for young adults
- PROVIDING safe, healthy and caring environments.









### What is community-based education?

Community-based education happens when local communities determine educational needs within their context and create programs to address them. It is cost-effective and allows schools the freedom to decide what is best for students and families in their area.

In some communities this may mean lunch programs that help children focus on school instead of hunger. In others it may mean providing school supplies to equip children for success. For others still, it may mean walking alongside teachers, providing them with adequate training for effective classroom teaching. Community-based education fosters effective learning!

Global Family currently partners with approximately 100 community-based organizations in more than 40 countries.

## Be a part of something extraordinary!

We need people like you who understand that education provides students and teachers with confidence and skills, helping them improve their lives and communities.

For \$300 a year (less than \$1 a day) Global Family supporters help children around the world access quality, community-based education.



A child learns, a community benefits, lives change. Invest in community-based education. It **works**.

