



STRONG BEGINNINGS

**MATERNAL & CHILD
HEALTH**

**FOR YOU CREATED MY INMOST BEING; YOU
KNIT ME TOGETHER IN MY MOTHER'S WOMB.**

**I PRAISE YOU BECAUSE I AM FEARFULLY
AND WONDERFULLY MADE; YOUR WORKS
ARE WONDERFUL, I KNOW THAT FULL WELL.**

PSALM 139:13-14

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In remote areas of developing countries, pregnant mothers often lack the resources and care that they need to help give their young children a strong beginning to life. As a result, hundreds of thousands of women in our world die during pregnancy or childbirth every year, and nearly nine million children die before reaching the age of five due to malnutrition and other serious medical conditions.

In communities around the world, World Renew and its partners are providing maternal and child health programs that radically improve health outcomes for mothers and young children. Through these programs, family members learn how to detect and prevent childhood hunger and community members are equipped to take an active role in caring for expectant mothers and their babies—from conception to two years old. Since these programs are carried out through Christian partners, they demonstrate the deep love of God, the Creator who “knits” each of His beloved children into being.

Catching childhood hunger early is crucial to life-long health and development. In Malawi, for example, World Renew is collaborating with churches and outreach organizations to teach women to volunteer as “lead mothers” among their neighbours. These dedicated, hardworking women identify malnourished children and train pregnant women and mothers to better care for their children at every stage of development. They also work with local officials, visiting families at home to ensure that they eat nutritiously.

“Please pray for World Renew’s health programs to reduce the number of malnourished and stunted children in Malawi and around the world,” said World Renew’s consultant in Malawi.

Will you join World Renew in taking the lead in improving maternal and child health around the world? Your prayers and support will go a long way in helping more women have healthier pregnancies and safer births, giving more young children a strong beginning. Give today. To find out more, go to worldrenew.net/mchealth.



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