

Dear Ministry Partner,

You hold in your hands one of the most impactful films I have ever had the pleasure of viewing. This special edition of **Girl Rising** tells the story of Wadley, Suma and Sokha, three girls struggling to receive an education in a world where women are frequently denied access to schooling simply because of their gender.

Worldwide, 66 million girls do not attend school. And yet, when you educate a girl, you make it possible to break the cycle of poverty in just one generation. **Girl Rising** explores the power of courage and determination, in the face of impossible odds, as these three girls strive to achieve their dreams.

As I watched **Girl Rising**, I was reminded of visiting a school in Ecuador. As our team climbed off the bus, we anxiously peered around the small community in search of the school. Little did we realize, the defeated looking structure right in front of us was the school. It broke my heart to think of the children who had no choice but to attend this neglected facility in search of the only meagre education they could find. How could any child learn under these conditions?

Then I was introduced to Maria.

Maria was a bright, lively girl who was not only receiving an education, but was thrilled at the opportunity to visit this gloomy schoolhouse every day because she and her family recognized the immense value of education – especially for girls – in this region where women typically did not receive any formal education. I was struck too by the dreams of Maria and her friends, who had gathered around our little group. When asked what they hoped to do when they grew up, the answers came quickly and confidently: “Nurse!” “Teacher!” “Lawyer!” “President!” These weren’t helpless school girls at all. They were courageously looking towards a brighter future as a result of the education they were receiving.

You can make a difference in the lives of girls like Maria by screening **Girl Rising** at your church. The enclosed 35-minute DVD can be used anytime – a Sunday service, an adult study, a youth event, a community outreach – and the promotional materials are already created for you! The sample poster, bulletin insert and invitation cards found in this kit can all be customized for your church simply by downloading the files at: www.churches.worldvision.ca/girlrising. You can view the film trailer here as well.

Won’t you join us in bringing education to girls around the world? Take a moment to view **Girl Rising** today, then contact your local World Vision Church Advisor for more information on how you can begin making a world of difference for girls.

Together for the Kingdom,



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