



Monthly Prayer Update

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Domestic:

- Praise God for those whose hearts will be touched to pack shoe box gifts to take the message of Christ to children and families around the world this year.
- Pray for the implementation of promotional opportunities with churches and church groups across the country as we trust God for 5.8 million shoe box gifts.
- Pray for favor with the media this season as volunteers, media associates, and staff work on garnering hits from newspapers, radio and TV stations, and through social media.
- Praise God for the partnerships He has established with many like-minded organizations and ministries which are encouraging their audiences to take part in OCC.
- Praise God for more than 235 Active Area Teams across the country. Please pray for the volunteers on these teams as they serve in the places of ministry to which God has called them.
- Please pray that the Lord would continue to raise up volunteers across the country who feel called to serve Him through Operation Christmas Child in their local communities. Pray for volunteer leaders across the country who will develop effective teams in their areas.
- Pray for continued wisdom for the planning of the 2012 Connect Conferences.

International:

Americas (Latin America & Caribbean)

Belize

- Praise God for the successful event on September 30th in which over 30 people attended. This was the launch of the OCC season which will see activities centered in Belize District. We thank God for all the volunteers and preparation that went into the event.
- Praise God for the successful strategy planning meeting in Orange Walk on October 1st to finalize plans to complete the Greatest Journey discipleship program there.
- Pray for the Lord to provide the right person to fill the position of Discipleship Coordinator on the National Leadership Team (NLT).
- Pray for the two teacher training events planned for Orange Walk and Corozal on November 12th and December 10th respectively.
- Pray for the NLT meeting in which coordination plans will be finalized for the Belize District this season.
- Pray for the trainings for the upcoming distribution season in Belize City on November 5th.
- Pray for the health of NLT members and for God's wisdom and guidance in planning.

Ecuador

- Pray for protection as an outbreak of measles has occurred, affecting mostly children under 5 years old.
- Pray for all the necessary paperwork for the customs process this season.
- Pray for the National Leadership Team as they seek to establish four Regional Leadership Teams this year.
- Praise God for all who take part in reaching out through Operation Christmas Child to touch this nation. Pray that the Lord would bless them and prosper them in everything they do.

Dominican Republic.

- Praise God for His support for the project throughout the year in the Dominican Republic.
- Pray for the start of pre-registrations for the OCC project this year.
- Pray for this year's elections in the Dominican Republic. Pray that permission will be granted for the tax-free importation of shoe box gifts.

Honduras

- Pray for God to open doors for next year's distributions.
- Pray for the Lord to give wisdom to the NLT as they seek His direction and guidance.

- Pray for strong relationships with pastors throughout Honduras and for the growth of ministry partnerships

Mexico

- Praise God for the International Connect Conference, which was a special time of training, spiritual refreshing, and Christian fellowship.
- Praise God for answered prayer with regard to several health issues and the return of a 10-year-old boy who was kidnapped but returned unharmed.
- Pray that the volunteers who recently attended OCC training will be a blessing to a large number of children for 2011-2012.
- Pray for the Master Trainer Training event as well as the training for Certified Teachers of The Greatest Journey on November 15th through the 19th. Pray that the Lord would prepare the hearts of the thousands of teachers who will be trained in this extraordinary discipleship course.
- Pray for peace in this country and for many to join in praying for Mexico.
- Pray for the OCC project to reach thousands of children and families in 2011 through the distribution of more than 600,000 shoe box gifts and the evangelistic events that coincide with the distributions. Pray for the involvement of the 29 Regional Leadership Teams in this endeavor.

Panama

- Praise God for the International Connect Conference that was held in Columbia. National Leadership Team (NLT) members that attended were refreshed by the tremendous teaching they received and will be stronger in carrying out the plans the Lord has in store.
- Pray for the upcoming national day of prayer being held in Panama. Pray that this day will be a blessing for all the participants across the entire nation.
- Pray that the Lord would show his Lordship over Panama, and that the wave of violence that is being seen in different parts of the country would cease.

Peru

- Pray for wisdom for the NLT as they develop and implement ministry plans for OCC in Peru.
- Pray for the new volunteer coordinators joining the team this season.
- Pray for the new regions where OCC will be implemented next year: Lambayeque, Amazonas, San Martin, and Ucayali.

Trinidad and Tobago

- Praise God for the couple from Canada seeking to adopt twins from Hindustan, Trinidad. They received shoe box gifts several years ago and have dealt with the loss of their mother and a very sick father. The kids turn 10 in October. Pray that the release and paperwork will come through.
- Pray for the pastors and leaders who continue to share the Gospel in a heavy crime area in Trinidad.

Middle East North Africa

- Praise God for the MENA and RECA (Russia, Eastern Europe, Central Asia) International Connect Conference that took place in Ukraine. Praise the Lord for the spiritual refreshment, training, and fellowship in which all were able to participate.
- Pray for all MENA International Field Representatives as they attended trainings in Thailand. Pray for their understanding of the new role in OCC.

Lebanon

- Pray for the NLT members involved in pastoral ministries and Sunday School ministries.
- Pray for the volatile security situation and the difficult processes of the formation of the new government.

Sensitive Country 1

- Praise God for the continuation of this ministry.
- Praise God for the opportunity to attend the International Connect Conference.
- Praise God for the new partners who have applied to become a part of this ministry.
- Pray for all preparation that is taking place for this season.
- Pray for passionate hearts for the NLT as they move forward with this OCC season.
- Pray for wisdom in gaining a connection with a new target group as part of ministry strategy.

Sensitive Country 2

- Pray for the father of the National Coordinator who has been very sick.
- Pray for the new National Leadership Team (NLT), that the Lord will strengthen them during this season and they may have a greater understanding of the OCC vision.

Sensitive Country 3

- Pray for the Lord's guidance in facilitating OCC in the midst of ongoing conflict.
- Pray for a peaceful resolution to the conflict and that the Lord's will be done in spreading His Gospel throughout the country.
- Pray for the future of the ministry due to the ongoing crisis and uncertainties throughout the region.

Sensitive Country 4

- Pray for the continued good relationship with the Red Crescent as they helped bring gifts into the country.

Sensitive Country 5

- Praise God for the government official who is prepared to assist with the importation of shoe box gifts.
- Pray that the process to receive containers of shoe box gifts will go smoothly.
- Pray that God may establish partnerships with Christian workers for the distribution of the shoe box gifts.
- Pray that the children who receive the gifts will have open hearts for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the families of the children, that their hearts will also be open to the Gospel.

Sensitive Country 6

- Pray for the safety of the believers and the churches in light of heightened tensions and increased violence.
- Pray for the will of God to be done and that any change would lead to the expansion of the kingdom of God in this country.

Tunisia

- Pray for the registration of a charitable organization by the church which may also serve to facilitate the importation of shoe box gifts.
- Pray that God would allow churches to establish good relationships with the new government.

Egypt

- Pray for the successful meetings and vision-casting with the church leaders and other potential ministry partners in preparation for the selection of the National Leadership Team and the establishment of the OCC ministry.
- Pray for our ministry partners to find a consignee and that approval would be granted for the importation of the shoe box gifts.

South and East Africa

- Praise God for the two new Regional Coordinators, one from Madagascar and one from Uganda, who will mentor and serve National Leadership Teams.
- Praise God for the gifted International Field Representatives who also serve national teams.
- Pray for the work in areas that, because of security, are not made public.
- Praise God for the new churches being raised up as a result of the shoe box distributions.
- Pray for the planning and distribution of approximately 1.2 million boxes in 2012.

Burundi

- Praise God for the new contacts in Burundi who are interested in renewing the OCC ministry.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment from the Lord in the recruiting and selecting of national team members.

Ethiopia

- Praise God that even though the doors have closed for OCC distributions in 2012, He may open creative avenue in 2013.
- Pray for the National Leadership Team as they re-group. Pray that they will not be discouraged.

Kenya

- Praise God for the two new regional teams that participated in shoe box distributions this year.
- Pray for success in selecting and recruiting new regional teams for 2012 distributions. These teams are critical for expansion into the area outside capital cities.

Lesotho

- Praise God for the dedicated commitment of the new National Coordinator.
- Praise God for the plans to ship one container of OCC boxes into Lesotho this year.
- Pray for the right leaders to be selected for the National Leadership Team.
- Pray for the ministry partners who will attend The Greatest Journey trainings in November.

Madagascar

- Praise God for the Samaritan's Purse broadcast team that filmed and documented the OCC ministry in Madagascar and for God's hand in the process.
- Pray that the video will be used by the Lord all around the world for His glory.

- Pray for the National Leadership Team (NLT) and Regional Leadership Teams (RLT's) - for faithfulness in service and strength under difficult ministry situations.

Namibia

- Pray for the development of a National Leadership Team (NLT) that reflects the ethnic makeup of the whole country.
- Pray for in-roads into the predominantly black church.

South Africa

- Praise the Lord for the National Coordinator who serves with a willing heart.
- Praise God for the containers that reached the country and were cleared through the customs process in July. Distribution of gifts took place in July and August.
- Pray for this huge country. Opportunities for expansion are limited only by our prayers. The children reached through OCC are but a tiny fraction of what could be done.
- Pray for a national leadership team of High Impact volunteers to be birthed.

South Sudan

- Praise God for the open doors in this new country. Praise Him that the peace being experienced in most of the country is allowing expansion of OCC into areas never before reached with shoe box gifts.
- Praise God for the leadership of the NLT and their perseverance.
- Pray for the delivery of shoe box gifts this year. Transportation and logistics are daunting and the chances for mishap are many.
- Pray for the effective use of The Greatest Journey discipleship program.

Tanzania

- Pray for the implementation of The Greatest Journey in the country this year.
- Pray for faithful teachers to be trained in using this wonderful tool.

Seychelles

- Pray for the implementation of The Greatest Journey in the country this year.
- Pray also for faithful teachers to be trained in using The Greatest Journey.

Uganda

- Praise God for the new Lira Regional Leadership Team (RLT).
- Praise God for the thousands of teachers of The Greatest Journey (TGJ) discipleship program who have caught a vision for its impact and are committed to using it wisely.
- Pray for the NLT and the expanded responsibilities that come with expanded ministry.

Zambia

- Praise God for the reception of The Greatest Journey and the excitement it has recreated within the Zambian church.
- Praise God for a dedicated National Leadership Team.
- Pray for the development of Regional Leadership Teams (RLT's), which are critical for expansion of ministry opportunities.

Zimbabwe

- Praise God for the distribution that took place this year, even in the midst of political and economic uncertainty.
- Pray for the strategic planning sessions to map out the course of OCC for the next 5 years.

South and East Asia

Philippines

- Pray for the "Thanksgiving Dinner" event taking place in October. This will be a celebration of what happened last year and a time for prayer for this coming season.
- Pray for those who will take part in The Greatest Journey teacher's training in October. Pray the Lord's protection and guidance for them as they seek to lead their churches in children's discipleship.
- Pray for the Philippines Regional Leadership Teams as they select volunteers and fill their open positions.

Sensitive Country 1

- Pray for the recruiting that is underway for the new National Leadership Team (NLT).
- Pray for TGJ and its planning.
- Pray for God's intervention amidst the growing difficulties in this country.

Bangladesh

- Praise God for the new consignee for the Bangladesh NLT. Pray that God will give him wisdom in the handling of the importation of the shoe box gifts.
- Pray that the tax-free importation of gifts will be approved for the upcoming season.
- Pray for the Lord to provide the right people to fill open positions on the NLT. Pray for wisdom as candidates are selected for the Disciple Coordinator, Resources Coordinator, and Church Mobilization Coordinator.

Indonesia

- Pray for the distributions in a previously closed area where God has provided a key contact.
- Pray for distributions in other difficult areas where God has also opened new doors.

Sri Lanka

- Pray for the hearts of Sri Lankan Customs officers to be softened to facilitate a smooth importation process.
- Pray that the NLT and the ministry partners would not be discouraged.
- Pray for successful distribution programs that will bear witness to God's mighty presence.

Malaysia

- Pray for volunteers to be trained and ready for the responsibility of distributing gifts and sharing the Gospel throughout the country.
- Pray for a breakthrough with the customs department and customs officials that would allow approval of the importation of shoe box gifts into the country.

West and Central Africa

Chad

- Praise God for the good health of our volunteers.
- Praise God for peace in the country and the eagerness of the church for the OCC program.
- Praise God for the impact of the ministry on the unreached in Chad.
- Pray for the new Regional Coordinators in the country.
- Pray for the leadership of OCC in Chad - for wisdom and strength, as well as vision for the future.

Gabon

- Pray for the children who are often the victims of crime.
- Pray for the implementation of OCC in the rural villages.
- Pray for success of the TGJ discipleship program in the lives of leaders, children and families.

Ghana

- Praise God for the many children who have given their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Praise God for sustaining, the National Leadership Team the Regional Leadership Teams, para-church ministries and volunteers who serve in ministry through OCC.
- Pray that children will grow in their faith to become mature Christians, who will one day assume leadership in Ghana.
- Pray for God's guidance and direction in all activities of OCC in Ghana in order to do the perfect will of God.

Republic of Congo

- Pray for God to raise up key local and regional ministry partners.

Burkina Faso

- Pray for an excellent partnership with the churches and other ministry partners.

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