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PRAYER FOCUS

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS!

Childhood is one of the easiest seasons of life to embrace the Gospel.

“Kids are not cynical at this age,” says TEAM worker Ellen*, “and they’re open to learning what we have to say. They trust that what an adult is telling them is true.”

But in today’s world, the age of innocence doesn’t last long.

In Southeast Asia, where Ellen serves, girls are sold into the sex trade before they even reach puberty. In South Africa, kids contend with a drug culture that fills their schools and neighborhoods. In Mexico, missionaries share how COVID-19 restrictions have driven many kids to depression as they struggle to get an education.

As these children grow older, it’s easy to see how cynicism will be able to take root — and how the idea of an all-powerful, loving God will become easier to dismiss.

But if we reach these kids now, the love of Christ will shape the way they see all of these hardships. They will learn to walk in faith through a broken world. They will become disciples who see God’s grace in life’s greatest trials.

And they will bring that faith and grace to their families, friends and communities.

WILL YOU JOIN US IN LIFTING UP THESE BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN AND THE PEOPLE WORKING TO REACH THEM? LET’S PRAY FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES.

Sun: **ASK GOD** to give missionaries creativity and adaptability as they work to reach kids amid changing circumstances. Pray for meaningful connections.

Mon: **PRAY** that kids will read their Bibles at home and draw close to Christ.

Tue: **PRAY** for inspiration as workers plan lessons. Ask God to give them the words each child and teen needs to hear.

Wed: **PRAY** for success as missionaries work to keep kids in school and meet other tangible needs.

TURN OVER FOR MORE REQUESTS!



Thu: **PRAY** against the depression many young people are battling due to strict regulations on socialization and education.

Fri: **PRAY** for good conversations with children and their loved ones. Pray that entire families will be saved through youth and children's ministries.

Sat: **PRAISE GOD** for the ministries that have been able to continue in the midst of COVID-19 restrictions — and for the new ones He's started!

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- 1. SOUTH ASIA** | Workers are building a new sewing center for a women's tailoring program. Pray that construction will go smoothly and produce a strong building. Also, pray for wisdom as leaders of the group try to incorporate more spiritual content into the program.
- 2. MEXICO** | Basketball ministry Transformados is raising funds to buy property. This will allow TEAM workers to be more open in sharing their faith, provide greater flexibility in scheduling and give the outreach a more permanent presence in the community. Ask God to direct our workers to the right piece of land and provide the funds to buy it.

PRAISE REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- 1. PERU** | TEAM missionaries Jessica and Seth are seeing steady growth in their church plant's services, Bible studies and prayer meetings. Believers are beginning to seek God's direction in life, deal with sin and step up in leadership!
- 2. MIDDLE EAST** | A Bible translation team is able to move more quickly with the help of a new software. They've now made two rounds of revisions to their New Testament translation and have made it to 1 Samuel in the Old Testament. Praise God for this faithful team, for helpful tools and for the many good things He'll do through this translation!

**The names of the people you've helped may be changed to protect their privacy.*