



# Prayer Network Update

OCTOBER 2019



Whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.

—Matthew 21:22

*RIGHT: Graduates of The Greatest Journey in Suriname proudly display their certificates.*

## Sending Good News and Great Joy to Paraguay and Suriname

Four-year-old Jonathon came to an Operation Christmas Child outreach event in Paraguay along with his two brothers. Their father had abandoned them and the boys had few resources. Jonathon arrived barefoot, but a ministry partner said, “The excitement this child had to simply hear the Word of God was indescribable.”

After listening to the Gospel message, Jonathon opened his shoebox gift to find a beautiful pair of shoes. When a volunteer asked him if he liked his items, he hugged her and said with tears in his eyes, “God is good.” Jonathon put on his new shoes and a big smile came across his face!

Individual stories like Jonathon’s are happening all over the world through Operation Christmas Child. More than 1,800 miles to the north of Paraguay in the nation of Suriname, churches are working together to minister to the indigenous people in the area. The congregations hosted an outreach event to share the Gospel and distribute shoebox gifts to nearly 500 children. Of this group, more than 175 children also participated in The Greatest Journey, our follow-up discipleship course. Nearly all of these boys and girls completed the 12 lessons of the program, learning how to faithfully follow Christ and share Him with others.

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UNABLE TO PRAY,  
HE INTERCEDES.**

*Franklin Graham*

## Operation Christmas Child International Prayer Requests: **AMERICAS & CARRIBEAN: October 2019**

**WEEK 1: OCTOBER 1-5**

### **ARUBA**

- Praise God that two schools in Aruba participated in The Greatest Journey during this past year.
- Pray for the National Leadership Team as they look for a new logistics coordinator.
- Praise God that Operation Christmas Child received a donated storage container there.

### **BAHAMAS**

- Lift up the families, communities, and churches that are dealing with devastating losses from Hurricane Dorian.
- Pray for Samaritan's Purse disaster relief team specialists who are working with local ministry partners whose communities are in need of emergency relief.
- Pray for the Regional Leadership Teams across the Bahamas.
- Ask God to continue to work in the hearts of children across this nation and for the continued growth of Operation Christmas Child in Nassau.

### **BELIZE**

- Praise God for the children that have completed the 12 discipleship lessons of The Greatest Journey.
- Please pray for peace in this country.
- Ask God for a strong prayer group in Belize to stand in the gap on behalf of Operation Christmas Child and the nation as a whole.

### **BOLIVIA**

- Pray for the National Leadership Team and regional coordinators.
- Lift up the pastors and teachers of the local churches.

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## **BRAZIL – Manaus**

- Praise God for strategic relationships with pastors reaching out to unreached people groups in the Amazon.
- Pray for strength and encouragement for our ministry partners.

**WEEK 2: OCTOBER 6-12**

## **BRAZIL – Rio de Janeiro**

- Praise the Lord for the unity of the Regional Leadership Teams.
- Pray for the resources team and the logistics team.
- Pray for the meetings that cast vision for the work of Operation Christmas Child.

## **CHILE**

- Ask that God will strengthen all who are involved in reaching others for Christ.
- Pray for the members of the National Leadership Team who are going through complex health problems.

## **COLOMBIA**

- We praise the Lord for each committed volunteer who serves with Operation Christmas Child to reach and disciple children.
- Pray for volunteers to fill the vacant positions on the Regional Leadership Teams.

## **COSTA RICA**

- Praise God for the higher percentage of children that enrolled in The Greatest Journey this season.
- Pray for the country as they go through a difficult social and economic situation.
- Lift up the health concerns of several members of our Regional Leadership Teams.

## **CURAÇAO**

- Praise God that The Greatest Journey is being taught in local Christian schools.

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- Pray for ministry partners as they reach out to children in their communities.
- Ask that the hearts of the children will turn to the Lord.

**WEEK 3: OCTOBER 13-19**

## **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

- Praise God for productive time at our Volunteer Leadership Training.
- Thank the Lord for the new members of the strategic team.
- Praise God for the higher percentage of children that enrolled in The Greatest Journey this season.
- Pray for the addition of new qualified volunteers to carry out the work entrusted to us.

## **ECUADOR**

- Pray for the start of the new Operation Christmas Child season.
- Ask for unity among our volunteer teams.

## **GUATEMALA**

- Praise God for The Greatest Journey having good results for the glory of God.
- Pray that the ministry partners' established goal for the next season is reached.
- Pray for the children and teenagers who live in very harsh conditions.

## **GUYANA**

- Pray for the continued discipleship of kids who have completed The Greatest Journey.
- Pray for the health of our National and Regional Leadership Teams.
- Praise God for the safe completion of 2018-2019 season as we went to the boundaries of Guyana with the Gospel.
- Pray for the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the children of Venezuelan migrants.

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## HAITI

- Praise God for the thousands of children across Haiti who have completed The Greatest Journey discipleship program.
- Thank the Lord that the ministry continues to grow and go to areas that have never been reached with the Gospel.
- Please pray for the Regional Leadership Teams as they plan and prepare for the upcoming season.
- Lift up ministry partners across the nation who will be handing out shoebox gifts and reaching out to children who have never heard of the hope and salvation found in Christ.
- Pray for peaceful conditions in Haiti.

**WEEK 4: OCTOBER 20-26**

## HONDURAS

- Praise God for providing the right people to join the Regional Leadership Teams.
- Thank the Lord for the more than 180,000 children that participated in The Greatest Journey after receiving a shoebox.
- Pray for a smooth process as we collect reports about the discipleship program across the country.

## JAMAICA

- Pray for parents and guardians to allow children to attend The Greatest Journey.
- Pray for ministry partners to come alongside Operation Christmas Child.

## MEXICO

- Praise God for the continued development and growth of Operation Christmas Child in Mexico with the renewal of Regional Leadership Teams and the creation of others.
- Thank the Lord for the recent meeting of the National Leadership Team with the International Team.

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## NICARAUGA

- Praise God for the new teams of prayer warriors.
- Please pray for every single child that made a first-time decision for Christ during the evangelistic distributions.
- Ask that we do not have any political unrest so The Greatest Journey can take place without interruptions.

## PANAMA

- Praise God for the regional coordinator of Panama East.
- Pray for the people here that do not know Christ to surrender their lives to Him.
- Ask for wisdom and protection for the local police.

**WEEK 5: OCTOBER 27-31**

## PARAGUAY

- Praise the Lord for His mercies and for each volunteer and ministry partner in the eight regions of Paraguay.
- Ask that the children who are now plugged into a church would continue to stay involved and grow as disciples.
- Pray for unity and growth in the National and Regional Leadership Teams as they start the next season.

## PERU

- Pray for the health of our team members and their families.
- Ask that our volunteers will finish The Greatest Journey season well.

## SURINAME

- Praise God that He made it possible for a school to take part in the Operation Christmas Child project.
- Thank the Lord for the unreached people groups in Suriname.



*ABOVE: Children in Paraguay enjoy looking through their shoebox gifts.*

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- Ask that all teams will be full and function well.
- Pray for the continued ministry in Suriname as more and more children are reached with the Gospel.

## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

- Praise God that Regional Leadership Teams are being organized so that the Gospel will be shared across the entire country on a yearly basis instead of once every six years.
- Ask God for Operation Christmas Child to grow into new territories.
- Pray with us for the upcoming season as we move into the very distant region of the country to bring the Gospel to children.
- Pray for Trinidad and Tobago as we move toward developing strong Regional Leadership Teams throughout the country. Ask that God's choices would be revealed to us as we pray.

## URUGUAY

- Praise God for the National Leadership Team in Uruguay and for the proper functioning of their roles.
- Pray for the consolidation of the Regional Leadership Teams.
- Ask God to spread the Operation Christmas Child vision throughout all of Uruguay.



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