

OCC QUARTERLY DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING



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DEVOTION

PRAYING FOR RELIEF

When God leads us through a difficult trial in order to continue His refining work in our lives, we initially pray that the trial will end quickly. Many times the trial not only continues, but the fire gets hotter! Be encouraged, we are in very good company when we are experiencing a difficult trial. God's word teaches us that all believers will face trials in this world and fire is often the picture used in Scripture to describe the difficult, refining experience. (Isaiah 43:2, Zechariah 13:9, 1 Peter 1:7)

The Bible also refers multiple times to blacksmiths who made powerful weapons and tools out of heated steel, iron and bronze. (1 Samuel 13:19-21, 2 Kings 24:14, Isaiah 54:16) One characteristic of an experienced blacksmith is that they have good timing. They know how long to leave a piece of raw steel in the fire for optimal results. If the steel is pulled out of the fire too quickly it never develops ultimate tensile strength and it will end up a very weak weapon or tool at best. If the blacksmith leaves the steel in the fire too long it becomes brittle and will quickly crack and fail.

Be greatly encouraged! We can be certain that the Holy Spirit's timing is perfect. As our Sanctifier, He will never leave us in the fiery trial one day too long...or one day too short. The Spirit keeps us in long enough to be refined and become strong in Christ but not so long that we become brittle and destroyed. Growing faith in the Spirit and His sanctifying process helps grow the way we pray through a trial. Instead of spending the majority of time praying that the trial will end, we begin to pray God's will that the trial will make us more like Jesus, strengthen our faith and burn away any hidden sins in our life. We also begin a new season of thanksgiving and praise as we thank the Lord for always walking with us through the fire and never allowing us to be burned (Isaiah 43:2).

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TESTIMONIES

ARUBA

Testimony #1

A local church prayed and prepared for Easter camp targeting abandoned children. Camp was a success! Nineteen kids attended a distribution held by a church and continued with the TGI program which fifteen kids successfully completed.

Testimony #2

Anastasia, a six year old girl from Aruba, received the gift box from a six year old from America. In the box was included a beautiful picture of Michelle and her eight month old baby brother from New Jersey/USA. It's wonderful to see the ways our God works because Anastasia also has a 6 month baby brother! The letter with the picture impacted her more than the goodies in the box. (Absolutely a divine plan of God!)

BELARUS

This season our church had incredible opportunities to partner with organizations that we have not partnered with before. As a result, we were able to distribute gifts to children suffering from cancer and deafness, and those who are social orphans. One child said: "I dreamed about toys that parents could not afford to buy me. I received large set of ponies in my box and was very glad. I praised God that He heard my prayer".

BRAZIL – Pernambuco (Recife)

The director of the children's department at a local church writes about a training that took place in March 2018. "Grace and peace to you all! Yesterday I participated in a training that answered thirty years of prayer! God has raised up a strong and committed army to bring Christ to the children in our community, and this brought me so much joy. I am pleased to be part of this ministry. Thank you so much to God and to all of you!"

BRAZIL – Rio de Janeiro

We want to share about our friend who is a member of the Rio Prayer Network. This friend is dedicated to praying for the children and the OCC project and has experienced growth in her prayer team as a result of praying together. The team prayed for a seven year old girl whom doctors were convinced her spleen would need to be removed. But the team was praying for God to heal her. And after a thorough examination, the doctors realized that the surgery would not be necessary. The young girl was released to go home. God works in wonderful ways through prayer. God raised up men and women of prayer to ultimately change the outcome for this child.

BOLIVIA

This is the testimony of a thirteen year old boy who lives in a children's home. He told us that this was the first time in his life that he had received a gift. He said that no one had ever given him anything as beautiful as the shoe box gift, with so many amazing things. He said he will guard it forever and that now he believes that God exists, because God remembered him (in giving him the shoe box gift). Also he shared that God had given him the gift of salvation, as well as saving one of his friends.

BULGARIA

This year we celebrate twenty years of OCC ministry in Bulgaria. We praise God for the mobilization of churches which faithfully pray, share the Gospel and disciple children; for the children and their families who have experienced God's love and have come to know Him; for the way the OCC project has touched and changed our lives as volunteers.

CHILE

Several years ago, a 13 year old boy participated in an outreach event where he received Christ. He then participated in TGJ classes and graduated after completing all of the lessons. He then started attending a local church for the first time. Now, two years later at fifteen, he is serving as an OCC volunteer in "Amigos de OCC." He has helped in logistics with unloading the containers and loading up the trucks. We have learned that he is not in good health and will have to have surgery. We ask the Lord to do a mighty work of healing in his life, and to work in the lives of his family for salvation. We ask our OCC family to pray for him.

COLOMBIA

This is a personal testimony a Prayer Coordinator

It's very fulfilling for me to share how it has come to pass, up to today, my journey of serving with OCC. It has been one of the most beautiful experiences of my Christian life, as God continues to form my character, filling me more and more with love and passion for the call that He has placed on my life. I truly feel immense joy! God is training me up, and above all else, giving me grace to develop my work to the best of my best abilities.

My first trip to help with a training event. I experienced more than I could have ever asked of God during this trip. The people were so kind and encouraging, and I felt the embrace of Jesus through them. At the end, a group of people came around me and prayed in a deep and sincere way. This was the greatest reward I could have received for serving that day.

When I returned home from the first trip with OCC, we discovered that our refrigerator was broken. We couldn't afford a new one. But God provided a unit for us to use. When it was being installed, we learned that the technician's wife was going through cancer. We were able to share the gospel with him and encourage his family. Then we realized, it was for this reason that God allowed the unit to be broken! When I returned from my 2nd trip with OCC, my brother shared with me that he had lost his job with no notice or reason. This left us in a hard situation, as I was now the only person working. When I returned from my 3rd trip, we discovered that the TV had also been burned (zapped) and would no longer work. On my 4th trip, I had only 50,000 pesos to last for the entire week. At the train station I realized that I had lost the money. I was so ashamed to tell the team that I had no money, as this was something I was not used to. But at that very moment God provided for all of my needs, more than I could have ever asked for. Before I left for my most recent trip, my 5th with OCC, thieves broke into our home and stole some very important things from us. I shouted out and told Satan that nothing could stop me from doing the will of my Father because God was giving me the strength to continue on.

I believe that Satan was trying to get me to stop serving the Lord. What Satan cannot know, is that all of these things happened for the glory and honor of the Lord, who is the only one worthy of all praise. Clearly, the result of what has happened will be far greater. When God chooses us, he also qualifies us. In the midst of each trial, He gives us what we need to continue on. This has confirmed in my heart that God has truly called us to share his love with children and families. What has happened to me is so small in comparison to the huge impact for the Kingdom that is happening because of our service to the Lord.

These past five months with OCC have been the best of my life, and I know that the best is yet to come. I am a glass that only wants to be filled with the sweet presence of God. I am immensely grateful to God for allowing me to come to this ministry.

COSTA RICA

In an evangelistic event, the Lord marveled us with the testimony of a girl. Her father was in jail and was soon to go free. She prayed that her dad could be with her and attend the evangelistic event and he was released from prison in time. The girl invited him to attend the activity and there he received Christ. They have been attending the church for two months now and are a new family.

ECUADOR

We praise God for the OCC discipleship program, TGJ, which has allowed us to bring new families into our church. The number of children in our Sunday School program has grown, and we are now able to hold dance and theater groups for the children. Many of the youth who participated in the program decided to get baptized in March 2018. Praise God!

EL SALVADOR

A twelve year-old girl who lives with her mother and her little brother. She takes care of her brother while her mother sells potato cakes to earn money for their daily food and to pay for the place they live in. The girl attended the evangelistic event and said that she felt very grateful to God for her gifts. She received blouses and a skirt, something her mother could not buy. She says she knows that God takes care of her and that God blessed her with this gift because she always wants to be in the church.

GABON

For several years now, it was very difficult to get the containers to our country of Gabon. Every year we are go out of our way to negotiate customs clearance with the authorities. In past years it has been better so we prayed, prayed and prayed again to God for this situation.

During the month of December 2017, we wrote to obtain 2018 customs exemption. In January, they answered us saying that our request had been rejected and we were only a few weeks from the arrival of the containers at the port. On Friday, January 26th, we reformulated the request and on Saturday, January 27th, the National Leadership Team mobilized all the partners to pray for this situation, which was becoming more and more urgent. On Tuesday, January 30th, we received the letter that said they granted the exemption, but this time it is automatic each year. Clearly we will no longer need to write every year to ask for the exemption! It will be enough for us to present only our document and we will receive the clearance. We bless God who allowed all this to happen in one weekend. HALLELUJAH!!!

GUATEMALA

We were looking for a warehouse with enough room to store the cartons that went into three containers. We united in prayer asking the Lord for an ample and safe warehouse which was affordable. God opened doors and provided nine places with easy access and 24 hour security that was far below what should be paid. In this process God used the administrator who asked her manager to support ONN in Guatemala by lowering the cost of the warehousing. Glory to God by the power of the Holy Spirit and the cry of His servants. Amen. “ But I know now that everything you ask of God, God will give it to you.” John 11:22

GUYANA

Testimony #1

Through the OCC distribution in a heavily Hindu populated village ‘God’s Love’ touched a Hindu girl. Feelings of belonging and love overwhelmed her and caused her to return the following week to begin the Greatest Journey lessons through which she received the Lord Jesus as Savior. Her mother is currently attending as well and will graduate at the end of the TGJ program in her village.

Testimony #2

Every Saturday and Sunday for the past six weeks in Sheet Anchor village, the Kingdom Mission Christian Church has an outstation church going on. New believers who were Hindus but came to know the Lord Jesus through the February OCC Distribution, gather along with their children to fellowship and attend TGJ and Sunday School classes.

Testimony #3

A RLT member was able to make an impact with his Pastor and church members through the OCC Outreach with Intersarsity Christian Fellowship. There are fifteen students who are currently in the process of completing TGJ.

HONDURAS

We thank our God for our Strategic Regional Coordinator of the Department of Francisco Morazán and for the Pastor who has worked intensely in the development of each of the events in the strategic plan of the team. After having carried out the training and delivery of resources in two areas, he carried out a trip to another city and the car in which he was driving suffered mechanical damage. The car took several spins on the road and we are praising our God for his protection as he was unharmed by the accident.

We thank our God for a girl from the Amarateca Zone. She is one of many children who have been reached this season through the Gift box and is part of the dance ministry. On December 30 she went with her parents in the car and another car hit them. She sat on the side of the car that was most affected. Everyone was waiting for a tragedy, but the Lord's hand was on the girl and her parent's life. She now has a great gratitude, worships and testifies of Jesus.

INDONESIA

There is a young boy who loves attending the discipleship program. He said that he seldom read or opened his Bible. But after finishing the discipleship program, he loves learning to open and reading his Bible. God changed his character as well. He said that he was often angry and argued with his Mom, but now he does not do that. He is longing to have another discipleship class. He loves to learn and read the Bible and memorize Bible verses.

MACEDONIA

A few months ago we received a prayer request from Serbia. It was about young girl with serious health issue with an auto immune illness. She was hospitalized and the doctors had to intervene very quickly to find solution for her condition. The prayers were urgent.

I prayed for the little girl and passed the prayer request with the information about her medical condition to our prayer partners in Macedonia. This info spread among the prayer group and in the matter of minutes many people started to pray for the little girl in Serbia. Some hours later I received a phone call from a family that attends a local church here in Macedonia. With great excitement and urgency in their voices they were asking me to connect them somehow with the family of the little girl in Serbia, because a year ago they had been through the same health issue with their son and they wanted to share their experience with the parents of the little girl. To them all the struggle they had been through was still fresh and they wanted to bring some hope to the family in Serbia.

With the help of NLT members in Serbia we connected both families and their experiences were exchanged. A strong family friendship began. The Macedonian family managed to witness to their new friends about the Grace of God and that there is hope and that God can show grace to their daughter. The communication is still on between them and the latest info we had is that the girl recovered and doing great. Thanks and Glory to God.

MALAYSIA

An 11 year old boy who accepted the Lord as personal Savior was so eager to learn the bible that he requested the teacher to have three sessions per week so he can grab and understand about his Savior Jesus.

MEXICO

Testimony #1

We have been praying for a little five year old girl who is in a very difficult situation and will soon be moving to another city. We have had the opportunity to work with her and have told her about the Gospel. She has accepted Jesus Christ in her heart. She does not live with her parents, who are separated and have been declared unfit to care for her. Currently, her caregiver is a woman who has a homosexual relationship with another woman. Memories for this little girl are all about the upbringing these women model for her as a "father and mother," and this is a source of great confusion for her.

Not long ago, her mother gave her to the care of relatives where she apparently suffered abuse. A neighbor of the church, who took pity on the girl and prayed for her asked her mother if she could invite her to the Festi-children of the church. Since the day of the event both the little girl and the woman who takes care of her are attending church and in truth we can only see the love and care of God over her life. It is likely that this summer the little girl will return to Mexico City with her mother, but we are praying and praying to the Father who is rich in mercy, to give us wisdom to continue sowing in her five year-old heart. Only Christ is enough to bring freedom and life to that little girl and not only to her but to that mother who so needs to know the Lord.

Testimony #2

A nine year-old girl was invited to the Festi-children event of our church. We were praying for her, as well as for all the children who were going to attend. The little girl's mother died when she was one year-old and since then has lived with her father and brothers. She cried a lot and was always sad and lonely with a need to know her mom. Another girl from the church invited her to the event, and she came and enjoyed everything. She was told about Jesus, who wanted to be His Best Friend and that He would always be with her. Then the Pastor gave her a little box. She saw what was inside the box it gave her great joy. The little girl experienced the love of God through this gift and especially the message she heard. She received Jesus in her heart and felt something changed inside her. She now attends Sunday school and she is no longer sad. She says that she has Jesus with her, who cares for her and loves her very much. We thank God for all that the Lord is doing in her life and for the beautiful ministry of ONN and how it is a great blessing for the lives of thousands of children.

MYNAMAR

A girl (non-believer) came and heard the gospel at Light of Hope Festival which was a BGEA event and OCC distribution in Mandalay. She accepted JESUS CHRIST as her Savior. And then she shared the gospel in her family. Her father started to become interested in Christianity and studied the Bible. And then he came to church with his daughter. Her father and her siblings went to summer camp. At the camp, they were all converted and now attend Church regularly. Her mother has not been converted yet.

NICARAGUA

Testimony #1

During an evangelistic event in Managua, 187 children were in attendance along with the TGJ teachers, ushers committee and leaders of the local church who were attentive to each of the activities performed. The children made the decision to receive Christ in their hearts and prayed together with the evangelism team, which was a great joy for the Pastor. He told us, "I am really surprised by the blessing this event has been in our community, we are very grateful and we know that this will have a great impact. Now we are preparing to take care of all the children in the greatest adventure and also all their parents because they are going to have an impact on the whole family. Blessing for all those brothers who have been part of this beautiful ministry. The children of our community thank you and I know that over the years we will see these children persevere on the path of Christ."

Testimony #2

A church conducted an evangelistic event which was held for the children in the community. There were 240 children in attendance and the majority were not Christians and did not attend church. At the time of sharing the gospel message, all the children made the decision to receive Christ in their hearts. The Pastor told us, "We are very happy to see how many children today received Jesus. Today is a very blessed day for us, because I know that this will have a very big impact not only on the children but on our entire community. We will be very aware of each of the children and we will help them to remain very constant in the Lord's way."

POLAND

A month before Christmas we met Anna, mother of a three year old and seven year old. She had a difficult life and was looking for a way out and change. The Lord used us to share Good News with her and bring her hope in Jesus. Anna and her children accepted us. On December 23rd they were invited to an OCC evangelistic were really happy. Today we conduct regular, weekly Bible meetings at her home. She trusted in the Lord and together with children started attending the church. Children continue TGJ course.

NIGER

The National team reports that the church in Niger has come together to apply the vision of OCC as one. May God receive all glory and honor.

PANAMA

During the special distribution, we met a little boy who had received God into his heart. He told us that his greatest request in life was to feel that someone loved him. Through the outreach event, he felt God's love. This touched us to the depths of our souls. We shared this testimony at the 21st Anniversary dinner, celebrating OCC's work in Panama. One of the guests at the dinner was so moved by the work of OCC and the testimonies, that he too gave his life to the Lord. The miracle didn't end there. This man took his family to church the next week, and they too accepted Christ. We continue to see that the Lord works in tremendous ways in any place and any time.

PARAGUAY

Our youngest son was born with left renal hydro nephrosis, meaning that his left kidney is dilated, because the passage where urine passes is atrophied and that causes the kidney to expand. Before, this never really affected him, so we did not consider having surgery. But recently the issue began to grow, and according to the doctors, it was better to do surgery now and avoid any future infections or complications. We accepted that God would be in control. We knew that our OCC prayer team would be praying for us, both on the national and international levels, as we too are part of the prayer team with OCC in Paraguay. We felt confident that God had a plan and would hear our prayers.

The day of the surgery finally arrived early January. When we entered into the hospital waiting room, there was another family there, a young mother and her son. Our son had an electronic game with him, and took it over to share with the other boy. The two boys began to play and laugh together. When it came time for surgery the younger boy called first. We told his mother that we would pray for him, and began to do so. When we finished praying she was crying. She told us how the Lord had answered her prayers in sending us to the same waiting room. She said that her son had been so worried about his surgery that he had not spoken for the past day. And because of our son's offer of friendship, her son had entered into surgery at peace and even laughing beforehand. It turns out that she was also a believer in Jesus Christ! We shared with her about the ministry of OCC and offered to share a vision casting at their church. But as the day progressed, we were unable to share contact information with each other. Thank the Lord that our son's surgery was successful and he then recovered in the hospital for next five days.

On the day we were to be released, we again saw the young boy and his mother and were able to exchange contact information. We just heard from her that her church was able to host an OCC Outreach Event. We rejoiced knowing that the church had accepted the call to participate with OCC and through their leadership the children were able to hear about Jesus. We could not believe how the Lord orchestrated the events of our son's surgery to be able to this family. And also how other children have been able to hear about Christ because of this circumstances. God surprises us each day! He is faithful and kind!

PERU

Testimony #1

Two sweet sisters (ages fourteen and four) attended an OCC Outreach Event and both received Jesus as their Savior! The sisters began to attend the local church. The older sister shared that her younger sister was born without part of her heart and was missing one of the arteries. This health situation has kept her from being able to participate in normal activities with other children her age. The doctors had told the family that she needed to have surgery which would be very risky and would have a long recovery time. The fourteen year old went to her class and asked the ten children, who were also part of the Prayer Network, to pray for her sister. The children prayed and fasted for her for several weeks. And God answered! The result was that the operation went well and her recuperation was going great! Glory to God for this incredible answer to prayer! And now, she has joined the group of children on the prayer team!

Testimony #2

A young ten-year old boy attended an Outreach Event and came to know the love of Jesus. He decided to give his heart to Jesus as his Lord and Savior, Praise the Lord. The young boy began attending TGJ but each week his teacher could tell he was very sad. One day he shared that his father was in prison and that this kept him from being completely happy. When his TGJ teacher heard this, he suggested that they pray and ask God to allow his father to be released from prison. The teacher asked, "Do you believe that God can do this?" and the boy responded, "Yes!" In this very moment, the entire TGJ class stopped to pray for his dad. A few weeks later, his father was released from prison and he could not contain the joy of knowing that his prayers were answered! To this day, the young boy has continued to attend TGJ classes and pray with much faith that his father will accept Jesus as his Lord and Savior. We give glory to God for his great love displayed in this situation!

SEYCHELLES

Testimony #1

An MP was able to share God's love to this beautiful girl who was born with certain medical difficulties. She cannot speak and she needs a special tube to swallow food. She is ten years old and her mother says she does not like interacting with strangers. Her mother was amazed to see her smiling as she received her gift box and tried to communicate and show her appreciation.

Testimony #2

He was so excited to attend the TGJ class. He is still learning how to read and write. So instead of writing the answers, he drew pictures. His mum was emotional to see him participating in class.

MENA-Sensitive Country

A very poor Christian girl had no shoes to wear, her dream was to get a pair of shoes for herself and her mother too. One of the church members told her pray so that God would grant her a pair of shoes. She attended a distribution in the area and got a gift box. In that box she found two slippers one that exactly fits her shoe size and another one for her mom.

MENA-Sensitive Country

A Christian family from a very poor village whose daughter has hearing and visual impairment was asked by her Doctor to get a book that help her develop language and hearing skills. The Doctor informed the family that this particular book is not available at their village and it might be available in another city but it will be very expensive. The family was very disappointed as they can't afford to go to the city nor buy the book. This girl attended a distribution event and got a box and in that box she found books, her family showed these books to the Doctor and he informed them that these particular books are way much better than the ones he asked for. The family and their church was exceptionally moved by what happened and the pastor of that church informed the team that you are anointed from God.

MENA- Sensitive Country

Testimony #1

When we were distributing gifts, we met a twelve year old boy. He works with his father clearing manholes and bathroom sewers. When he received his gift box he found books and pencils. God changed his heart in such a way that he was encouraged to study. He got admission in a nearby charity school and he is now studying there.

Testimony #2

A little eight year old girl has come to firmly believe in power of prayer. She had to remain bald most of the time since she would get painful sores when her hair grew. She started praying for this and now her hair has grown and she is fine.

Testimony #3

Many of the Sunday School children have joined hands and formed Teams and are standing in prayer for blessing others.

MENA- Sensitive Country

Testimony #1

A young twelve year-old girl came to know the Lord through OCC gift box. When the TGJ class was going on the love of the Lord touched her life and she gave her life to the Lord. She stopped her lying and rude behavior with others. Now she is attending local church and reading the Bible every day.

Testimony #2

A little girl has come to know the Lord through the TGJ Class she attended. Through the story of the Good Samaritan she understood how to love others because Jesus loved her. And she gave her life to the Lord.

Testimony #3

God brought changes in a young boy's life when he attended a TGJ class. Through the story of King David, he understood God can use him as David for God's Glory. He started to believe in Jesus that He is with him always.

MENA- Sensitive Country

Testimony #1

I belong to Hindu Banjara community and did not know about true God. My family members are idol worshippers and my parents are farmers. I have two sisters and one brother. One of my friends led me so that I received free gift box and when I opened it my eyes were astonished, I never saw so many gifts in one box. I was told to come and know more about the greatest gift, After attending the TGJ course, I came to know the living and loving God who sent His beloved son Jesus Christ. The lesson The Greatest Friend touched my little heart and about the cross I got tears only Jesus can forgive my sins. I am feared to tell my parents but lastly with little boldness I told my parents and to my friends about the savior of this world and I personally invited Jesus Christ into my heart as my savior and Lord. Please pray for my parent's salvation. I received beautiful certificate and colorful Bible. Remember my studies in your prayers, I am praying for my family members and friends as well.

Testimony #2

My parents are daily wage earners and come from Hindu background. All my family members worship idols and do regular Hindu festivals. I have two brothers and one sister. I knew nothing about Jesus Christ, my friend brought me to church and I received free gift box. I was so amazed I cannot express myself and that was the happiest moment in my life, seeing a lot of gifts in one box. I attended TGJ and completed joyfully and presented with me a certificate and colorful bible. I am praying that my family members will come to know Jesus.

Testimony #3

I come from Hindu community through my friend I received free gift box. I never believed that I could get bunch of gifts in one box and I realized that these gifts received only by God's love and mercy. I came to TGJ course and learned about the living God and about heaven and everlasting life. My parents work as labors and they don't like Jesus Christ, but I am praying secretly for their acceptance to come and receive free salvation. I asked and accepted Jesus Christ to be my personal savior and Lord.

RECA- Sensitive Country

Fourteen volunteers (twelve teenagers) from one of the churches in the capital went to several villages and distributed gift boxes to 160 children from poor families. For three days they served children and developed friendly relationships. Seven handicapped children were especially touched. Young people from the church were touched as well and even wept as they shared about the purpose of gift boxes and eternal life. When they came back, the young people decided that they would continue to take part in such outreach events in the future.

RECA- Sensitive Country

We have encouraging news from MPs in the South of the country. Government provided transportation for our partners and gifts boxes, and MPs distributed them to children in several orphanages and eight schools. Outreach events continue to take place in several small towns as well.

AFRICA

Praise & Prayer Requests

ANGOLA

- Praise God for the success of the post importation meetings held with the logistics partners following a very successful importation. We thank God for each of these partners and their investment to support OCC.
- Praise God for the distribution of the presents and the Outreach events which are already taking place.
- Praise God for new Ministry Partners this year, many of whom have already begun The Greatest Journey classes and are making great progress.
- Praise God for the opportunity to work with the highest leaders of the various denominations across Angola as we partner together to reach the children of Angola with the Gospel.

- Please pray that this year we will have many children attending the TGJ classes, even exceeding the 37,000 goal of enrollment we have. Please pray that we would hear reports of children being blessed and transformed through being part of these classes.
- Please pray that we would be able to communicate VTC clearly and faithfully, and for good understanding among Ministry Partners.

BENIN

- Praise God for The Greatest Journey discipleship course, which has begun in the various regions of Benin. The amazing teachers have committed to teach children for twelve weeks and develop them as Disciples of Christ Jesus.
- Praise God for the transport of gift boxes to Ministry Partners in Benin. God has allowed safety for the drivers and the MPs who will share these gifts with many children.

- Please pray for the health of the Benin OCC National and Regional teams. The volunteer teams are critical in order to organize and train the Ministry Partners, which leads to many children hearing the good news of Jesus Christ at a distribution.
- Please pray for the souls of the children of Benin who have received an OCC gift box this season. Ask that they will see the love of God through the gift box and hear of it through the gospel presentation.

BOTSWANA

- Praise God for the success of the coaching meeting of NLT and RLT Coordinators in April. We are so thankful for each coordinator and for the encouragements we shared together.
- Praise God for the appointment of the new NLT Resource Coordinator. Please pray for wisdom and understanding as she steps in to the role.

- Please pray for the first UPG in Botswana to be held at the end of April. Pray for the three new designated areas with a target number of 300 children to be reached in Jesus' name.
- Please pray for the planting or establishment of a church through OCC in the above UPG areas and for a reliable stewardship by MP.
- Please pray for ongoing TGJ enrollment in this season. Our goal is to see at least 26,000 children enrolled in classes and learning of and experiencing God's love.

BURUNDI

- Praise God for the current peace and stability in the country that will give OCC ministry an opportunity to reach more children.
- Praise God we did not have any issues getting shoes boxes in the country this season.

- Please pray for the teachers all over Burundi who are currently teaching children in the Greatest Journey discipleship classes and that the children will be able to understand and believe more of the Lord Jesus.

BURKINO FASO

- Praise the Lord for the importation of gift boxes in Burkina Faso. The OCC gift box will be used by the local churches to tell others about the hope they can find in Jesus Christ.
- Please pray for peace in the country of Burkina Faso. By God's grace the OCC teams are safe despite the reoccurring attacks in various regions of the country. Ask that the gospel will continue to spread for God's glory.

CAMEROON

- Praise God that regional teams have willingly adapted to the new trainings. The OCC principles seek to glorify God through stewardship of the resources God has provided. Glory to God for these faithful brothers and sisters.
- Please pray for peace throughout the country. The various teams desire to remain active in every region. Pray there will be agreement between English and French speaking areas so the gospel continues to spread.
- Please pray for the gift box distributions and The Greatest Journey classes. Many children will hear the gospel and have an opportunity to be disciplined. Ask that the volunteer teams and churches will be of one mind seeking to build the Kingdom of God through the work of the Holy Spirit.
- Please pray the regional teams willingly adapt to new trainings. The OCC principles seek to glorify God through the stewardship of the resources God has provided. To God be the glory for these faithful brothers and sisters.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

- Praise God that OCC trainers were able to visit Bangui to equip the local teams of Central African Republic. Ask that all who participated will transfer the knowledge to others for God's glory.
- Praise the Lord that containers cleared customs. Pray that the gift boxes will be quickly and safely transported to the various regions so many children will be blessed through the gifts and hear of the love of God.
- Please pray for peace throughout the country. Recent conflict in the capitol has slowed the project of OCC and the distribution of gift boxes. Ask that the advancement of the gospel will not be hindered.
- Please pray for the 2018 OCC season as the reports are finalized. The volunteers serve the Lord through trainings, gift box distributions, and TGI discipleship course. May the Lord be honored through their faithfulness.

CHAD

- Praise God for the recent visit by OCC staff. Our team has been well equipped to move the project forward. May God receive all glory.
- Praise the Lord that the country remains relatively calm despite the ongoing economic crisis in Chad. Such a crisis could lead to delays difficulty with clearance of gift boxes. God's grace has prevented such a delay.
- Please pray for the safe and timely transport of gift box containers. The volunteer teams are well trained and ready to distribute gifts to needy children in their areas. Ask that many will come to know the Lord as Savior.
- Please pray for the upcoming season of The Greatest Journey discipleship course in Chad. Many children have come to know the Lord through this program. Ask that they will impact their neighborhoods with the light.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

- Praise God for the faithful teachers of The Greatest Journey. These teachers have been trained by local OCC teams to disciple children in the faith. God is glorified through their service to expand His Kingdom.
- Please pray for the ongoing conflict in various regions of the DRC. The fighting and pending presidential elections could potentially delay the project of OCC. By God's grace this has not occurred in DRC.

GABON

- Praise God for the way He has advanced the OCC ministry in Gabon. The team has obtained permission to import gift boxes for the coming years. The donations of gifts from one country will be used to share the love of God with many needy children.
- Praise God for the safe transport of containers. The small gift represents how God loved the world and gave His only Son. The teams will share this message through the local church to needy children.
- Please pray that the Spirit of God will move among the children of Gabon. Pray that the volunteer teams of OCC will distribute the gift boxes in many regions of the country while sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Ask that the project will also penetrate zones of unreached people groups.
- Please pray for TGJ teachers. These faithful brothers and sisters dedicate twelve weeks to disciple children with this course. May the children capture the vision of God's love and multiply throughout their neighborhoods.

GAMBIA

- Praise the Lord for successful customs clearance of the 2 containers!
- Praise the Lord for all the MPs & TGJ teachers who attended training.
- Please pray for the teachers that are about to begin TGJ classes that they would be able to share the love of Christ with the children.
- Please pray for the Ministry Partners that are sharing the Gospel in the community.
- Please pray as the team travels to South Africa for their first international OCC conference.

GHANA

- Praise the Lord for completion of the National Team in Ghana. The team has filled all positions of the OCC volunteer team. May the Lord bless each team member in Ghana and their families. A full team is able to share the weight of the project and better serve the people of their country.
- Please pray for The Greatest Journey classes as they begin across the ten regions of Ghana. The teachers have committed to leading children through the twelve lesson OCC discipleship course in each region. Ask that many will commit their lives to Christ and live out a strong faith.

GUINEA

- Praise the Lord for the successful visit of an IFR during the MP and TGJ trainings.
- Praise the Lord that all the containers arrived to the RLTS.
- Please pray the NLT coordinator who lost his mother in April.
- Please pray that the children going through TGJ will learn about the hope of Jesus.

GUINEA BISSAU

- Please pray for political stability in the country.
- Please pray for the Ministry Partners that are sharing the Gospel in the community.
- Please pray for that the kids who have recently given their lives to Christ would grow in their faith.

IVORY COAST

- Praise the Lord for successful customs clearance of the container, a first with the new NLT & consignee.
- Praise the Lord for all the MPs & TGJ teachers that have attended training.

- Please pray for the MPs and teachers who are in the midst of the season. That they would truly understand the mission and vision of OCC.
- Please pray for the Ministry Partners that are sharing the Gospel in the community.
- Please pray for unity in the country as the wounds from previous issues are still deep.

KENYA

- Praise God that the shoes boxes released from customs, even though we faced a few challenges with the government especially with the bureau of standards that insisted that samples of some of our gifts be tested. Although this caused a few delays, the boxes were released into the hands of the children.
- Please pray for the children that are going through TGJ right now that the spirit of God will lead and guide them to complete the journey.

LESOTHO

- Praise God that the NLT has two more members and the team is complete with the Logistics coordinator and Resource coordinator joining our team. Please pray for wisdom and understanding as they step into their roles.
- Praise God that the distribution went well and on time. We thank God for the many children who heard the gospel at an Outreach and pray families and communities will see transformations of God through these events.
- Praise God for the ongoing TGJ classes and for each child already enrolled.

- Please pray for the recruitment of the Central team and to fill the gap of the South Team. Pray that we would have wisdom as a team to select faithful and capable people who God has prepared.
- Please pray for continued support and development of regional teams to bring greater ministry effectiveness.
- Please pray for new and old NLT members to first seek the kingdom of the Lord and his righteousness so to excel in OCC mission.

LIBERIA

- Praise God for the safe transport of gift boxes to the various regions of Liberia. The local OCC volunteers will share these gifts with local churches. Many children will hear of the love of God and salvation through Jesus Christ for the first time in their lives.

- Please pray for the various regions participating in TGJ course. The twelve week discipleship course is a large commitment for the children and teachers. May the Holy Spirit lead many to repentance and faith in God.
- Please pray for the upcoming training of the new version of The Greatest Journey. The national and regional teams of Liberia will be equipped to use the revised and improved version of TGJ. Ask that the trainers will clearly communicate and that it will be a blessing to the nation.

MADAGASCAR

- Praise the Lord for the arrival of the 28 containers to Madagascar. We are so thankful that they were all sent to the provinces and that all of them were distributed at Outreach events already.
- Praise God for the new and numerous churches who are ready to collaborate with us.

- Please pray for the peace in Madagascar in the midst of political matters.

- Please pray for peace and security in every Region because of the robberies and terrorism. We are so thankful for the many Ministry Partners who risked their own safety to travel and hold Outreach events.
- Please pray the election preparation will go smoothly, peacefully without any trouble in Madagascar and that after the elections OCC will continue in good favor.

MALAWI:

- Praise God for the safe arrival and tax exoneration of gift boxes/Gospel opportunities. We have received 24 containers this season.
- Praise God for successful Regional Team coordination, mobilization of Ministry Partners in the implementation of OCC outreach and the Greatest Journey programs.
- Please pray that the 200,000+ children hearing the gospel across Malawi will open their hearts and that families, communities and churches will have permanent transformation as a result of gospel presentations and discipleship programs.
- Please pray for Harvest Trip volunteers' travel, food, resources and visit will have a great impact.

MALI

- Praise God for the gift box distributions occurring in various regions. Ask that the children are shown the love of God through the kind gifts of many donors. May they desire to know and follow our good God.
- Praise the Lord for the security and protection each team has experienced throughout Mali. Ask that He will continue to lead each volunteer as they serve God through the ministry of OCC.
- Please pray for the upcoming elections. May God bless the nation with a good leader. The change in government has the possibility of disrupting the work of OCC. Ask that teams will continue to find favor.
- Please pray for the national team of Mali during a training held outside of the country. May they be well equipped and capable to transfer this knowledge to regional teams for God's glory.

NAMIBIA

- Amen, amen! Praise God that all our prayer points from February Day of Prayer were answered by our God. Thank you Jesus, hallelujah for the rain. Amen.
- Please pray for us as a country so that what satan is planning against our country and the children and ministry of OCC will fail. Pray for open doors for the gospel.
- Please pray for that more unreached groups will be discovered and for the health and safety of those that will go as the word of God says.
- Please pray that the volunteers will not to lose hope and will be strong in the Lord; that they would trust more in God and that all unfaithfulness in teams will be destroyed by the fire of God.

NIGER

- Praise God for the faithful Ministry Partners in Niger. These brothers and sisters in Christ have taken the opportunity to share the gospel in a difficult place.
- Please pray that the hearts of the children will be open to hear the gospel by the work of the Holy Spirit. Many gift box recipients will hear for the first time about the love of God and the salvation He offers.
- Please pray that each Ministry Partner in Niger will understand and apply the principles of OCC. The churches are being trained and entrusted with a kind gift that represents the love of God.

NIGERIA

- Please pray that the team will be granted approval of all required importation documents in Nigeria. The OCC gift boxes arrive in the country via ship port, which requires this clearance. The team desires to begin distributions to share the gospel with many needy children.

- Please pray for unity among the churches of Nigeria. The OCC team seeks to work with numerous evangelical denominations and aid this unity and partnership. Ask God to show favor to the team and lead them in His will.

REPUBLIC OF CONGO

- Praise God for the ray of light the Nigeria OCC teams are beginning to see concerning importation documents. The team will use each gift box as a gospel opportunity to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.
- Praise God for maintaining unity of the country of Nigeria. In recent years there has been much turmoil throughout the country. Such turmoil can greatly hinder the OCC project.
- Praise God that the volunteer team of the Republic of Congo have understood the new trainings of OCC. It is difficult to transfer a new process, but God has allowed understanding throughout this country.
- Please pray that God will manifest Himself during the OCC gift box distribution. The teams are dependent on the movement of the Holy Spirit to change lives as they proclaim the good news.
- Please pray that God will aid the churches with the TGJ course. The discipleship course requires a long time commitment from each church and teacher involved. Ask that God will give them a vision for the next generation of the church.

RWANDA

- Praise God for a successful season on OCC this year.
- Praise God for IHQ support especially with the SDS and NLT grants that make our work possible.
- Please pray for the children going through The Greatest Journey right now. Pray that God will lead and speak to their souls and also see The Greatest Journey through the next few months.

SENEGAL

- Praise the Lord for successful customs clearance after challenges with officials.
- Praise the Lord for unity amongst the NLT & RLTs.
- Praise the Lord for the new sRLT in the southern part of the country.
- Please pray that teachers who are about to begin TGJ will be able to share the love of Christ with the children.
- Pray for the UPG initiative that began last year in Matam.

SEYCHELLES

- Praise God for providing a secure storage facility in such a miraculous and timely manner.
- Praise God that after successful MPT and TT events, outreach events took place on Mahe after four years of not receiving GBs.
- Please pray that MPs and teachers trained on Praslin island can host their outreach events and start TGJ.
- Please pray for our last MPT and TT for this season and that the MPs and teachers will be able to host outreach events and start TGJ.

SIERRA LEONE

- Praise the Lord for successful customs clearance.
- Praise the Lord for all the MPs & TGJ teachers that have attended training.
- Please pray for the political stability of Sierra Leone.
- Pray for the victims of the mudslides who will be receiving boxes.
- Pray as the TGJ that it would have a large impact in the country.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Praise God for the successful trainings of Ministry Partners and TGJ teachers already held across South Africa. We particularly thank God for providing more trainers so that this work can run smoothly.
- Praise God that we were able to reach out to some difficult areas where there was a good response to the Gospel presentations and the gift boxes.
- Praise God that day zero for the water crisis in Western Cape has now been moved to 2019. Please pray for continued rains across the region.
- Please pray for continued unity in spirit for team members and selection of new RLTs by our three sRLTs. For wisdom as a team to select faithful and capable people who God has prepared.
- May God help the teachers to assist the children, understand TGJ lessons. Pray for the children and their salvation as they are disciplined by these teachers.
- Please pray for wisdom in the recruiting and selecting of a new NLT for South Africa.

SOUTH SUDAN

- Praise God for all the containers with the shoe boxes having arrived in Juba safely and are now making their journey to the regions and camps.
- Pray for peace and restoration in South Sudan. Our government is facing a lot of financial issues and this is affecting a lot of businesses in the country.

SWAZILAND:

- Praise God for the testimony given through OCC. The ministry is very much appreciated by many and is being used by God to bring unity between churches and opening doors.
- Praise God for each special gifts to the needy children of Swaziland. We thank God for how often he sees a specific need and meets it through a gift box bringing joy to a child and their family.
- Please pray for ongoing TGJ Classes, that the lessons might be very effective in changing the lives of both the teachers and children involved.
- Please pray for the position gaps in our RLTs to be filled. Pray that we would have wisdom as a team to select faithful and capable people who God has prepared.
- Please pray for our National Elections in 2018 and for continued favor for OCC whoever is in power.

TANZANIA

- Praise God for the Volunteers all over the country that serve with an open heart to reach the children.
- Praise God for IHQ support especially with coaching and trainings through the NLT grants.
- Please pray for the changes in Government policies on importation that are making it very difficult to import the shoes boxes without paying taxes.

TOGO

- Praise the Lord who allowed all the containers of gift boxes to be cleared by customs in Togo. The delay of containers could have greatly impacted the distribution season, which then impacts children participation in The Greatest Journey. The wicked plans of Satan were thwarted by God Almighty.
- Praise the Lord for the leadership of the Togo National Team during the transport to various regions. The sacrifice of all the Togolese volunteers allows many children to be blessed every year. May the Lord continue to give them strength. Please pray that God will move in the hearts of leadership in Togo. The ongoing social and political crisis affects daily life and slows the project of OCC. The team desires that the heart of their leaders be turned towards God.

- Please pray for that the Togolese children receiving a gift box will come to know Jesus as Savior. The teams strive to share a child-friendly gospel opportunity that all can understand

UGANDA

- Praise God for the completed and successful season of OCC this year.
- Praise God for IHQ support to enable the boxes to be cleared from customs without any read flags.
- Praise God for our team of volunteers across the country who are spreading the good news and also reaching more children.
- Please pray for OCC ministry in Uganda, it is becoming more challenging to import the shoe boxes without paying taxes. Please pray that that LORD will change the hearts of the people in charge to make this possible.

ZAMBIA

- We are praising God for the successful MP and Teacher Training that completed well this season in our country.
- We are praising God for the successful and smooth clearing of the seventeen containers for the gift boxes and the OCC materials in our country.
- We are praising God for the smooth completion of the distributions of the gift boxes and the discipleship materials to the enrolled ministry partners and as well the enrolled children around the country.
- Please pray for the TGJ Teachers as they begin to disciple the children in the TGJ materials around the country.
- Please pray for SRLTs as they mobilize many children and many ministers in their regions around the country to pray and fast during the GDPF.
- Please pray for the OCC Contacts who underwent the TGJ Training to support the TGJ Teachers in prayers, encouragement and OCC information as they disciple the enrolled children in our country.

ZIMBABWE:

- Praise God for completed TGJ and MPT trainings. Pray that every equipped Ministry Partner and teacher will be faithful to the training as Outreach Events and TGJ classes begin and we will see great fruit for the kingdom.
 - Praise God for the preparation of teams and ministry partners as we look forward to a fruitful outreach season.
 - Praise God for the arrival of ten containers. Pray for a smooth clearing process for these gospel opportunities.
 - Please pray for the upcoming distribution/outreach season that many children will be touched by the gospel of our Lord Jesus.
 - Pray that TGJ classes will impact children and strengthen the new believers in their new found faith.
- Please pray
for each of the 48,000 children we hope to see enrolled in these classes this year.

MENA - Sensitive Country

- Praise the Lord for all the MP and TGJ trainings that were done in the midst of instability and critical situations.
- Praise the Lord for the spreading of the Word of God and distribution of boxes to non-Christians.
- Please pray for more evangelical and other Christian churches to be enrolled in the TGJ program.
- Please pray new doors will open for spreading the Word of God through gift boxes for particular people groups.

MENA - Sensitive Country

- Praise God for allowing the distribution of 6,000 gift boxes to date giving children the opportunity to hear the gospel message.
- Praise God for the national and regional leadership teams as they train ministry partners to share the gospel with children.

- Please pray for new prayer partners in order to make the project successful and bring to our society.
- Please pray for new prospects with churches and schools.
- Please pray for more ministry partners.

MENA - Sensitive Country

- Praise God for the arrival and clearing of the containers.
- Praise God for recruiting a prayer coordinator for the NLT.

- Please pray for the upcoming TGJ season and the remaining trainings.
- Please pray for the recruitment and selection of a new regional leadership team.
- Please pray for additional ministry partners to reach more unreached people groups in our country.

MENA - Sensitive Country

- Praise God for the encouraged and enthusiastic NLTs that are ready to face all the challenges.

- Please pray for peace and political stability.
- Please pray for the gift boxes to arrive safely and for to pass into the country easily.
- Please pray for the recruitment of Prayer coordinator and Resource coordinator.

MENA - Sensitive Country

- Praise God for the newly recruited Resource and Discipleship coordinator on the NLT.
- Praise God for the miraculous exoneration of 80,000 gift boxes and that the tax exemption was granted.

- Please pray for all the outreach events that will take place this season all across our county.
- Please pray for the recruitment and selection of a new regional leadership team and for the Lord to give wisdom to the team in the selection of the best volunteers.

MENA - Sensitive Country

- Praise God for enthusiastic NLT members who are eager to receive gift boxes and start a new season.

- Please pray for customs and easy exoneration of gift boxes.
- Please pray for the boxes to reach our county rapidly and that the gift boxes would move quickly to all areas to bless the children and give them the opportunity to hear about the love of Jesus.

MENA - Sensitive Country

- Praise God for the energetic and motivated NLT members as they spread the gospel for children.

- Please pray for the MP and TGJ trainings that will take place soon.
- Please pray for all the outreach and distribution events and that the Lord will prepare the children's hearts to receive Christ as their Savior.

MENA - Sensitive Country

- Praise God for the protection of the NLT and opening the Door for OCC ministry in our country.

- Please pray for the NLT to handle all the governmental pressure and that it doesn't develop into persecution.
- Please pray for the new consignee and the immediacy of the project.

MENA - Sensitive Country

- Praise God for the team who are equipped to face all the challenges and executions to advance the ministry.
- Pray for the team to find the right ministry partners.
- Pray for the security issues in country as it makes it problematic and challenging for the team to spread the word of God in this area.

MENA - Sensitive Country

- Praise God for the opportunity for the team to preach the word of God to many children through OCC ministry.
- Please pray for safety and protection over our team.
- Please pray for the preparation and planning for the upcoming season.

MENA - Sensitive Country

- Praise God that OCC is able to operate in this sensitive country. The gospel is not always welcome in this country, but God is at work.
- Praise God that more Ministry Partners are expressing interest in OCC in this sensitive country. The church shows more desire to share the gospel with their unbelieving neighbors.
- Please pray that OCC distributions of gift boxes will reach every region of this sensitive country. The light will penetrate the darkness and God will be proclaimed by all tribes, tongues and nations.
- Please pray for open hearts of the children of this sensitive country. May the Holy Spirit continue to use the gospel message shared with each gift box.

MENA - Sensitive Country

- Praise God for the training of the instructors which was well done in all the regions. Praise God that it is the first time this year for one of those regions.
- Praise God that three classes of The Greatest Journey are already underway at this moment! Pray that God directs the teachers and helps them during all the periods of TGJ teaching.
- Pray for the Muslim children who will receive the gift boxes, that His children find true love in the love of our Lord God.

MENA - Sensitive Country

- Praise God that due to OCC's teaching method and distribution of vital Biblical scripture, a huge revival is taking place in Christian Children in the country. They are becoming disciples of God at a young age.
- Praise God that OCC has reached out to the lowest classes. They are either atheists or don't know about any religion at all. Our mission with the Great Journey has successfully spread the word of God among such children and they have started to learn about Jesus.
- Please pray for an increase of literacy rate in Christian children of the country.
- Please pray for the children are suffering from malnutrition and are facing severe health and medical issues due to poverty.
- Please pray for the Christians who are being discriminated against in public places. Religious extremism is effecting basic human rights.

MENA - Sensitive Country

- Praise God for the safe arrival of containers into the country and for safely warehousing them.
- Please pray for God's protection on distribution of gift boxes in different districts.
- Please pray for good health and cooperation with one another between NLT and sRLT leaders.
- Please pray for the MP and TDW Trainings that are happening right now to ensure effectiveness of outreach.

MENA - Sensitive Country

- Praise God for successful completion of Gift distribution last year.
- Praise God that through new ministry partners and their efforts we can reach many unreached and interior areas this year with the Gospel of Life through OCC gift boxes.
- Please pray for the new Distribution season so that God's hand will be upon every one and many children will come to know the Lord.
- Please pray for new districts to be added this year so we can reach our state.
- Please pray for New Church Mobilization Coordinator who has a heart to carry the Gospel and see children reached.

MENA - Sensitive Country

- Praise God for successful completion of another season.
- Please pray for the team as they prepare for training, vision casting meetings and trainings for upcoming season.
- Please pray for translation and completion of all training materials in the local language.

MENA - Sensitive Country Praise God for the newly formed NLT in the state.

- Praise God for His guidance in doing a strategic planning exercise for our region.
- Please pray for God's Wisdom and guidance as teams are built prayerfully in this region.
- Please pray for unity and effectiveness of two existing sRLTs.
- Please pray for upcoming season as team receives five containers

AMERICAS & CARIBBEAN

Praise and Prayer Requests

ARGENTINA

- Praise God for the new volunteers who are currently being recruited.
- Praise God for the Ministry Partners who were trained and the children who will be reached this season.

- Please pray for the recruitment of new volunteers to complete two RLTs.
- Please pray for the Lord to open doors with customs so that we can eventually receive container shipments of Shoe Box Gifts.
- Please pray for the Build a Box Process, as we work to purchase the items needed to pack shoe box gifts for the project this season.

ARUBA

- Praise God that Aruba has a full OCC national leadership team.
- Praise God for the extended creativity of the financial resources team for their commitment to the resources.
- Praise God that OCC is extending the kid's ministry network and partnership bringing unity to the churches.

- Please pray for us to obtain warehousing as gift in kind or finances to pay storage fees.
- Please pray for every Pastor in Aruba to develop a heart for child evangelism and passion for children's ministry.
- Please pray for God to prepare the parents and their children's hearts to receive the gospel of Christ, for them to look beyond the many distractions.

BAHAMAS

- Praise God for the addition of four Islands this year and two new RLTs as they are introduced to OCC.
- Praise God for the growth we are beginning to experience due to the spiritual leaders support for the OCC ministry in the Bahamas.
- Praise God for the opportunity to reach two islands severely impacted by hurricane Matthew and Irma last year. The children and their parents felt the love of God expressed through the OCC ministry.

- Please pray for the health and wellbeing of RLT's and NLT's. Ministry in an island nation can be very demanding, expensive and difficult.
- Please pray for the lives of parents and children to be transform through TGJ discipleship program.

BELIZE

- Praise God that all of our gift boxes were received. They were distributed in two districts in the north side of Belize, and to the south and west of the country in the Punta Gorda and Cayo districts. Praise God we still have some on hand still to be distributed to the Belize and Cayo Districts. Of all that has been distributed 13,674 children are now in the discipleship program with one graduation completed and many more graduations to happen. Vision casting and ministry partner training has been completed in the Cayo district with great success. We Praise God for this season and believe that the works of the laborers will not be in vain.
- Praise God for the opportunity to host a Samaritan's Purse Staff anniversary trip. This trip should have taken place at an earlier date, but due to the death of Dr. Billy Graham, it was cancelled and rescheduled. Despite the unforeseen circumstances and changes the special distributions was a huge success, and blessing to the participants the NLT and the children of Belize. It included eight special distributions and two TGJ's lessons across the country.

- Please pray for the schools that are in dangerous locations and for the safety of our children. As a result of the special distribution we realized some of the areas in Belize where children live and attend school are infested with violence and drugs and poverty. This affects their daily lives because they live in fear.
- Please pray for three children that LOST THEIR FATHER as a result of gun violence. The father was murdered in front of his five year old child. The child expressed in the graveyard at his dad's funeral that he will see that justice be done. Please pray for him and his family, that their hearts be healed of the resentment and hatred caused by this sad event.
- Please pray that more children in Belize would have the opportunity to experience the TGJ classes and that they render their lives to Jesus.
- Please pray that our new Church Mobilization Coordinator will connect with new ministry partners and communicate the vision to new pastors and churches so that the OCC ministry in Belize will grow.
- Please pray for the Samaritan Purse staff in Boone that God continue to provide the blessings and assistance needed for the continuation of their part in the Ministry.

BOLIVIA

- Praise God for formation of new RLT members and for their growth as leaders.
- Praise God for the strength that He has given us in the difficult moments we have passed last season.
- Praise God for the thousands of children who have come to know God through a simple shoe box gift, and who are even now attending and participating in local churches, some even with their families!
- Please pray for the NLT and for the RLTs. That we would continue in unity, coordinated efforts, commitment, health and strength for the next season of service the Lord allows us to be part of.
- Please pray for the upcoming logistics visit our Regional Director will make. Pray the Lord to show favor and open doors to import containers of shoeboxes into Bolivia (currently a Build a Box Project country).
- Please pray for the new season of OCC in Bolivia. Pray for the churches and volunteers who will participate. Pray for our teams as we seek the proper, God-directed strategies to reach the children and families who need to hear about Jesus. Pray also for success as we will train TGJ in these areas.

BRAZIL – Pernambuco (Recife)

- Praise God for the trainings that are already completed, and that they exceeded our expectations.
- Praise God for the Ministry Partners and Teachers who are ready and committed to the OCC project.
- Praise God for the pastors who are both directly and indirectly supporting this ministry.
- Please pray for the health and families of the sRLT team in Pernambuco.
- Please pray for the upcoming trainings for Ministry Partners & TGJ teacher that will happen across our region.
- Please pray that the resources for the Build a Box Project (BAB) will arrive soon.

BRAZIL – Rio de Janeiro

- Please pray for the sRLT in Rio de Janeiro as they plan to begin the Build a Box process for this season.
- Please pray for wisdom as the Rio team seeks to reach children who are in communities affected by violence.
- Please pray for new Ministry Partners to catch the vision of OCC and partner with the ministry this season.

CHILE

- Praise God for his great provision of volunteers who are ready to help unload containers, for his provision of places to store and warehouse the items, as well as the provision of transportation. God has been very faithful!
- Praise God for the motivation, dedication and help of each of our RLTs.

- Please pray for the release of our containers at customs and that we do not have to pay additional fees.
- Please pray for the RLT in Region II (Antofagasta), and that there would be a greater interest from churches to participate with OCC.
- Please pray as we start the process to open two new RLTs, one in La Serena (Region IV) and the other in Chillán (Region VII).

COLOMBIA

- Praise God for the sanctification process that He is doing within the RLTs in our country.
- Praise God for the support of the International Team which God is using to bless and strengthen the development of OCC in our country.
- Praise God for each volunteer who is ready and willing to serve in the Lord's work, to win children and their families for Christ.
- Please pray for the upcoming Presidential elections in May for Colombia. Pray that God, in His mercy, would raise up a leader who God can use for the restoration and blessing of our country.
- Please pray for the new legislation that is being established in Colombia that directly effects ministries, churches and NGOs. It will directly affect OCC's ministry. Pray that the new laws are made in favor of ministries and churches.
- Please pray for the Prayer Networks in Colombia. Pray that they are strengthened and grow. Pray for the Lord to bring strong women and men to complete the RLTs around our country, as well as for the person who He would have to serve as the NLT Logistics Coordinator.

COSTA RICA

- Praise God for bringing new members to OCC in the different regional teams.
- Praise God for an excellent start of training for ministry partners, delivery of boxes, and the start of TGJ.
- Please pray for peace, harmony, respect and national unity, which was very affected by the recent electoral process.
- Please pray for that the new government will not hinder the work of OCC, since it is a continuation of the current government and is totally liberal and contrary to Christian principles.

CURACAO

- Praise God for the container, we received full exemption of import duty.
- Praise God for the church and Pastor who offered storage space for the materials.
- Praise God for the good reception we are experiencing towards the OCC program in Curacao.
- Praise God for the several trainings, MP and Teacher's Training. Very good reception and participation of several churches.
- Please pray that God will direct the project of OCC in Curacao.
- Please pray for the heart of the children to turn to the Lord.
- Please pray for an end to the economic and financial crisis, this could hinder the expansion of OCC throughout the country.
- Please pray for the Prayer Team that is under sickness attack, that they will be healed and can become a great force to impact the ministry and the nation.

ECUADOR

- Praise God for the blessing of being able to successfully carry out The Greatest Journey discipleship program in these hard to reach indigenous communities in the east of Ecuador.

- Please pray for the children in the community of Huaorani Queweidi in the east of Ecuador who will participate in OCC this year. These are indigenous communities seen as “hard to reach” that need to hear about Christ.
- Please pray for the RLT volunteers. Pray that the Lord would allow them to develop the OCC ministry in their regions with integrity, in each area of the process.

EL SALVADOR

- Please pray for strength for the members of the national and regional teams and their families and that God will keep them working in their current positions.
- Please pray for the hundreds of children who are receiving the Greatest Journey in different parts of the country, that through it many may know Jesus.

GUATEMALA

- Praise God because it has not been easy to conform the NLT finding obstacles in the way but the Holy Spirit of God continues to unite the team in a surprising way, each obstacle strengthens the faith and gives the opportunity to advance for His honor and glory.
- Praise God for His supernatural intervention by providing resources and using people that do not know Christ as their Savior and have contributed to facilitate the OCC advance in Guatemala.
- Please pray for God to send brothers and sisters who can join OCC in the country and reach many children and families for Christ.
- Please pray that God will strengthen SP staff, IFRs and partners of OCC around the world.
- Please pray for the distribution events and TGJ to have a powerful impact on the hearts of children.

GUYANA

- Praise God for OCC bringing smiles to the faces of approximately 10,547 children of Regions 5 and 6, East and West Berbice Guyana.
- Praise God for all the children who made salvation decisions across Guyana through the OCC distribution and TGJ discipleship program.
- Praise God for the birth of more than three new Sunday schools as a result of OCC Shoe box distribution in the New Amsterdam and Corentyne region.
- Please pray that the MPs in regions 5 & 6 stick to the cycle of the distribution, will be encouraged and encourage TGJ teachers to complete and return all report forms.
- Please pray for the RLTs to use wisdom to effectively handle challenges faced throughout distribution exercises.
- Please pray that RLT team members across Guyana will continue to communicate with efficiency and for this form of communication to continue and improve.

HAITI

- Praise God for the evangelistic events that have been well done.
- Please pray for the discipleship of children after evangelistic events.
- Please pray that the number of children converted will increase.
- Please pray for social peace and political stability in the country.

JAMAICA

- Praise God for a recent distribution where one little boy prayed that he will receive a watch and other items for his birthday. When he opened his box everything he prayed for was in his gift box, he could not contain his joy.

- Praise God that in one of our recent Ministry partner's graduation, ten children accepted Christ and three were baptized during the discipleship program. This shows that if the parents will release these children to the Lord many more will choose to be baptized.
- Please pray the distributions in Jamaica will gain the desired momentum as we build RLTs and add volunteers.
- Please pray that our Ministry Partners will be more receptive to the TGJ program and understand the importance of making disciples.
- Please pray for more volunteers/ personnel and financial resources for Jamaica.

MEXICO

- Praise God because we have already formed four Regional Teams in Mexico City and another one was added in Oaxaca. At present we have 41 RLT throughout the Mexican Republic.
- Praise God because two TGJ training meetings have been held in Mexico City and the City of Querétaro with the assistance of every Regional Coordinator and the Discipleship Coordinator of all the RLTs.
- Praise God because we are finishing the discipleship courses of TGJ and the participation and graduation of more than 400 thousand children is expected, surpassing everything that has been achieved in previous years.
- Praise God because in the midst of the climate of insecurity that reigns in our country, there has been no tragedy to be regretted so far in the 2018 Project.
- Please pray that all the children and their families reached in the 2018 Project, which exceeded everything that has been achieved so far, will remain on the path of salvation, becoming a part of Christian congregations in their locality.
- Please pray that the RLTs Prayer Meetings with the Regional Teams that they mentor will continue to have great attendance, as it has been until today, and how we hope it will continue for the rest of the year.
- Please pray that the ONN / Mexico Prayer Pilot Project in relation with the International Prayer Network follows the course according to what has been planned with the IHQ Prayer Coordinator.
- Pray that the number of Warriors and Warriors of Prayer will continue to increase and the ONN contact and the prayer contact will be strategic in the certification and continuation of the corresponding lists of intercessors.

NICARAGUA

- Praise God for the work of the members of the Team.
- Praise God for having two containers in storage ready to distribute.
- Please pray for God to provide the people responsible for the area of prayer, both for the National Team and for the regional ones.
- Please pray for God's provision of Ministry Partners and to have a good season of evangelistic events and TGJ.

PANAMA

- Praise God for the special distribution that happened in an area considered "difficult access" in Panama. We were able to reach more than 500 children.
- Praise God for the celebration of 21 years of OCC in Panama. We celebrated with members from each of our regional volunteer teams and it was a night of great blessing, wonderful memories of God's faithfulness, and fellowship.
- Please pray for the new children who will be reached this year with the gospel. Pray that they not only will be disciplined, but also trained up as missionaries to reach other children and their families.

- Please pray that we can reach the “at risk” children (ages 13-15) who are in jeopardy of making negative decisions that will affect their lives forever. Pray the ministry of OCC can be a positive influence in their lives.
- Please pray for the Lord to strengthen the work and the commitment of our volunteers on each RLT this season.

PARAGUAY

- Praise God that during this season of ministry, our teams have been able to reach new cities through different efforts. Praise God also for the tremendous testimonies being shared in each region.
- Praise God for his provision and supply of all the resources (financial and volunteer) needed to accomplish ministry this season.
- Praise God for the lives of each of our faithful volunteers serving with OCC in Paraguay this year.
- Please pray for TGJ teachers, for strength and good health. Pray that they would not lower the charge but continue with excellence in their discipleship lessons, as they reach children and their families.
- Please pray for God to guide and give wisdom to future authorities in our country. Pray that they would lead in a way to protect life, protect family, and protect freedom of religion.
- Please pray for the health and family of each NLT member. Pray also for each of our RLTs who serve faithfully.

PERU

- Praise God for his infinite love and mercy that he has poured out on our OCC family in Peru. We praise God for bringing to the NLT two people who will be serving as the Resource Coordinator and Church Mobilization Coordinator.
- Praise God that he has allowed us to reach the places of “difficult access” in the jungle areas. Because of these efforts, many people in these native communities have been able to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Please pray for the TGJ discipleship program to be completed to the best of our abilities, and that the children who have participated will begin to attend local churches in their communities.
- Please pray for the NLT as we seek to complete each of our RLTs by recruiting and selecting for the remaining open positions.

ST. LUCIA

- Praise God for continued efforts of our mobilizers in advancing the OCC project into the smaller communities and achieving great results.
- Praise God for the many prayer partners who continue to support OCC Saint Lucia in prayer.
- Please pray for the commitment of the MP’s and teachers to follow through the complete box to Bible program.
- Please pray for divine health and resilience of the NLT as we take new ground and strengthen the ministry in areas so continued ministry takes place.
- Please pray for the completion of the registration process of our NGO, we need it to obtain legal documents for duty free status and to comply with Resources 2.0.

SURINAME

- Praise God for the families that came to Christ because of the TGJ lessons.
- Praise God for the teenagers, after seeing the distributions and TGJ classes, are responding to their friends invitations and visiting the church because they hunger to know more of the gospel.
- Praise God that there are people who want to join OCC to help children become Disciples of Christ in Suriname.

- Please pray for health of TGJ teachers during the lessons. There are teachers being attacked by the enemy with sickness.
- Please pray for unity of the regional teams and the faithful volunteer workers in Suriname, also pray for the national team and IFRs as they recruit for the right people to serve in the right places in the ministry.
- Please pray for more churches to use the TGJ lessons to help the children in Suriname to become disciples.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

- Praise God for a young man in the 10-14 age group, who received a gift box and at the distribution indicated that he had surgery for a tumour and so did his father. He asked for prayer and that each member of the team is informed so that the team could pray for him and his family. His desire was to have a large print Bible.
- Praise God for a young lady who moderated at a MP distribution. The children were so excited especially after declaring that she herself was a product of the OCC gift box and discipleship ministry and that she never forgot.
- Praise God for His faithfulness to us as we undertook our yearly and special distributions throughout the South East area of the country for 2018. He has given good weather, traveling mercies to go into the deepest parts of the country with the Gospel, as we joined forces with our MPs and TGJ teachers to reach the children.
- Please pray for the veil to be lifted off of the eyes of the children and adults of our nation, also that every parliamentarian and member of Cabinet are open to the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and that there be a change of hearts.

URUGUAY

- Praise God for his faithfulness in the teacher trainings for TGJ. Pray for each new teacher taking on this great responsibility.
- Praise God for each child and family have come to know the love of Jesus through the ministry of OCC.
- Please pray for Lord to guard and strengthen each volunteer, and that the Lord would bring new volunteers to each of the each of the open roles on our RLTs.
- Please pray for the Prayer Network, that God would guard and strengthen them to complete the great assignments given to them – praying without ceasing!
- Please pray for each teacher and child that will participate in TGJ this season. Pray also that we will see a high percentage of these children finishing the course and graduating.

ERUASIA

Praise and Prayer Requests

BELARUS

- Praise God that this season churches were able to start outreach events around Christmas season.
- Praise God for opening doors for outreach events in new villages where there are not Christian churches.
- Praise God for new children who started attending churches after outreach events.

- Please pray for pastors to have a vision for children's ministry as an important part of their ministry programs.
- Please pray for unity among OCC MPs.
- Please pray for more children to come to TGJ classes, for churches to continue relationship with children after graduation, and for parents of those children.

BOSNIA AND HERCEGOVINA

- Praise God for the shoeboxes given out at Easter. One church gave out shoeboxes and children's Bibles to over 300 children. They also shared the Gospel along with the shoeboxes in two Muslim schools.
- Praise God for a successful meeting with the national and regional teams in March.

- Please pray for children who received shoeboxes at Easter to come to TGJ, and be faithful till the end.
- Please pray for the children who have finished TGJ that churches will continue to have contact with them and be able to start kid's clubs or that children would come to summer camps, etc.

BULGARIA

- Praise God for successful vision casting meeting in the North West of Bulgaria and pray that we will have new ministry partners in this upcoming project season.

- Please pray with us as we seek the Lord's help to identify and select new volunteers to serve on our NLT and on our RLTs. We praise the Lord for 3 people who want to serve in an area where we plan to start a new RLT.

GEORGIA

- Praise God for NLT and IFRs that train and coach us with patience.
- Praise God for good candidates that God has sent our way as we work on starting new RLTs in Kakheti and Imereti this season.

- Please pray for TGJ classes that are going on right now.
- Please pray for arrival, clearance, and distribution of one additional container.

INDONESIA

- Praise God for the nine containers of gift boxes that has been released from the port as scheduled. This means we are able to start distributing and discipling children on time.
- Praise God for the completed training of trainers for the season 2018 with 75 trainers trained to train over 3.350 teachers.
- Praise God for His provision during trainings and vision castings.

- Please pray that the distribution of gift boxes to the secondary site will have no difficulties and hindrances and that the children will be able to receive the gift boxes on time.

- Please pray for the Lord to send the right volunteers to fill the vacant position of Logistic Coordinator for NLT, Church Mob Coordinator for sRLT Bali, and Resource Coordinator for sRLT Jakarta.
- Pray for the Lord to continue sending more new Ministry Partners and donors who have the heart OCC ministry.

LITHUANIA

- Please pray for wisdom from the Lord for us to understand His will about continuing OCC in our country.
- Please pray that three vacant positions in NLT: Leader, CMC and RC will be filled.
- Please pray that TGJ teachers will receive extra strength from the Lord to continue till graduation as they face different obstacles.

MACEDONIA

- Praise God for the 18 years of faithful ministry as National Church Mobilization Coordinator.
- Please pray for God's guidance to choose a new National Church Mobilization Coordinator for our country.
- Please pray for two TGJ groups that are finished and fourteen that are still on. Please pray for the kids taking part in this course to continue with their journey following the Lord.
- Please pray for successful celebrating meeting with our partners in May.
- Please pray that the children will be touched by the Lord while going through the discipleship program.

MALAYSIA

- Praise God for advancement in outreach on East Coast of Sabah. Various churches committed to OCC children discipleship missions.
- Praise God for outreach to stateless children in Sabah, some of them are taking the gospel to their parents.
- Please pray for OCC Ministry Malaysia to get new consignee for the shoeboxes.
- Please pray for God to provide a logistic coordinator to complete the NLT.
- Please pray for a complete Sabah SRLT- need Resource Coordinator and Discipleship Coordinator.

MONGOLIA

- Praise God that Mongolian children are turning to Jesus through OCC.
- Praise to God for our volunteers who have passion for children's ministry.
- Praise God for new churches in unreached place through OCC.
- Please pray for Mongolia to receive gifts in the future as there are challenges with finding consignee and obtaining exoneration.
- Please pray for several RLTs that need all six ministry positions filled.
- Please, pray that our TGJ lessons and classes will have good results.

MYANMAR

- Praise the Lord for the LC and RC that had been chosen for NLT Myanmar
- Praise the Lord for two volunteers from NLT, six from Yangon RLT and four from Mandalay RLT who were able to attend Volunteer Leadership Training (VLT) in KL, Malaysia.
- Please pray for import approval and no tax for the shoeboxes.
- Please pray for the leaders who will meeting in early May to discuss and develop the three year strategic plan for Myanmar.
- Please pray for the DC of Mandalay RLT who broke her left arm and joint of her left shoulder.

PHILIPPINES

- Praise God for the ongoing vision casting & MP trainings, TGJ trainings, VTC nationwide.
- Praise God for the initial nineteen containers that were shipped and the upcoming containers to be sent to the country to reach hundreds of thousands nationwide.
- Praise God for the local contacts, new volunteer teachers, ministry partners this season and for the past ministry partners that have become donors and volunteers of OCC.

- Please pray for customs clearance for incoming shipments and for the containers that are still coming.
- Please pray for the volunteer's well-being, health, work-life-ministry balance, family and loved ones well-being, and an active, deep faith in Jesus. Pray for wisdom and faithfulness to obey and serve God with unity, humility and gratefulness through OCC.
- Pray for the provision of a warehouse in every area to be completed and for volunteers to be available to do the work of God.

POLAND

- Praise God for the fruitful season of TGJ, especially teachers and coordinators.
- Praise God for new families who opened their hearts for the Gospel.

- Please pray for the planning of new season of OCC and particularly TGJ.

ROMANIA

- Praise God for the gipsy community from Ramnicelu (Buzau County), where we have almost 500 children and some of them are learning TGJ course.
- Praise God for the 35 kids from Matasari (Gorj County) which are near the stage of graduating the course and we can see that God is changing their hearts.

- Please pray for a Team Coordinator in Constanta County.
- Please pray for the building process of the Hunedoara's County Team.

SERBIA

- Praise God for the new TGJ group started in a little village in Vojvodina. Eleven children came to the first class.
- Praise God for the young volunteer teachers who will work with them.

- Please pray that God will show Vojvodina team where to plan ministry next season.
- Please pray that God will strengthen the Srem team with new volunteers.
- Please pray for our RLT prayer coordinator, his health is not at all good.

SLOVAKIA

- Praise God for the multiplication of regional teams.

- Please pray for all MPs involved in the project this year and for children who experienced God's love.
- Please pray for new candidates, vacant positions in our regional teams and for the national team.
- Please pray the I-Connect conference in Toledo will be outstanding, for protection of all attendees and for successful outcome.

THAILAND

- Praise the Lord for the clearing of Gift boxes from customs.
- Praise God for the Ministry Audit in Thailand.

- Please pray for the restructuring of the Thailand teams.
- Please pray for the right people that God will provide to fill the NLT.

UKRAINE

- Praise God for opportunity to implement OCC without any obstacles.
- Praise God for many thousands of TGJ teachers trained for this season.
- Please pray for recruitment and selection of 3 more RLTs.
- Please pray for TGJ teachers.

VIETNAM

- Praise God for the Government favor to have Church consignee in Vietnam.
- Praise God that we can start the process sending gift boxes to Vietnam.
- Praise God for the opportunity for churches to receive the gift boxes.
- Please pray for God to create good conditions for OCC program in Viet Nam to be implemented.
- Please pray for God to provide a good health and protection of the OCC volunteers.
- Please pray for God to open many doors for preaching Gospel in Viet Nam.

RECA- Sensitive Country

- Praise God for new MPs who started using TGJ, and for a strong team of OCC contacts. We are concerned that we won't have enough materials.
- Please pray for that the Lord would bless and improve health of two OCC contacts.
- Please pray for one or the regions where TGJ is just started. They are planning to disciple 1,100 children.
- Please pray for churches and volunteers who partner with OCC that they could distribute gift boxes and start TGJ in all regions of the country. Please pray that the Lord would open hearts of children and their parents to accept God's love and salvation.

RECA- Sensitive Country

- Please pray for outreach events in the most closed and dangerous area of our country where MPs want to take gifts boxes and the gospel this year.
- Please pray for God to give us favor with the government so that we could give OCC boxes to children in remote places and share the gospel with them.
- Please pray for new leader volunteers that joint RLTs.

RECA- Sensitive Country

- Please pray that exoneration, clearance, and distribution process will go well for one container that we are able to receive.
- Please pray for that the Lord would send the right people to fill in open positions on NLT and RLTs.
- Please pray for two NLT members to receive travel visa for iConnect.
- Please pray for our former Consignee that the government is closing down because they are not able to pay a very high fine for their help in clearing OCC boxes in the past. Please pray for protection of volunteers that founded and worked for this organization.

RECA- Sensitive Country

- Praise God to OCC boxes we received and for all who participated in their collection and transportation.
- Praise God that we were able to print ministry materials.
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- Praise God for good relationships among MPs.

- Please pray for unity among NLT members.
- Please pray for opportunity to reach all regions of the country with OCC.
- Please pray for being able to print TGJ New Testament in our native language.

RECA- Sensitive Country

- Due to OCC's teaching method and distribution of vital Biblical scripture, a huge revival is taking place in Christian Children in the country. They are becoming disciples of God at a young age.
- OCC has reached out to the lowest classes. They are either atheists or don't know about any religion at all. Our TGJ mission has successfully spread the word of God among such children and they have started to learn about Jesus.
- Please pray for increase of the literacy rate in Christian children of the country.
- Please pray that due to Poverty children are suffering from malnutrition and are facing severe health and medical issues.
- Please pray that religious extremism and basic human rights are being effected and Christians are being discriminated in public places.

RECA- Sensitive Country

- Praise God for the safe arrival of containers into the country and for safely warehousing them.
- Please pray for Gods protection on distribution of gift boxes in different districts.
- Please pray for NLT and sRLT leader's good health and cooperation with one another.
- Please pray for the MP and TDW Trainings that are happening right now to ensure effectiveness of outreach.

RECA- Sensitive Country

- Praise God for successful completion of Gift distribution last year.
- Praise God that through new ministry partners and their efforts, we could reach many unreached and interior areas this year with the Gospel of Life through OCC gift boxes.
- Please pray for the new Distribution season so that God's hand will be upon every one and many children will come to know the Lord.
- Please pray for new districts to be added this year so we can reach our state.
- Please pray for New Church Mobilization Coordinator who has a heart to carry the Gospel and reach children.

RECA- Sensitive Country

- Praise God for successful completion of another season.
- Please pray for the team as they prepare for training, vision casting meetings and trainings for upcoming season.
- Please pray for translation and completion of all training materials in the local language.

RECA- Sensitive Country

- Praise God for the newly formed NLT in the state.
- Praise God for His guidance in doing a strategic planning exercise for our region.
- Please pray for God's Wisdom and guidance as teams are built prayerfully in this region.
- Please pray for unity and effectiveness of two existing sRLTs.
- Please pray for upcoming season as team receives 5 containers

RECA- Sensitive Country

- Praise God that in spite of great delay in arrival of gift boxes, we could complete the season successfully.
- Praise God for focused outreach among unreached people groups.

- Please pray for upcoming season as the region receives 11 containers.
- Please pray for effective leadership and coaching of all RLTs by sRLTs and NLT.

RECA- Sensitive Country

- Praise God for His favor in helping us get all the Government documentation done.
- Praise God for the 15,932 students who graduated from the discipleship program.

- Please pray for all the planning that is being done for the upcoming season.
- Please pray for a new sRLT and RLT in our region that God would bring the right volunteers.

RECA- Sensitive Country

- Praise God for a new recruited NLT in a very strategic place in the heart of the region.
- Praise God for the Government documentation that could be completed for last season.

- Please pray for effective training and coaching of NLT so they are well equipped for OCC ministry.
- Please pray for God's protection for the team and Ministry Partners as they undertake ministry in regions hostile to the Gospel.

RECA- Sensitive Country

- Praise God for new members in the NLT

- Please pray for the team to prayerfully and effectively undertake upcoming distribution season after a gap year.
- Please pray for consignment to reach safely.
- Please pray God will give guidance so that gifts will be given to the right people and children in unreached areas.

RECA- Sensitive Country

- Praise God for the doors He opened to reach the children of refugees.
- Praise God for volunteers who are laboring in love to reach these needy children.

- Please pray for new teams to be formed in strategic areas to continue to reach out to them.
- Please pray for permission from the government for the five year distribution plan that has been submitted.

AFFILIATE OFFICES AND PARTNER MINISTRIES

Praise and Prayer Requests

AUSTRALIA

- Praise God for the churches, schools and participating groups that continue to support and partner with OCC in prayer and through packing shoeboxes.
- Praise God that we have so many faithful volunteers who continue to serve faithfully in what God has called them to.
- Praise God for the safe return of all the Discovery Trip participants from Cambodia and Fiji and for all that they were able to experience.

- Please pray that God will stir in the hearts of churches, schools and community groups that are yet to partner with OCC to come forward.
- Please pray that God would send forward volunteers that He has called to OCC and that we would be equipped to serve and support them well.
- Please pray for all the state and regional conferences that will be taking place over the next three months. Pray that God's presence would be felt and that the volunteers attending would all walk away refreshed, reenergized and on fire for OCC.

CANADA

- Praise God for providing a new SW Ontario Regional Manager only seven weeks after position became vacant.
- Praise God for providing exceedingly more Connect prospects during our National Recruitment Campaign.

- Please pray with us as we ask the Lord to call a multitude of Connect volunteers into our ministry.
- Please pray for wisdom and discernment for our Field Managers as they recruit, select, equip, lead, and develop our volunteers.

JAPAN

- Praise God for 13,527 Gospel opportunities that were collected in 2017!
- Praise God for new connect volunteers that joined this year.
- Praise God for the renewed national partnership with OASIS Christian bookstores.

- Pray for right person for the position of Kanto area Regional Coordinator.
- Pray for more church connections to open up, especially in Tokyo, Nagoya, and Osaka area.
- Pray for more effective prayer network.

GERMANY

- Praise God for six Regional Connect Conferences, where volunteers were able to hear and see the impact of OCC in receiving countries and in the German-speaking world.
- Praise God for being able to participate at the 20th OCC anniversary in Bulgaria, where we could see the fruit of 600,000 shoeboxes that were sent from Gifts of Hope over the years.
- Praise God for a remarkable vision trip to Belarus, where partners were able to see and experience firsthand the impact of a shoebox and of TGJ in the lives of hundreds of children.

- Please pray that God would call staff members we urgently need at OCC/Gifts of Hope.
- Please pray that God would call many volunteers who love to serve in Area Teams.
- Please pray for suitable locations for central Processing.

SPAIN

- Praise God for taking care of the team of volunteers in April who participated in the delivery of boxes.
- Praise God Lord for all the promoters, coordinators and churches responsible for volunteers attending our Connect 2018 held in Madrid in April. May the Lord give a great vision to all attenders.

- Please pray for boxes we collected in 2017 and for the children in Togo who received them. It was the first time that OCC delivered shoeboxes in Togo.
- Please pray for the team that traveled to Togo from Spain and returned very enthusiastic about the experience.
- Please pray for the new church that has been opened in Togo because of OCC impact.

IHQ/US DOMESTIC REGIONS

Praise and Prayer Requests

CAROLINAS

- Praise God we had 3 new area team multiplications this year.
- Praise God we have a new AC come onto our team in this quarter.
- Praise God the Carolinas Region volunteer attendance was high at the Baltimore Connect conference.

- Please pray for more leader volunteers to join our team.
- Please pray for growth in our collection network this year.
- Please pray for partnership growth in our region and in our individual area teams.

FLORIDA/PUERTO RICO

- Praise God for 497,025 Gospel Opportunities from FL/PR in 2017
- Praise God for four new Area Coordinators already in 2018
- Praise God for our committed and passionate volunteers who go above and beyond to see more children hear the Gospel each year.

- Please pray for a Regional Director
- Please pray for continued recovery efforts in Puerto Rico
- Please pray for the Lord to raise up gifted and called leader volunteers to fill open leader positions.

GREAT LAKES

- Praise God for a new Area Coordinator selected for the Central West Virginia Area Team.
- Praise God for the 66 volunteers energized for service by attending Baltimore Connect Conference.
- Praise God for a successful Celebration Event in Michiana in which thirty new Prayer Network Partners were added.

- Please pray that God will provide Area Coordinators for the four remaining Developing Area Teams: Northeast Michigan, Thumb Michigan, Indianapolis West, Northeast Indiana.
- Please pray that our promotion at the Great Homeschool Convention in Cincinnati Ohio will result in shoebox generation.
- Please pray that the Lord will provide 620 drop off locations for the Great Lakes Region.

LOWER MIDWEST

- Praise God for two new Regional Managers
- Praise God for a transformational Connect Conference

- Please pray for 745,445 (God-sized 10% growth) shoebox gifts
- Please pray Harvest Vision Trip to Cameroon in June 2018
- Please pray for transitions for new Regional Managers to OCC

NORTHEAST REGION

- Praise God for a successful Area Coordinator Planning Meeting in February.
- Praise God for a record number of volunteers who signed up for Connect with a significant number being first time attendees.
- Praise God for the provision of an Office for our New England Manager, and the successful relocation of our New York Manager to NYC.

- Please pray for Regional Staff and Volunteers have been facing many challenges since the beginning of the year. Pray for wisdom, comfort, healing and protection.
- Please pray for the safety of Staff and Volunteers going on the Vision Trip to Ukraine. Also, that on return God would use them to grow the ministry (volunteers & Shoeboxes) in the Region.
- Please pray for leadership to emerge in the 22 Developing Area Teams.

NORTHWEST

- Praise God for a successful regional affirmation campaign.
- Praise God for many new regional year-round volunteers including 4 new Area Coordinators.
- Please pray that the churches, groups and individuals in the Northwest will be encouraged as they hear how their giving is currently impacting countries around the world.
- Please pray for 53 more Northwest year-round volunteers to share OCC with their churches and community this season as we are on our way to 320,000 shoeboxes.
- Please pray for our eleven developing Area Teams, that new volunteers will be called into partnership with us.

MID-ATLANTIC

- Praise God for thirteen new Area Coordinators and three Regional Area Coordinators since December 2017.
- Praise God for six Area Teams through multiplication.
- Praise God for eighteen new Ministry Coordinators.
- Please pray we achieve our Shoebox goal of 1,234,567 Gospel Opportunities.
- Please pray for 521 Drop-Off/Central Drop-Off locations.
- Please pray for the health of volunteers and their families.

MID-SOUTH

- Praise God for Area Coordinator Planning Weekend: A productive, profitable and spiritually refreshing time for leader volunteers.
- Praise God for the Connect Conference: A wonderful time of celebrating, refreshing and re-envisioning for our volunteers.
- Praise God for new volunteer team members, including ten in leadership roles.
- Please pray for the growth of our Collection Network and for a net gain of 42 new Drop-Off locations for 2018.
- Please pray for our Area and Ministry Coordinators in Music City and Tri-Cities TN, North East Kentucky, and North West Arkansas.
- Please pray that we achieve our Shoebox goal of 810,000.

SOUTHEAST

- Praise God for the new Area Coordinator in Northeast Mississippi.
- Praise God for successful leadership workshops.
- Praise God for a full staff team.
- Please pray for leadership workshops to bear much fruit.
- Please pray for Area Coordinators in key high potential areas (Atlanta, Birmingham North).
- Please pray for the recruitment efforts in our region; praying for strong leader volunteers.

SOUTHWEST

- Praise God for over forty new volunteers this year in our five state region including three new Area Coordinators.
- Praise God for 160 volunteers attending Connect Conference this year. A new record!
- Praise God for the unity and friendship among the regional staff team.

- Please pray for the distribution trips a few of our staff and volunteers will be taking in June (Uganda) and July (Philippines).
- Please pray that our volunteer's efforts to engage new groups will result in new partnerships to pack shoeboxes.
- Please pray that all our volunteers would complete their training this year to be better equipped to serve well.

TEXAS & LOUISIANA

- Praise God for calling three new Area Coordinators in our region.
- Praise God for the successful Area Coordinator Summit in February.

- Please pray that we would identify a new Regional Manager for our team.
- Please pray that we would identify a location for our Dallas/Fort Worth Processing Center.

UPPER MID-WEST

- Praise God for new team members and Area Coordinators that the Lord is bringing to our Area Teams.
- Praise God for new opportunities to share OCC with a greater audience through special events.
- Praise God for the many affirmation campaigns that are underway – Church, Community, Student and Prayer – as we reach out to share our gratitude for what the Lord did through OCC and our dedicated ministry partners.

- Please pray for 'open doors' and hearts as our Area Teams begin to reach out locally to share the project and connect with potential project leaders and that our current ministry partners are called to support the Gospel through OCC again this year so that our shoebox numbers will grow in our region this season.
- Please pray for wisdom and guidance as we begin to reach out to churches and potential volunteers for new drop-off locations across our region.
- Please pray for the technology that supports OCC initiatives, staff and volunteers; that any new rollouts and updates will be seamlessly implemented in a timely fashion.

WEST COAST

- Praise God for the recent selection of our fourth Regional Manager thus completing our team.
- Praise God for the growing evidence that our annual theme verse and High Impact application (purposeful growth) is being embraced and applied throughout the Region's teams.
- Praise God for the selection of sixty new Connect volunteers across the Region so far this year.

- Please pray for our ten developing Area Teams, that God would identify and make know His leaders and that we would be primed and ready to select them.
- Please pray that God would build and develop ministry alignment throughout the West Coast: that each volunteer would be aligned with the goals of the local team, supportive of the goals of their neighbors and in agreement with the national and regional ministry vision.
- Please pray along with BGEA that the upcoming Decision America Tour in California result in a great response, both to the gospel and to the awareness of the ministry of SP/OCC.