



Prayer Network Update

AUGUST 2018



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

—Matthew 21:22

*ABOVE RIGHT:
Boys and girls in Ecuador gather to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

Light Overcomes Darkness

By an Operation Christmas Child discipleship coordinator in Ecuador

During the past three years the Gospel has spread to several unreached areas, including a previously closed community near the city of Puerto Francisco de Orellana. We discovered that families here consult a witchdoctor who predicts what will happen to people. This causes them to live in fear because some have passed away following these predictions.

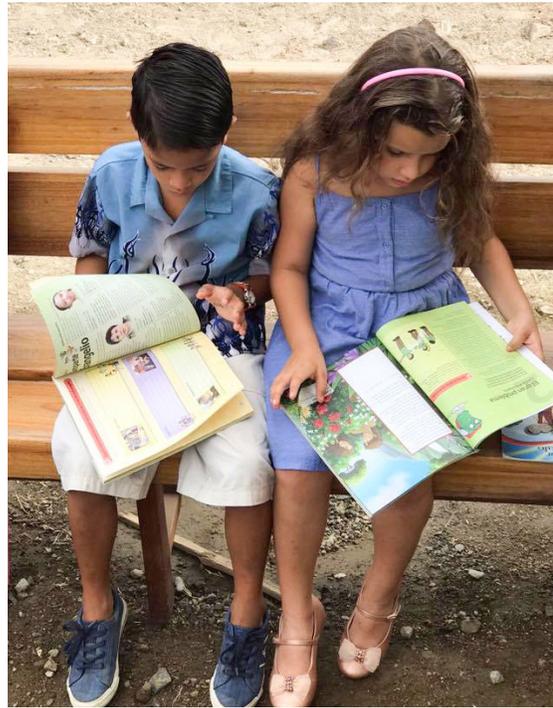
With the assistance of local believers, shoebox gifts from Samaritan's Purse arrived for 57 children. We offered them The Greatest Journey discipleship program as well. One participant named Wilo says that he feels safer now because he knows Jesus as his Savior. He isn't afraid because Christ conquered death and gave life to His children.

The president of the community said, "Thanks to The Greatest Journey teacher's lessons my children's attitudes have changed, and as a result my family accepted Christ as Savior. I have security knowing my community will be blessed by God. When He is with us, who can come against the Almighty God?"

For the glory of God, His Word is planted in children, young people, and adults in this community. Today they understand that in Jesus Christ there is hope. Thank you for being part of this ministry and being an ambassador of His Word. Thank you, brothers and sisters, for giving me the necessary tools to carry the Word of God to difficult-to-reach places where people have never heard about God.



RIGHT:
Children from Ecuador
are captivated by
The Greatest Journey
materials.



**“HUMBLE
PRAYERS ARE
THE ONES GOD
HEARS.”**

Franklin Graham

Operation Christmas Child International Prayer Requests: **Americas**

WEEK 1: AUGUST 1-8 *Colombia*

- We praise God for each volunteer who is ready and willing to bring children and their families to Christ and disciple them in God's truth.
- Please pray for God's favor concerning new legislation that will directly affect churches, ministries, and nongovernmental organizations.
- Please pray for Prayer Networks to grow across Colombia and for God to raise up men and women to complete the Regional Leadership Teams in the country.

WEEK 2: AUGUST 9-15 *Costa Rica*

- Praise God with us—He answered our prayers and added new members to many Regional Leadership Teams!
- We thank the Lord for graciously providing thousands of trained and qualified teachers of The Greatest Journey. Pray for the Spirit to work mightily through each of them.
- Please pray for the Lord's hand of peace, unity, and respect on our country.
- Please pray that nothing would hinder the work of Operation Christmas Child.



WEEK 3: AUGUST 16-22 *Curaçao*

- Praise Jesus with us that He has provided a container of shoebox gifts with full exemption of import duty charges. (This represents 8,000 Gospel opportunities in our country.)
- Praise the Lord for providing storage space for all of our materials.
- Please pray for our Prayer Team to be healed of sickness. Ask also that they impact the ministry and the nation for Christ.
- Please pray that the nation's economic crisis will not hinder the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Operation Christmas Child.

WEEK 4: AUGUST 23-31 *Ecuador*

- Praise God for the blessing of being able to implement The Greatest Journey discipleship program in very hard-to-reach indigenous communities in the east of Ecuador!
- Please pray specifically for the children in the community of Huaorani Queweidi in eastern Ecuador where an Operation Christmas Child outreach event will be hosted for the first time this year.
- Please pray for the Holy Spirit's protection, strength, and leading for Regional Leadership Team volunteers, and that they will develop the ministry in their areas with integrity.