



# Prayer Network Update

NOVEMBER 2018



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

—Matthew 21:22

*ABOVE RIGHT: More children are attending this church in South Africa as a result of Operation Christmas Child and The Greatest Journey.*

## Breathing New Life Into A South African Church

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Our local church became an Operation Christmas Child ministry partner in 2016. At the time, we only had 34 children in our Sunday School class. We were frustrated because we could not find materials to use in teaching and discipling them.

To our amazement, we had 210 children attend our Operation Christmas Child outreach event. The following Sunday there was no extra space in our church building! When we sent our teachers to The Greatest Journey teacher training and started the discipleship classes, we saw a new focus and growth in our boys and girls.

We then started building a Sunday School classroom and saw God touching the hearts of parents and grandparents to give to the project. The building is now 70 percent complete but we have already started using it, as the number of children keeps growing.

The challenge we now have is that our new Sunday School building has already become too small. Children are even having classes in the yard. God used Operation Christmas Child to give us hope for the future of our ministry. These boys and girls are now evangelists in a community where the mortality rate of parents is extremely high due to illnesses. We now are certain that The Greatest Journey is assisting us in planting a seed of salvation in these souls.



## Operation Christmas Child International Prayer Requests: **EURASIA: November 2018**

**WEEK 1: NOVEMBER 1-8**

### **BELARUS**

- Please praise God with us that we still have the opportunity to receive shoebox gifts into our country.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead and bring spiritual fruit from the upcoming, enhanced training with two existing Regional Leadership Teams.
- Ask the Lord to supernaturally expand the reach and influence of The Greatest Journey in Belarus.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom and direction in reorganizing the logistics processes in our country to better reflect the vision of Operation Christmas Child.

### **ESTONIA**

- Join us in thanking and praising our great God for providing the teachers, helpers, and pastors to minister to children through Operation Christmas Child.
- Ask the Lord Jesus to greatly bless and protect the National Connect Conference in Estonia this fall.
- Pray for God to supernaturally open doors for us to engage new partners and develop new regional teams. Ask also that He will fill the logistics coordinator and resources coordinator positions with people of His choice.
- Pray for the The Greatest Journey New Testament to be printed in Estonian to allow children to have a copy of the Bible in their homes.
- Pray that the establishment of our prayer network will bring together people from different denominations and churches who will keep interceding for the children of our country through fervent prayer!

**WEEK 2: NOVEMBER 9-15**

### **GEORGIA**

- Praise God for the connections and meetings the National Leadership Team had with Operation Christmas Child contacts and The Greatest Journey teachers to grow the discipleship efforts in the country.
- Praise the Lord Almighty with us that He opened the way for the 20-foot container of shoebox gifts to arrive safely. This allowed us to have outreach events at summer camps to spread the Good News of Jesus and start The Greatest Journey discipleship classes.
- Praise the Lord for providing two new Regional Leadership Teams and thank Him for the training they received at the National Connect Conference in September. Ask that they would serve in unity and bear much fruit in Jesus' Name!

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IMPORTANT STEPS  
IN PREPARING FOR  
AN EVANGELISTIC  
MISSION, AND MY  
REPLY IS ALWAYS  
THE SAME: PRAYER  
...PRAYER ...”**

**Billy Graham**



## LITHUANIA

- Praise God for the open doors to distribute shoebox gifts and share the Gospel in state institutions, schools, kindergartens, and children's centers!
- Praise God with us for calling new pastors, volunteers, and partners to join the Operation Christmas Child ministry, and also for those faithful servants who have partnered with us for years.
- Ask the Lord Jesus to provide the right people to fill vacant positions in our National and Regional Leadership Teams.
- Pray that God speaks to the hearts of the pastors and children's workers within our local churches to see children as a great harvest field and the shoebox ministry a great opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus!

WEEK 3: NOVEMBER 16-22

## MONTENEGRO

- Praise God for calling a new church mobilization coordinator to the National Leadership Team.
- Please pray that the Holy Spirit will open many new doors to local churches who will begin partnering with Operation Christmas Child in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children all over Montenegro.
- Pray for the National Leadership Team to be strong in the Lord. Ask also that they communicate a compelling and accurate vision of Operation Christmas Child to our faithful partners.

## POLAND

- Praise God for growing relationships, fellowship, and unity among our volunteer leaders!
- Pray that the Holy Spirit goes before us and begins opening the hearts of thousands of children to believe and receive Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, and to grow as disciples through The Greatest Journey.
- Pray for the Lord's supernatural encouragement, strength, and rest for our faithful coordinators, teachers, and volunteers.
- Thank the Lord Jesus for His provision and presence at the recent National Connect Conference! Please pray that much fruit will continue to come out of this time of training and fellowship and that it will affect all of Poland.

## SLOVAKIA

- Pray that the training and vision that was shared at the recent National Connect Conference will multiply throughout the country and the ministry of Operation Christmas Child will continue to grow.



- Praise our mighty God, Jehovah Jireh, for providing the storage space for Operation Christmas Child materials that we were praying for!
- Pray that we would be good and faithful stewards of finances and that they would be put to proper use.
- Pray for unity and a spirit of encouragement and cooperation within National and Regional Leadership Teams. Ask that the Lord Jesus will protect them from the schemes of the enemy by His blood, power, and authority!

#### WEEK 4: NOVEMBER 23-30

### ROMANIA

- Praise God for the new people He has raised up and selected as volunteer leaders on the National Leadership Team. Pray that they would serve with the Holy Spirit's power, joy, and humility!
- Pray for the expansion and influence of Operation Christmas Child into surrounding countries. Ask also that God will bring the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ into dark places through Operation Christmas Child.
- Praise the Lord for providing all of our faithful volunteers who facilitate this ministry throughout the country.
- Praise God for the local church, the bride of Christ, and for the children who completed The Greatest Journey courses. Many of their families continue to come to church activities.
- Praise God for missionaries who serve economically depressed villages. God is using Operation Christmas Child to reach out in these areas, but there is not yet an evangelical church. Please keep praying with us for healthy congregations to be established.

### UKRAINE

- Praise God for the new Leadership Training Manual. Ask that it will be used by the Holy Spirit powerfully in the lives of trainers, teachers, volunteers, and church partners to disciple millions more children worldwide!
- Please pray for our National Leadership Team as they navigate the various local requirements for Operation Christmas Child.



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