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PRAYING FOR THE HARVEST

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According to the mission organization, Joshua Project, an estimated 7.84 billion people are living on earth presently. Of these, 3.28 billion individuals live where there is little to no access to the gospel. Of the 17,431 people groups of the world, 7,400 (more than 42 percent) are considered "unreached people groups." This means that for 41 percent of the world, there is no indigenous community of believing Christians adequate enough to evangelize these populations on their own. When considering these estimates, our Lord's words in Matthew 9:37 should echo in our spirits as we pray, "The harvest is plentiful."

Matthew 24:14 (NIV) tells us that the "gospel [message] of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." As we look with anticipation to the glorious return of our Lord, we as his people should also pray for and seek ways to send the whole gospel to the entire world. As we participate in this last days harvesting endeavor, we await the fulfillment of Revelation 7:9: "I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb."

Join with us in praying for the unreached people groups of our world, as well as for efforts underway to take the life-giving message of the gospel to its nations, tribes, people, and languages.

Prayer Directives

- **Thank the Father for his ability and readiness to give, guide, and respond in response to our prayers (Matthew 7:7, 8).**
- **Thank God for pastors, ministers, teachers, and missionaries who are at work right now mobilizing resources to share the gospel with unreached people groups (1 Thessalonians 1:2, 3; Ephesians 4:11, 12; Matthew 9:37, 38).**

- **Pray for revival in the Church that will cleanse, empower, and send believers out to reach the lost (Matthew 28:19, 20; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20).**
- **Pray for men, women, boys, and girls to respond to the call of God (Luke 10:2).**
- **Pray for an outpouring of God's Spirit on unreached people groups bringing conviction of sin (Joel 2:28, 29).**
- **Pray for biblical dreams and visions and revelations of Jesus that will draw lost people to him (Joel 2:28, 29).**
- **Pray for ongoing, powerful signs and wonders of healing, deliverance, and miracles that will draw individuals to the gospel message (Mark 16:17-20; Romans 15:18, 19; Hebrews 2:4).**
- **Pray for mission expansions and church planting efforts into nations and villages previously unreached with the gospel (Matthew 16:18; 28:19, 20).**
- **Pray that as new believers are born into the kingdom they will be biblically disciplined and will mature in their faith (Matthew 28:19, 20).**
- **Pray for the translation, printing, and distribution of God's Word into all languages, as well as Christian Internet, digital media, radio, and television ministries entering into new markets (Matthew 24:14).**

Download this prayer guide as a bulletin insert, access prayer guides on additional topics, or find resources for your local church prayer ministry online at www.COGOPprays.org. Let us know you are praying with us by using #COGOPprays on social media to share your requests, inspirations, and praise reports.



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KidServe's Project Build-A-School: *Mission Completed*



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In November 2018, International Children's Ministries conducted an International Institute of Children's Ministries in San Juan Opico, El Salvador. Fifty-six participants came together for an intense series of workshops that presented instruction on the biblical foundations of children's ministry, leading children to Christ, constructing a Bible lesson, and developing a discipleship plan. Little did we know at the time, but this training would open the door to the most ambitious mission giving project undertaken by the ministry.

El Salvador has been called the most violent country in Latin America. Its murder rate is the highest in the region. According to the United Nations, on average, 40 children are killed every month, the victims of poverty, civil war, and natural catastrophes. A staggering 1.8 million children are a part of the nation's workforce. Four out of ten children live in poverty with over half of all children surviving on less than \$1.25 per day. As COGOP National Overseer Bishop Ishmael Ticas has said, "The only hope for El Salvador's future is to reach the next generation with the gospel."

On the final day of training, while transporting the teaching team to their meeting venue, Bishop Ticas shared about his vision for children's ministry and the outreach program the national office was implementing throughout the nation's local churches. He explained that local ministries were operating "Centers of Learning" where children could receive tutoring, meals, recreational activities, trade skills development, and discipleship lessons. At the time, he reported that 125 of these outreach sites were operating, with seven churches serving more than 2,000 children daily, and an additional 118 churches serving 2,500 children each weekend. "I am going to change the nation of El Salvador," said Bishop Ticas, "and I am going to do so one child at a time."

This report seemed unbelievable to the team but was witnessed firsthand on a follow-up trip by Bishop Shaun McKinley, international director of Children's Ministries, in January 2019, as well as others when visiting the multiple sites. Furthermore, the team learned that this incredible Church of God of Prophecy outreach ministry was fully funded by the government and outside mission organizations!

While on this trip, two pressing needs were identified. First, each location was at capacity, and the possibility to double the reach of these programs was possible. Second, requirements by the partnering organizations meant that several key locations would need to upgrade or expand their facilities to ensure funding of the programs continued.

In May of 2019, KidServe (formerly known as Helping Hands for Kids) announced Project Build-A-School, a mission giving opportunity for local children's ministries to support construction and expansion programs for the work in El Salvador. As stated earlier, the goal of \$100,000.00 would be the most ambitious project ever undertaken by the ministry. In the ministry's 15 years of mission giving support, more than \$70,000.00 had been collected for 15 project enabling outreach ministries in nations such as Indonesia, Kenya, Peru, and the Czech Republic.

On June 27, 2019, the first Build-A-School offering was received in the amount of \$521.25. In December 2021, representatives from International Children's Ministries traveled to El Salvador to celebrate the completion of the fundraising aspect of the project and tour 11 of the school sites. To date, three sites have been completed with work beginning on a fourth site.

Hacienda Melara

Hacienda Melara is still a new church. It was established only three years ago. After another non-COGOP congregation lost their certification, their school was relocated to this local congregation. The church agreed to take on the responsibility of the school, seeing an opportunity to serve their community's children and



Hacienda Melara Church of God of Prophecy



Children and parents worship at the Hacienda Melara COGOP School

families. As with every stop on their visit, International Children's Ministries Director Shaun McKinley and KidServe Coordinator Michelle Brooks-Young greeted the children and parents that had gathered and participated in worship led by the children. At each stop, the two also prayed over each school's staff.

La Libertad

More than 225 children are served at the CDI Trinidad school at La Libertad COGOP.

On the recent site visit, the children ministered in song and dance to welcome their guests.



La Libertad Church of God of Prophecy



Children ministering in dance at La Libertad COGOP School



Children praying at La Libertad COGOP School

San Bias



More than 261 children are served daily at the Rays of Hope School operated by the San Bias COGOP. At this school, children participate in a rigorous discipleship program, as well as receive professional and skills development. During the pandemic, a highlight of the program was that each child was gifted with baby chicks and feed to start their own chicken farm. Not only were the children learning a skill, but the farm also provided families with a sustainable source for eggs and food. The team was also moved to learn that this congregation also works diligently to secure scholarships for promising students to attend university.

De Isla de Mendez

One hundred ninety-three children are served every day at the De Isla de Mendez COGOP School. One of the skills taught to these children is hammock weaving, which provides them with an immediate source of income for their families. In addition to the education programs offered, these children also receive medical services including dental, eye care, and wellness visits. Several of these children have also received critical surgeries through the school's medical partnerships. On the day of the tour, the children were also receiving Christmas gifts purchased through the church and their partners.

El Jaguey

At the El Jaguey Church of God of Prophecy, more than 250 children are served. At this visit, a full service was led by the children to include worship, special music, and a sermon from Matthew 19:14—all led by the children who are not only being educated at the school but in training to serve as ministers.

Gotera

Returning to Gotera and a dream come true! KidServe Build-A-School funds helped complete this school that serves 150 children! At the Gotera Church of God of Prophecy, our first completed Build-A-School site in El Salvador, funds helped complete construction of the site. Pastor Guzman is a man of vision and isn't stopping soon. With the completion of this structure, he now has his sights

on establishing the first high school program in the COGOP in El Salvador.



Gotera School under construction



Central America General Presbyter Benjamin Feliz plays ping-pong with the children



Gotera School completed



Students and visitors to Gotera School



Children welcome visitors to Gotera School



Worship with the Gotera School



COGOP flag painted on school wall at Gotera

San Francisco

The San Francisco Church of God of Prophecy serves 165 children daily in their school. When we asked how KidServe could help them, they had a short list of needs—windows to protect from the elements and secure their rooms, fans to circulate the air, and a water tank. Praise God, we were able to provide these items through the generous giving of our donors.



San Francisco Church of God of Prophecy



Children singing at the San Francisco COGOP



Fans, windows, & water tank purchased for the San Francisco COGOP

Throughout the pandemic, San Francisco didn't stop serving. They distributed Bibles to children, food packets to the families, fertilizer to farming families, and PPE and sanitizers. They also provided the children with chickens and feed to provide a sustainable source of income and food. They provided wellness checks and health consultations for families. Through a partner, they also provided animal and pet vaccinations to students' families. They provided extermination services to students' homes as well.

But that's not all! They now offer a monthly ministry time targeting parents. Recently they conducted workshops to the children in how to make laundry soap, safely make disinfectants for home, as well as how to make various jellies and marmalade.

Sports is also a key component of their programs. This year, the kids have learned skills in running/track and participated in athlete camps. But the best story is . . . none of the children had ever touched a basketball. They decided to teach them the sport and entered them in a competition. The team won—bringing home the trophy!

Hacienda Colombia

Hacienda Colombia School is the site of the largest Build-A-School location and project. Funds raised will build a brand-new school, cafeteria, office,



Site of Hacienda Colombia School



Lawnmower purchased for Hacienda Colombia



Farm at Hacienda Colombia where children are learning to raise crops



Families and children gathered at site of Hacienda Colombia School

and dormitories for up to 500 children immediately. Earlier this year, International Children's Ministries and the general presbyter purchased the school a new lawnmower to assist with upkeep of their current soccer field. The field is rented to various groups, and the church sells concessions during games as additional sources of

income. Hacienda Colombia will serve as the flagship school for the program and potentially serve thousands of children with educational programs and the gospel.

El Plan de Pino

The Build-A-School tour ended in a fitting way, touring the first church visited nearly three years ago when assessing the needs in El Salvador. Los Esfuerzos Church of God of Prophecy at Plan de Pino needed two new classrooms to maintain funding for their school of 300 children, serving 180 families.

The project is now completed, having funded the building of two impressive spaces for the children. Not only did this infusion secure the school's future but also allowed for an additional nearby site of 150 children to be approved for the near future.



Children leading worship at El Plan de Pino Church of God of Prophecy



\$20 in groceries provided each month for families of children at El Plan de Pino School



One of the new classrooms constructed at El Plan de Pino School



Christmas gifts purchased for children at El Plan de Pino School



Joselyn Ramos, an orphaned student of the school now attending university



Children gathered with their guests at El Plan de Pino School

The team was blessed to also greet Joselyn Ramos, an orphaned student of the school that the team met on their initial tour. The church and school took on the responsibility of educating and caring for Joselyn after her parents died of renal failure, even assisting with funeral expenses. Today, Joselyn is serving the children of the school by teaching music while attending university with the assistance of the church. On the visit, a few of the school's children, organized by Joselyn, led the small congregation in two worship songs, with the children also playing their instruments.

In addition to the new classrooms, they got to see the gifts purchased for all the children for Christmas, as well as the groceries prepared for each family.

International Children's Ministries is grateful to Michelle Brooks-Young, KidServe volunteer coordinator, for her efforts to direct the various aspects of these projects. We are also incredibly grateful to the men, women, and children who supported this project through their faithfulness, commitment, and creativity in raising nearly \$100,000.00!



National Overseer of El Salvador Bishop Ishmael Ticas received \$100,000.00 from Bishop Shaun McKinley and KidServe Coordinator Michelle Brooks-Young at El Salvador National Congress, December 2021.



El Salvador National Director of Children's Ministries Ruth Panameño de Pineda presents a plaque of appreciation to Bishop Shaun McKinley and KidServe Coordinator Michelle Brooks-Young at El Salvador National Congress, December 2021.