



21 DAYS OF PRAYER

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DAY 1

WELCOME

We want to welcome you as you join with us to pray for the needs of children across Africa. There are over 400 million children in Africa. In most African countries, 40% of the population are children and when you add teens to that number it grows to 50% and above. That's a huge group of people that are precious in the Lord's sight. Africa's Children wants to empower the next generation through effective Kids Ministry. Prayer is a huge part of that.

At Africa's Children, we believe in the local church. Not only is the church God's plan for reaching our world, it is the church that is strategically located and equipped to best reach kids. Having a church in a community is a great first step toward reaching the children of that community, but to really serve this demographic effectively you need a church that is kid-friendly. This is a church that not only sees kids as important but one that takes the necessary steps to invest in ministry to children through dedicated spaces for kids, trained teachers for kids, and appropriate materials for kids.

Africa's Children wants to be a part of establishing these kinds of churches all over Africa. In some cases, it simply means coming alongside local churches to help resource them with tools, training, and materials needed to be kid-friendly. Other times it means encouraging leaders to see kids as important and helping them take steps towards becoming kid-friendly.

Whatever that looks like on the ground, we know a big part of seeing that become a reality is through prayer. That's why we are so grateful for each person who picks up this prayer journal to join us in praying for children in Africa. Some stories will lead you to rejoice in what God is doing, and other stories may put a godly sorrow in your heart for the need. Each story represents God's heart for the children of Africa and our desire to be a part of seeing that every child in Africa has the opportunity to experience the love of Jesus.

As each story is shared, we invite you to use the acronym P.R.A.Y. as a way to reflect and walk through the process of intentional prayer for children in Africa. We encourage you to:

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Pause to be still; to breathe slowly; to recenter your scattered senses upon the presence of God.

REJOICE AND REFLECT

Reflect on who God is, what He has done, His goodness in your life and the lives of children in Africa; thank Him and rejoice for all he has done.

ASK

Share your heart and these needs with God; pray through the bullet points included in each story.

YIELD

Listen to what He is saying; ask God how you should respond and write down His reply, actions to take, or thoughts for further reflecting.

On this first day, join us in praying for these specific needs.

- Pray that pastors and churches would see the need for children's ministry in their church and community.
- Pray that kid-friendly churches would rise up in cities, towns and villages all across Africa.
- Pray that God would call people from local churches to work with the children in their church and community.
- Pray that the desires of God's heart for children in Africa would be mirrored in the hearts of pastors and church leaders.



DAY 2

MAURITANIA

Aziza lives in Mauritania, a country on the western coast of Africa in the Sahara Desert. Aziza is a 14-year-old girl with a sherbet-colored veil draped over her brown skin and wavy, black hair. In her community, everyone speaks Arabic and is a Muslim. Her mother often lets her go across the dirt road to visit her American friend, Cloe. They have been friends and neighbors ever since Cloe moved in when they were both four-years-old.

As they grew older, Aziza taught Cloe how to braid her hair. Using henna, she painted beautiful flowers and vines on Cloe's feet and hands, and when they both turned 12, Aziza taught Cloe how to wrap a tie-died veil around her body and head so she would fit-in with the other girls. Aziza loves to sit for hours in Cloe's room and read her picture stories of Jesus. She'd read them over and over again. She felt like she would like to meet Jesus someday.

Unlike most girls her age, Aziza still goes to school. Her mother wants her to get a good education so she can earn her own money when she grows up. Like many women, her mother cannot read, and she wasn't able to work when Aziza's father left them. She wants a better life for Aziza. Usually their relatives and neighbors help them with food, but some days Aziza's mom doesn't have enough food to feed her and Aziza's five brothers and sisters.

One day, they had just enough food to make a meal and wood for the fire, but they were out of matches and didn't have a lighter. Her mom was ashamed to go to her neighbors yet again and ask for help. Aziza remembered the stories about Jesus that she had read at Cloe's house and had an idea. She went into their yard and sat on the carpet under the shade tent and prayed, "Jesus please help us." Immediately, a lighter flew into the tent and landed right in front of her. She ran out of the tent to see who threw it, but no one was around. Aziza told her friends how Jesus had cared for her family.

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Take a deep breath and recenter your thoughts on God and the magnitude of His love.

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God for families like Cloe's who live among Muslim people in Mauritania and bring the light of Jesus to those they live near. Consider how the friendship of a neighbor and miracle of a small lighter impacted the faith of Aziza and her community.

ASK

God, scripture says your Word will not return void and it has been sent out into the communities of Africa in written and audio form. Please provide opportunities for your Word to be heard by children and touch their hearts so that they will desire to know Jesus.

As you continue to pray, ask God to meet these specific needs in Africa:

- Pray that Muslims who give their lives to Jesus will have sufficient employment so that they can provide for their families.
- Pray that God will continue to reveal himself to Muslim families through miracles.
- Pray that The Father will protect and strengthen the young people who decide to follow Him, but live in Muslim households.
- Pray that Jesus will answer children's prayers so that they will know His love and power.

YIELD

What is God saying to you through the story of Aziza and Cloe today? Intercede for the Christian schools reaching children in unreached communities. Consider giving to support schools like these that open doors by demonstrating compassion toward children and their families at:

africaschildrennow.org/project/upg-schools



DAY 3

CAMEROON

Califa and Naïma live in Yaoundé, Cameroon. Their Muslim family lives just across the road from missionaries who live in the same neighborhood. Califa, Naïma, and their brothers and sisters all come to the Bible club in the yard of their missionary neighbors. Sometimes as many as 50 neighborhood kids come to play soccer, draw pictures, and do other activities. The club always ends with a small snack and a moral story taken from the Bible. The children give hugs and waves of goodbye to their hosts as they shout, “à samedi prochaine,” meaning “until next Saturday.”

The Bible club has been a huge part of building relationships and trust with the neighborhood families. Because of this relationship, Califa and Naïma’s father Ibrahim has often come to the missionaries when his children are sick. Along with providing medical help, when appropriate, the missionaries always asked to pray for the children as well. One day Ibrahim came to the missionaries’ house to tell them that Naïma had been sick and vomiting for several days. He didn’t know what more to do. He had spent all of his money on doctors, and she still wasn’t getting any better. The missionaries went home with Ibrahim and prayed for Naïma, in Jesus’ name. Early the next morning Ibrahim was back at his neighbor’s house so happy because his daughter was healed. She had immediately stopped vomiting and started gaining back her strength. Praise God for His healing power, which is a witness to those that don’t yet believe.

In Cameroon, like many other places in Africa, people from different religious backgrounds live together in the same neighborhoods. Even those who are resistant to traditional types of evangelism can be won over by neighbors who show the love of Jesus in practical, everyday ways.

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Close your eyes and calm your mind around the worries and tasks of today. Center your thoughts on God's healing power and consider how this miracle will draw Califa and Naïma's family and community closer to God.

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God for the ministry of neighborhood Bible clubs. Many times, children who wouldn't be allowed to go to a church service can come to a neighbor's house for a time of teaching and fun. Bible clubs are a great way to reach children and their families. Each time you pick up your Bible, say a prayer for Bible clubs in Cameroon and other places that are bringing the Gospel to the children of Africa.

ASK

God, you are a mighty healer whose power is limitless! Please allow neighborhood Bible clubs and other creative ministries to reach children in the country of Cameroon.

As you continue to pray, ask God to meet these specific needs in Africa:

- Pray that those doing these clubs will have the opportunity to minister to the families of the children, regardless of their background.
- Pray for Christians to be good neighbors and make the most of every opportunity they have with those who live around them.
- Pray that God would reveal himself to Muslim families through miracles and healing.

YIELD

Can you think of a time when someone showed you the love of Jesus in a practical, everyday way? Write about that experience: how did you feel and what impact did that make in your life? How can you show this love to your neighbors?



DAY 4

RELEVANT RESOURCES IN MALAWI

Jessie Pangani is the national children's ministry director for the Assemblies of God in Malawi. She is passionate about reaching children and helping them grow to be responsible future leaders. Malawi is a small nation in Southeast Africa. From mountains to lakes, cities and villages, Malawi is full of amazing landscapes and even more amazing people. In fact, nearly 20 million people call Malawi home and about half of them are under the age of 14. Many of these children are growing up without the hope of the gospel. However, great things are beginning to happen in Malawi.

One important element to realizing Jessie's vision for children is to have excellent curriculum for teachers to use in Sunday school and children's church. The children's ministry department has chosen to use the Safari Club curriculum. This is a great resource that takes children through 60 lessons that provide a comprehensive outline of Christian beliefs with activities that enhance learning.

In July, 2021 the Malawi Assemblies of God began resourcing churches with the English version of this curriculum. Along with the launch of the curriculum, church leaders are also being trained on how to use Safari Club and

how to reach children with the gospel. It is exciting to see what God is beginning to do in Malawi as the churches begin reaching out to the children in their communities. So far, hundreds of children's ministry leaders have been trained, but there are still thousands more who need training in order to be effective at discipling children into spiritually mature followers of Jesus.

While a number of churches are able to use the English version of Safari Club, many churches— especially those in small villages, need curriculum that is written in their native language. Thankfully, Safari Club is being translated into the national language of Chichewa. Jessie is confident that this translation of Safari Club will be a vital part of how churches reach the children in their communities. By equipping children's ministry leaders with this resource, they will be able to go further and faster in reaching children with the gospel. This is a huge step toward seeing a healthy, vibrant children's ministry within walking distance of every child in Malawi.

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Calm any hurried thoughts you may have and imagine the breathtaking Malawi landscapes described in this story. Consider all the avenues God is using to reach the beautiful children who live there.

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God for the leadership of Jessie Pangani and her team in providing resources and training teachers to reach and disciple children. As God continues to give them wisdom and direction, we trust that He will also provide for their needs.

ASK

God, the heart of the leadership you've appointed to children's ministry in Malawi is to see a vibrant children's ministry within walking distance of every child. Please continue to give your vision to these leaders and bless their efforts with extraordinary results in the lives of children in Malawi.

As you continue to pray, ask God to meet these specific needs in Africa:

- Pray with us to see the Chichewa translation of Safari Club completed and made available to even more churches.
- Pray that God would send more trainers to Malawi to train children's ministry leaders.
- Pray that God would burden every pastor in Malawi to reach the children in their communities with the gospel.

YIELD

Has quality discipleship impacted your life? How has it shaped you?

Consider how you can help teachers in Malawi and other countries get the tools they need in order to effectively teach kids. Visit africaschildrennow.org/project/jump-start to find out more.



DAY 5

VISION FOR THE YOUTH IN UGANDA

Pastor George Ofwono looked at the people around the table as he shared, “We have the youngest population of any country in Africa. Seventy percent of our population is under 18 years of age. Most of our people are children and youth.”

A special meeting had been called by leaders of the Uganda Assemblies of God to discuss how to establish a ministry to children that could be implemented in every one of their churches across the nation. Africa’s Children had been asked to send one of their experienced children’s ministry missionaries to help with this process.

Pastor George had recently been appointed as the national director of the new children’s ministry department. But most of the churches had no programs – no Sunday school, children’s church, or others – to reach and disciple kids. They were looking for help to train teachers, find curriculum, and inspire pastors on the importance of children’s ministry.

During a follow up visit, the children’s ministry leaders walked through a process to create a four-year plan to establish children’s ministry in every local church. Africa’s Children also helped print a training manual for ministry to

children to be used in a district-by-district training program. At the end of their time together, one of the church leaders expressed his gratitude saying, “Thank you. You helped us create a plan ourselves. This is our strategy we will use to train our children’s workers. We will show our pastors that children’s ministry is important. We can do this!”

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Be still. Close your eyes. Picture the multitude of children waiting to learn about the powerful love of Jesus. Imagine how the gospel could awaken hope and a beautiful future for each one.

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God for Pastor George and the children’s ministry team that have responded to the challenge of reaching this young nation. Uganda is filled with the tender hearts and open minds of children and youth. Praise God for leaders who recognize the significance of sharing the message of Jesus and discipling the next generation.

ASK

God, thank you for this fresh vision you have given the leaders in Uganda. Strengthen and encourage the newly appointed children’s ministry leaders as they implement the

new strategic plan to establish children’s ministry in every local Assemblies of God church in Uganda.

As you continue to pray, ask God to meet these specific needs in Africa:

- Pray that pastors in Uganda will catch the vision of reaching and discipling children
- Pray for the new resident missionary team that is working alongside the Ugandan church.
- Pray that other countries across Africa will develop similar strategic plans for reaching the youngest in their countries.

YIELD

Think of a time when you encountered a problem you couldn’t solve on your own. Did you seek wisdom and counsel for help? How did it feel to have a trustworthy partner come alongside and help you make a plan?

Write about your experience and ask God how you could assist a ministry in your church or community.



DAY 6

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Throughout the entirety of my message, my eyes continued to dart back and forth from the church congregation to the children looking in through the windows with a look of wonder. They were so curious. They were so hungry. The people inside the church were inspiring. They worshiped with passion and energy. They prayed with fervency and faith. They laughed with a joy and love that only the Lord provides. It refreshed my soul to an indescribable degree. But it was those on the outside of the church that grabbed my attention the most. They hung on the windows. They sat on the ledges. They stood in the back, not totally sure if they should commit. I couldn't stop thinking..."they are so hungry."

It reminded me of the story of Jesus returning to Capernaum in Mark chapter 2. Scripture paints a beautiful picture of people shoulder to shoulder, pressing up against one another just to get a glimpse of this man from Nazareth who could do miracles no one else could and teach like no one else taught. They had seen him before and they were hungry for more. What a sight. Although we often don't see this same hunger on a day-to-day basis, a hunger like this does exist. I saw it that day as I was preaching.

About an hour earlier, I was placed in the back of a taxi in the middle of Bujumbura, the capital city of Burundi. After

traveling the roads of this beautiful city and its outlying communities for 45 minutes, our vehicle pulled up to my assignment for that Sunday morning– with a translator waiting for me, I hoped! Little did I know, I was about to have church, if you know what I mean.

I was a part of a team visiting from the U.S. We had spent the week doing children’s ministry and training for children’s ministry workers. Sunday morning, however, was our chance to visit local churches and share in their morning services. It’s that part of our trip where I was struck with the hunger I saw.

Most statistics show that Burundi ranks near the top of the poorest countries in the world. Because of that, hunger is often a part of life for the people of Burundi. Physically, many of the children of Burundi are constantly craving more. But there’s an even greater hunger that rests on their hearts– and it’s a hunger for the Lord and the Kingdom of God. Their souls cry out for the bread of life.

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Close your eyes and think about the last time you were hungry. It’s possible that you have never experienced true physical or spiritual hunger like the people in Burundi. Open your heart to how God may ask you to be a part of meeting this need.

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God that missionaries have recently answered the call to serve in Burundi, but the work has just begun. God wants to bring an even greater harvest to Burundi, and He is calling people to be a part of that. Consider what your part may be in what God wants to do there: are you called to go, to pray, or to support those who go?

ASK

God, please provide nourishment for the children in Burundi and enable the local churches to be a part of meeting the daily needs that are present. Please create opportunities for their curious, hungry hearts to discover the truth of Jesus and how much you love them.

As you continue to pray, ask God to meet these specific needs in Africa:

- Pray that God will call many more people to support His harvest amongst children in Burundi and other countries in Africa.
- Pray that God will use short term mission trips to call people to missions, both those who go and those who send.
- Ask God if a short term mission trip is a part of His plan for you.

YIELD

Will you join in the harvest? Will you pray for the hearts of the children of Burundi and their families?



DAY 7

IVORY COAST

Fallé Désiré has had a passion for children's ministry for years, so it was no surprise that given the opportunity he completed all five levels of children's ministry training that is offered by the Assemblies of God children's department in Ivory Coast. He remarked that even though he had a passion to minister to children, it was the training he received that helped him to be more effective. The training taught him how to teach and disciple children of different age groups. He also learned how to maintain control in his classrooms. His training prepared him to direct the children's program of his church, to organize camps, and to provide training and seminars for parents.

Recognizing the importance of reaching the youngest generation, the Assemblies of God in Ivory Coast launched a national children's department about 30 years ago. Through the years, the department has equipped many leaders who work with children ages 3-18.

One of the main ways they are equipping the church for children's ministry is through their training program. This training program has five separate levels, two levels focused on the training of children's workers, two advanced levels focused on the training of Sunday school and camp directors, and the highest level is focused on the training of trainers. Once or twice a year these training sessions will take place over a one-week period where children's workers gather by

region for training. A typical training includes upwards of 200 trainees and a dozen or more trainers. At the end of the week, each person will be tested and instructed to write a short memoir to determine if they have met the requirements before receiving their certificate for the level of training in which they were enrolled.

One missionary that has had the privilege of participating in several national and regional trainings expressed her joy at seeing this knowledge applied in the churches. “Seeing the excitement of the workers being trained and their desire to use these new skills and insights to minister to children has been an inspiration to me. I love visiting a Sunday school class and seeing a new Bible game or a new method of teaching a lesson or memory verse. I have been amazed at how many creative ideas have come out of the trainings I have done throughout the years.”

Because leadership has prioritized the training of children’s workers, they have prepared hundreds of children’s workers to effectively lead children to Christ and to disciple them in their faith. It has led to thousands of children in Ivory Coast being eternally impacted by the gospel message.

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Be still and welcome the presence of God in this moment. Consider how God has provided each person wisdom and abilities for the ministry to which He has called us.

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God for passionate, equipped children's ministry workers like Fallé. God will use these willing workers to impact the next generation in Ivory Coast and across Africa. As we equip each other with skills for ministry, we are building up the body of Christ to spread the gospel.

ASK

God, you set the vision for children's ministry in the heart of those in Ivory Coast many years ago. Please continue this passion in current pastors and church leadership. Let them recognize the importance of training their children's workers and be willing to financially participate in training all their teachers.

As you continue to pray, ask God to meet these specific needs in Africa:

- Pray that God will financially provide for those workers that live in remote villages where the church is often unable to pay for them to attend a training.





DAY 8

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Pastor Nchazo and his brother Benjamin, joined a missionary in Equatorial Guinea to conduct an evangelistic children's outreach in a small, farming village. Being with these two young men that day was particularly significant for the missionary.

The missionary remembered them as two preschool boys sitting in a Sunday school class, as well as faithfully attending the weekly Castle of the King services. They had also attended the first Assemblies of God primary school and had been the top students of their class. As the years passed by, Pastor Nchazo and Benjamin moved from being the attenders to being leaders in Sunday school and Castle of the King. Pastor Nchazo, the older of the two, was also an excellent trainer for others to serve as children's workers in their churches and outreaches. The lives and ministries of these two men were greatly influenced by ministry to children, both traditional church ministry as well as being a part of a Christian school.

In children's ministry we often say that tomorrow's leaders are sitting in our Sunday school classes, children's outreaches, and classrooms today. As one children's ministry leader has said, "It would be impossible for me to visit the current president of my country, but I might have a future

president sitting in my class today.” You never know who you are influencing and what will be accomplished now and in the future because of an investment in the lives of children.

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Quiet your mind and imagine the joy this missionary felt serving with these two young men that day. Consider how life-giving it would have been to see the tangible results in the lives of these exceptional Christ-followers, after years of prayer and effort ministering to children.

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God for the investment in children’s ministry early on in Equatorial Guinea. The church in this country is growing today because someone was willing to invest in the lives of children.

ASK

God, your Word encourages us to sow generously and that we will reap that harvest if we do not give up. I pray the children’s workers will not be discouraged, even when the work is challenging. Please strengthen them to be faithful and encourage them with small victories, when the long-term vision is not immediately realized.

“...but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

– Galatians 6:8-9

As you continue to pray, ask God to meet these specific needs in Africa:

- Pray for the church in Equatorial Guinea to continue to emphasize ministry to children.
- Pray for the Nchazo brothers and others like them who came to Christ at a young age and ask God to use them mightily as adults.
- Pray for children in Equatorial Guinea and other countries that haven't yet heard that Jesus loves them and has a plan for their lives.
- Pray for Christian schools to have an impact on every student that comes through their doors.
- Pray for godly teachers in government schools who will be an influence for Christ.

YIELD

Can you remember an impactful ministry or person from your childhood? How could you honor their investment by ministering to children in your own life? Consider partnering with an Africa's Children project to help create impactful experiences for kids across the continent. Visit africaschildrennow.org/projects to learn how to partner today.



DAY 9

BECOMING A MISSIONARY TO KIDS

Jon first felt called to be a missionary to Africa when he was eight years old. At that young age he told his parents that he felt called to be a missionary to Madagascar. His parents encouraged Jon and supported his vision for his life. When asked what he wanted to be when he grew up Jon's answer was always, "a missionary to Madagascar."

Knowing where God is leading us doesn't mean we know every step of the journey. As an adult, Jon often asked God, when the calling would be fulfilled, only to hear "later." Eventually Jon and his wife ended up as children's pastors in a church in Wisconsin. Yet, the call to Africa was still in their hearts. In fact, when the pastor of their church asked Jon where he saw himself in ten years his answer was, "I'm called to be a missionary to Madagascar." Five years later, Jon and his wife heard about a mission trip to Burundi with a focus on children's ministry, and they knew this trip was for them.

This trip had been planned specifically for people who felt God calling them to missions in Africa with an emphasis on ministry to kids. The team trained leaders from the church in Burundi about the importance of children's ministry and how to see it succeed in their churches. They helped do a

children's outreach at a local church. Jon fell in love with this beautiful African country. The leadership was hungry to learn more about ministry to children and children were everywhere. As the trip was coming to a close, Jon heard God speak to him. He said, "I will get you to Madagascar, but the path won't be a straight line. I have plans for you in Burundi." It was the first time Jon had ever considered going anywhere other than Madagascar but God's voice had been clear. Burundi now, Madagascar later.

Jon and his family are currently serving in Burundi. God's call on their lives has been there a long time. It was an opportunity to go on a trip that opened the door to pursue that call.

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Sit for a moment and listen to the still, small voice of God. He speaks truth and calls His people the same today, as He has in generations before.

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God for people like Jon and his family who are willing to respond to God's call to be missionaries to the children of Africa. In most African countries over 40% of the population are under the age of 15. There is a huge need for more people who are committed to reaching this important demographic.

ASK

God, your thoughts are higher than our thoughts. I trust your plan even when I cannot see the full journey. Please continue to speak clearly and place your calling on the lives of your people. Give boldness to Christ-followers as we each step out in faith.

As you continue to pray, ask God to meet these specific needs in Africa:

- Pray that more people will respond to this call and find their way to those places God is calling them to serve.
- Pray for Jon and his family as they minister to children in Burundi.
- Pray for Africa's Children as they organize trips like the one Jon and his wife attended. Pray that many more people will begin their journey in Africa through these trips.

YIELD

What opportunities has God put in front of you that may be leading you to the next step for your life? Has God spoken to you about being a missionary to kids in Africa? Take the next step and visit africaschildrennow.org/get-involved to find out more.



DAY 10

TANZANIA

Chiko lives in the southern part of Tanzania, an area that is predominately Muslim. He accepted Jesus into his life as a young teen through the children's ministry of a local church. By the age of 15, Chiko was teaching adult Sunday school and preaching at evangelistic events for his church. Now in secondary school, Chiko is one of only three believers in his school of 500 students.

When asked about his ministry, Chiko gives all the glory to God and credits the power of the Holy Spirit in his life for what he is able to do for the Lord. "God is using me in many ways, but it's not by my own strength that I do any of it. When I let the Holy Spirit work in my life, God uses me," Chiko says.

Chiko is an incredible example of how God can use children and teens, not only when they grow up, but even in their youth. Kids can be filled with the Holy Spirit and used by God to reach their friends and neighbors, both young and old. Chiko is blessed to have a children's ministry leader that understands this. Flora is Chiko's pastor and children's ministry leader. Flora herself started out in ministry as a Sunday school teacher and children's evangelist. God has used her to reach children and encourage them to follow the call of God in their own lives. Chiko believes that God has called him to preach the gospel, not only in Tanzania, but around the world.

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Try to quiet the worries of your life in this moment. Consider the amazing power of God and His wonderful plan to use the tender hearts of children to share the gospel with their communities.

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God for Chiko and others like him who hear God's call through the children's ministry of their church. Praise God that they are following that call through the encouragement of children's ministry leaders. God is doing something revolutionary in the lives of children to reach people all across Africa.

ASK

God, your Word reminds us that the kingdom of Heaven belongs to children. Please continue to use Chiko to reach and disciple others. Raise up more children and teens who will serve in their youth and follow Your call on their lives.

“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.’”

– Matthew 19:14

As you continue to pray, ask God to meet these specific needs in Africa:

- Pray for God’s guidance and provision for Chiko as he follows the call on his life.
- Pray for more children’s ministry leaders like Flora who will encourage children to be filled with the Holy Spirit and used by God in ministry.
- Pray for more churches to be planted in the southern region of Tanzania.

YIELD

Have you surrendered to God’s plan for your life the way Chiko has? Are you willing to be used by the power of the Holy Spirit to reach those around you?

Spend time journaling about anything God brings to your mind today.



DAY 11

SOUTH AFRICA

Koletso is a young girl from South Africa with dreams of becoming a school teacher, but for a while her dreams died. Her mom died when she was only 9 years old, and she was left to live with her father and grandmother. However, she only sees her father on the weekends as he must leave early each day and only returns late each night from his job in another city. Her grandmother was unable to help her with homework, and Koletso began to do poorly in school. This, combined with her sadness over her mother's death, caused Koletso to lose hope.

Then one day she was invited to come to a local Assembly of God church in her community. Each afternoon at the church she received a hot meal, enjoyed playtime with friends, but most valuable to her, she got help with her homework. As Koletso improved in her schoolwork, her dreams of becoming a teacher began to live again. She also heard about Jesus and made the most important decision to follow him. Now she is filled with His love and hope.

Koletso believes her dream of becoming a teacher is possible and hopes to one day help children like herself who may have lost hope due to the difficult challenges of growing up in South Africa.

Following the onslaught of AIDS in the 90's in Southern Africa, many children lost one or both parents like Koloetso. At times a granny or lone auntie would be raising and caring for up to 10-20 children. In response to this crisis, several Assemblies of God churches began looking for ways to help these families as they struggled to survive. What developed was an after-school feeding program called Entokozweni (Place of Hope). It was at one of these places of hope where Koletso found the help she needed.

Local churches canvassed their communities identifying the most vulnerable children and inviting them to the daily program at the church. Once they arrived, the children were fed a hot meal (often their only one for the day), taught a Bible lesson, helped with homework, and given counsel. Between 2005 and 2018, twelve centers were started at local churches. Each center is fully funded. They are run by local church members and locally sourced donations. Outside funds were only used to set up kitchens, buy permanent supplies for feeding up to 100 children, and train workers. Today the most successful program serves over 150 children each afternoon.

They have created a computer lab to teach the children computer skills. They opened a bakery to provide vocational training and an opportunity to make money for several at-risk children in the church. After some time, the local schools began calling the church to ask if problem children could participate in the program. Teachers had seen the dramatic change in those who participated in the ministry and wanted other children to experience the same transformational opportunity. This local church program is bringing balance, peace, and discipline to the children's lives and making a huge impact in the community.

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Take a deep breath and focus your thoughts on the overwhelming love God has for the children in Africa and for you!

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God for these “Place of Hope” centers and the churches that run them. Consider the life change that has taken place since these local churches opened the doors to their communities. They have been meeting physical needs, developing skills for future success and offering a safe place to dream, all through the power of the Holy Spirit.

ASK

God, your love is transformative. You have been transforming the lives of children at the “Place of Hope” centers for more than 15 years. Please continue to provide and bless so that these places of hope can continue to bring change to children like Koletso.

As you continue to pray, ask God to meet these specific needs in Africa:

- Pray for the children of South Africa. Pray that they will learn about Jesus, how He loves them, and learn how to depend on Him for help.





DAY 12

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Salif was born into a strong Muslim family and grew up with no knowledge of Jesus. Following his father's death, he began suffering from severe back pain, chronic headaches, and terrible nightmares. His life had become miserable. But God was preparing to change it all.

As he was on his way to enroll for the new school year, he surprisingly found himself in front of the Assembly of God junior and senior high school located in Soubré, Côte d'Ivoire. He knew nothing about the school and had no intentions of attending a Christian school. However, he felt as if some force was pushing him to check out the school. After talking with the school director, he enrolled for the upcoming school year.

Salif enjoyed his new school. Not only was he receiving a good education, but his teachers were caring and encouraging. In the chapel services, he was learning what the Bible taught about Jesus. And little by little his life began to change. "The moments of prayer, the Bible teaching, and the [prayer for] deliverance ... totally changed my heart and my negative thoughts. I abandoned my body and soul to the work of Jesus Christ who is my Lord and Savior," said Salif.

After his decision to follow Christ, he was totally healed and delivered from the nightmares. His life completely

changed. He began faithfully attending church, and shortly after, he received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Christian schools exist in many countries across Africa. In Niger, a predominately Muslim nation, there are long waiting lists for students to attend Assemblies of God Christian schools because they are among the best schools in the country. The large majority of students in Niger, attending the public schools, never make it beyond the 6th grade. Muslim parents, knowing that their children will receive one of the best educations available to them, are accepting to place their children in Christian schools. These students and their families are not only benefiting from the excellent education provided by these schools, but are also experiencing the caring love of the Christian teachers and staff and have the opportunity to hear the gospel message. Many students and family members have accepted Jesus as a result of these Christian schools.

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Close your eyes and imagine your life without access to education and the hope of Jesus. Consider the amazing ways Salif's life was changed by the gospel through attending his local Christian school.

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God for the many Christian schools across Africa, like the one Salif attends. These schools are meeting a desperate need for more classrooms and are providing a quality education that is often unavailable in public schools.

ASK

God, please bless and protect the many students, like Salif, attending Christian schools across Africa. May they not only succeed in their studies, but experience the love of God.

As you continue to pray, ask God to meet these specific needs in Africa:

- Pray for students of non-Christian families that have accepted Jesus while attending school. Pray that they will be strong in the face of persecution and that even after graduating from the school they will continue in their commitment to Jesus.
- Pray that the teachers and staff of Christian schools will have the wisdom to know how to share the gospel with their students and their families. Pray that they will be committed to providing a quality education to their students.
- Pray for the protection of many Christian schools that exist in areas in danger of being attacked by Islamic terrorists.





DAY 13

MALI

Levi was born and raised in a devout Muslim village in Mali. At 11 years old, Levi completed primary school. Because he is an intelligent young man, he qualified to go on to secondary school, but the only option was to send him to an Islamic school. As he recites the Quran, you can see the life leave his eyes. The teachers there see that he is gifted and want to train him to one day be an Islamic teacher. He never knew there was much more out there for him until one day, when a truck pulled up outside his house.

Every Sunday, there is a truck that drives into Levi's village to pick up anyone that would like to go to church. One day, Levi hopped in and off to church he went. At the time, the church met in an animal food hanger, often interrupted by cows mooing and chickens running across people's feet. This foreign but fun meeting became quite appealing to Levi, and he began to attend weekly.

As months passed, loading up in the truck was something Levi started to look forward to. One Sunday as the pastor began to pray aloud, one of the children's workers asked Levi if he wanted to learn how to pray. He was used to praying but just not in Jesus' name. He replied, "yes" and began by repeating a simple prayer. Week after week he was next to the children's worker whispering his sweet prayers to God.

Part way through the service the children are dismissed for children's church. One week at the end of children's church

Levi was asked if he wanted to close in prayer. Of course, this would mean that his quiet, whispered prayers would be heard by all his friends, but he accepted the challenge. There he stood in front of his peers, he lifted his hands and prayed out loud in Jesus' name.

Levi is one of many children in this small village, eager for something more. Something that will put the life back into their eyes and hope back into their hearts. The Islamic teachers were right, Levi is gifted and one day he will be a teacher, but just not in the way they think. By faith, one day Levi will be teaching in Jesus' name. He may be the first of his friends to do that, but God has called each and every one of these children to use their giftings to bring glory to His name. All they must do is take that first step to hop in the truck.

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Take a moment to recenter your thoughts on God. Consider how a simple invitation created an opportunity for Levi to encounter the life-changing power of God.

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God for these Christ followers who are willing to invite their friends and neighbors to church. Praise God for a Bible-believing church in this predominately Muslim country. The hope of Jesus can spread to the Muslim family and friends of

each child, changing the course of history for Mali and other African countries.

ASK

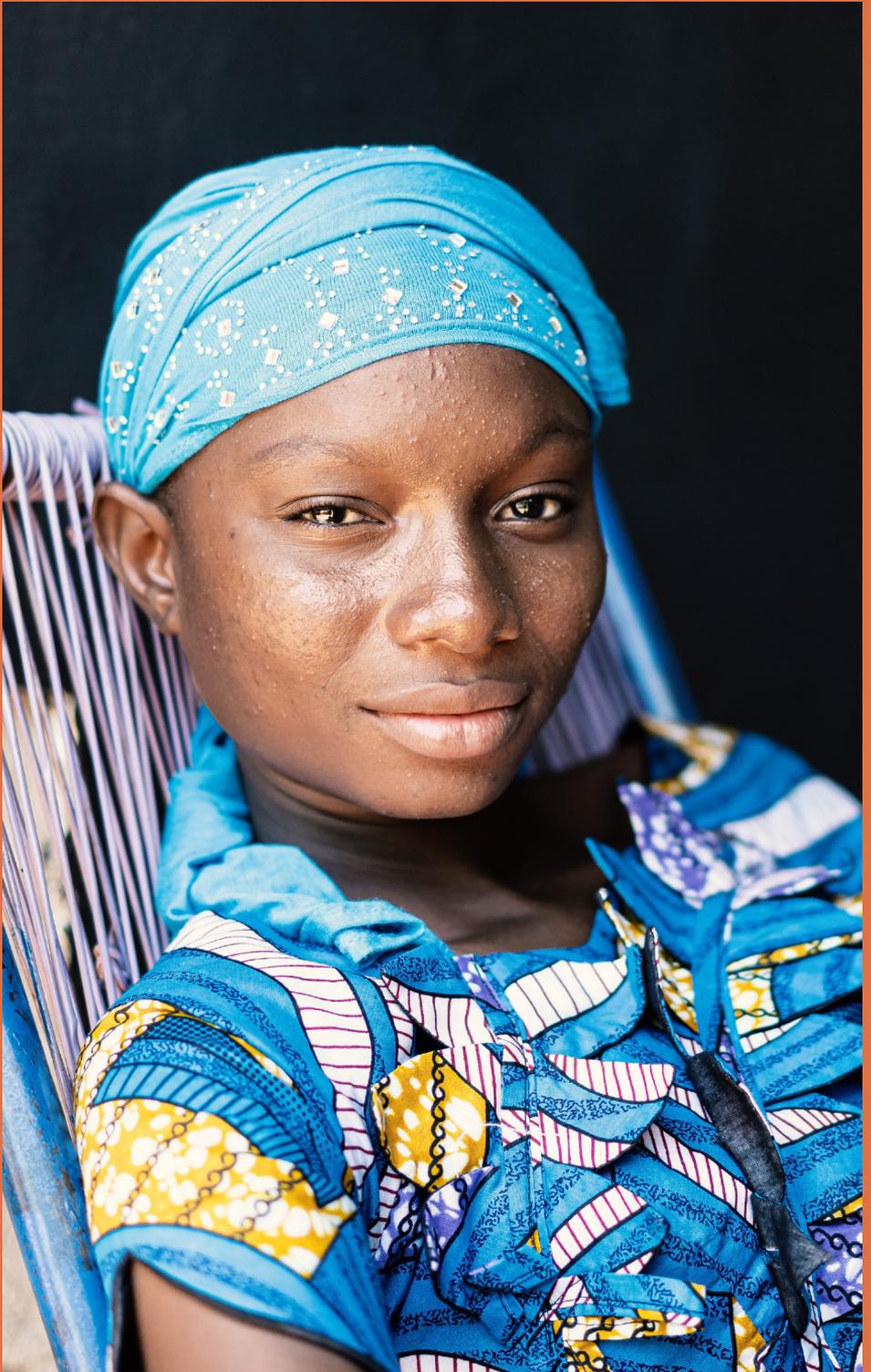
God, thank you for cultivating the small whispers of children in Mali into bold prayers! Please continue to provide the opportunity for more children to ‘hop into the truck’ so they may hear the gospel in a local church.

As you continue to pray, ask God to meet these specific needs in Africa:

- Pray that this newly established Sunday school becomes a platform of peace and refuge for these children to come and feel loved. Pray that other ministries to children will begin.
- Pray that by reaching and loving on the children in the village, in turn, their parents will also hear the Good News.
- Pray that the national church of Mali pours into reaching this next generation of believers.

YIELD

What is God saying to you through Levi’s story? How can you respond with action in your own life?



DAY 14

MINISTERING TO TEENS THROUGHOUT AFRICA

Connie is a teen growing up in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). She is an outspoken, strong, and at times, rebellious teen. She pushes boundaries and has opinions just like any normal teen. Connie has been to many churches in her life, but as a teen has really struggled to find one that provides her with tools to grow in an atmosphere of grace, truth, and compassion. She has had a hard time finding a place where like-minded teens could come together, be filled spiritually, and be poured into by adults adequately equipped to guide them through the realities of teen life. At one point, Connie confided in one of her leaders that she has thought about leaving the church because she doesn't feel like there is a place for her and therefore, doesn't see its relevance in her life.

Unfortunately, very few churches in the DRC have a designated place for teens ages 13 to 18. It's the same in most countries across Africa. Once they leave Sunday school, at around age 12 or 13, teenagers find themselves either being

lumped into a group of young adults, ages 18 to 35, or staying in the Sunday school class with the elementary aged kids. It is no secret that our teenage years are important, formidable, and confusing no matter where you live. Having a safe, designated place to grow and learn about who we are in relation to Jesus is essential if we want to see teens become life-long followers of Jesus. Because most churches in Africa include this age group under children's ministry, Africa's Children is committed to help with this vital ministry to teens.

Connie is one of the fortunate ones because her church now has a special ministry geared toward teens. She has found a place where she feels safe to be herself and to ask the hard questions. She has found it easier to invite growth and accountability into her life and has reached out for help in areas where she is struggling. Her leaders have not backed down from hard conversations, but rather, have leaned into them with a new confidence and gentleness. These leaders have come alongside her to pray and give her guidance.

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Take a deep breath and thank God that He walks with us through all seasons. Give thanks for His never ending love and grace.

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God for this church and for these leaders willing to minister specifically to teens. Praise God for churches who have made place for teenagers, like Connie, to feel safe and loved as they navigate these difficult years.

ASK

God, impress upon the churches in Africa the need for this important ministry. Call leaders to get involved in reaching and discipling teens. Provide volunteers and resources to help these ministries flourish and meet the needs of their communities.

As you continue to pray, ask God to meet these specific needs in Africa:

- Pray that pastors would see the importance of teen ministry in their churches and become advocates for starting and supporting this ministry.
- Pray that God would call, equip, and give people a heart to disciple teens and work as youth leaders.
- Pray that the teens of Africa would become life-long followers of Jesus and have access to life-giving and godly discipleship.
- Pray for missionaries to work creatively with churches and national churches to spiritually invest in the next generation.





DAY 15

SUDAN

Abdallah's father took him to the mosque when he was five years old. After their Ramadan prayers, his father asked him to wait in a specific location. Abdallah obediently waited but his father did not return. After waiting for some time, Abdallah began crying. A good man approached him, offered help, and then took him to his home. Abdallah ended up staying with this family and becoming one of their children.

When Abdallah talks about his past, he vividly recalls being abandoned by his father. "My father promised me that he would come back to pick me up to take me home, but he never did," Abdallah explains.

Abdallah did not see his birth father again until he was 20 years old. Understandably, he had retained some bitterness about his father's behavior at the mosque many years ago. He was not able to forgive his father for abandoning him.

But when Abdallah turned 21 years old, he accepted Jesus as his savior. Jesus healed his past hurts and helped him forgive his father. Abdallah explains it this way, "I realized that we must forgive people in the same way that Jesus has forgiven us of our sins. When my father promised to return to take me home and never did, it hurt me for a long time. But when I received Jesus, I recognized that I have an eternal Father and that He will fulfill His promise to return to take me home."

So many children in Sudan have never heard of their heavenly Father. They are unaware of this Father that loves them and will never forget them. They need to hear that Jesus can forgive them of their sins and bring them into right relationship with a Father that will always keep his promises.

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Close your eyes and center your mind. Be still and let the reminder of His forgiveness wash over you. Thank God for His mercy and grace.

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God for the forgiveness that Abdallah received and then displayed to his father. Consider how God's transformative love could cleanse the deep and profound pain caused by this earthly father.

ASK

God, your Word ensures us that you are faithful in all of your promises. We are so grateful for this amazing gift. Please reveal yourself to the Sudanese children and their families, so that they may discover Jesus as their hope.

“The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.” – Psalm 145:13

As you continue to pray, ask God to meet these specific needs in Africa:

- Pray that children in Sudan will hear about Jesus and choose to follow Him.
- Pray for more families to join the team of missionaries in Sudan.
- Pray for children's pastors who would be willing to serve in the international church in the capital of Khartoum and in other churches.

YIELD

Think about the transformation that occurred in your own life when you accepted Christ as your Savior. Write about the changes you experienced.

- Did He heal you from past wounds?
- Were you able to share that forgiveness with someone in your life who wronged you?



DAY 16

PARTNERSHIP

Lydia Wonget is the children's ministry director for the Full Gospel Mission in Cameroon. Cameroon is a central African country, slightly larger than California, with a population of over 28 million. Over 40% of those living in Cameroon are under the age of 15. Lydia and her leadership team are responsible for encouraging and equipping all the Full Gospel churches in the country to reach and disciple these children. As you can imagine this is a huge task, but one that they are fully engaged in doing. One of the ways they accomplish this task is through strategic partnerships with missionaries. This is what Lydia has to say about working with missionaries,

“In life, re-inventing the wheel is not the best thing to do. Strategic partnerships solve a lot in the field. Having missionaries, especially in the children's ministry, is a great way of raising a lasting church in Cameroon and Africa. The church in Cameroon is struggling with ministry to children. The arrival of missionaries will enhance opportunities to enrich engaging experiences on both sides. We need missionaries and they need us, so we can prepare the children for kingdom expansion and the return of the Lord. Our giftings put together with the Holy Spirit in us will go a long way to include children in the end time harvest.”

What a powerful combination– “Our giftings put together with the Holy Spirit in us.” Working together, missionaries and local churches can accomplish so much more for God's

kingdom. Strategic partnerships, like the ones Lydia is talking about, are key to reaching the next generation in Africa. When missionaries come alongside local believers, they can combine their talents and resources to do exponentially more than either could do on their own.

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Quiet your mind and set aside the worries of life. Focus on this dynamic gift of partnership that can change the lives of children when coupled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God for the missionaries that are currently working alongside local churches to reach and disciple children in Africa. There are so many more places that need missionaries to come alongside churches as they minister to children. Adding to these teams could mean sharing the hope of Jesus with millions of children throughout Africa and the world.

ASK

God, please raise up even more missionaries to work specifically among children in countries across Africa. Your Word tells us that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few so I am praying earnestly for you to call laborers into the fields.

Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”
– Matthew 9:37-38

As you continue to pray, ask God to meet these specific needs in Africa:

- Pray for Lydia and those she works with. Pray that God will use them to reach the next generation in Cameroon.
- Pray that children in Cameroon will accept the Lord early in life, will be disciplined, and used by God to reach their peers.
- Pray for the partnership between missionaries and local children’s ministry workers to be powerful and effective.

YIELD

In most African countries over 40% of the population is under the age of 15, yet the number of missionaries working with children is very small.

Would you pray that God would continue to call missionaries to work with kids in Africa? Are you willing to go if that is what God is calling you to do?



BOTSWANA

Warona was in second grade and he attended Tumelo primary school in Botswana. Twice each week, a missionary and his team would come to the school for special lessons from the Bible on godly character. Warona loved the bi-weekly lessons so much that he wanted to read the Bible at home and readily joined his mother and sister in going to church.

Warona's father, Tebogo, was a teacher at the school. He was responsible for getting the children to the Bible lessons each week, but unfortunately, his life didn't reflect the godly character that was being taught. Tebogo was a drunk. Every day after bringing his children home from school he would go to the bar and start drinking.

One week, the Assemblies of God church in Warona's village held some evangelistic services. Warona's father had no intention of going and made his usual trip to the bar after work. Upon returning home the family met him at the door and asked him to take them to the church for the meetings. He agreed.

On the way to the meeting Warona began pleading with his father. "Daddy, please stop drinking. It's hurting our family and ruining your life!" The boy began crying as he begged his father. Although he was already intoxicated, the man was deeply touched and decided to join the family for the service that night. The Holy Spirit, not limited by this man's drunkenness, moved upon him. He surrendered his life to Christ and was born again.

Over the years this father's faith has grown. He is now a leader in the church and called to full-time ministry. He met the same missionary who visited Warona's school in one of his Bible school classes. It's there that he relayed his story of how he came to know Jesus because of the urging of his seven-year old son. It all began with a seven-year old boy and the power of the gospel being shared in a primary school.

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Take a deep breath and center your thoughts on God. Think about His grace and His faithfulness to meet us right where we are.

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God for this ministry that is changing lives in public schools. Praise God for the children who will lead their families with such great faith. Consider how many families across Africa could be changed by the power of a child who has heard the gospel.

ASK

God, we are so grateful for the teams who are sharing the life-changing power of God's Word with other children like Warona. Strengthen these missionaries and local believers

in Botswana, as their task is significant. Please provide encouragement and wisdom as they present the hope of Jesus to these young hearts.

As you continue to pray, ask God to meet these specific needs in Africa:

- Pray for more volunteers to be raised up to go into all the public primary schools in Botswana.
- Pray for a committed leadership team to expand this ministry nation-wide.
- Pray that adults would have their hearts turned towards children so children's ministry is prioritized.
- Pray that the doors will stay open to freely share the Gospel in public schools in Botswana.
- Pray for similar ministries to thrive in other countries where the public schools are open to teaching God's Word.

YIELD

God used a seven-year-old boy to lead his family to Christ. This is the story of many families in Botswana and around the world. Think about a time when God used a child to speak truth into your life. Write about that experience and what God might be speaking to you through this story.

How can you get involved with children's ministry in your church so that families in your community may be impacted by transformative love of God?



DAY 18

ADVOCATING FOR AFRICA

As we came in out of the bright sunlight, our eyes began adjusting to the dimly lit room. Sitting on the floor were dozens of children attending their afternoon lessons on the Quran at the local Madrassa. These students would spend hours each day memorizing the words of their sacred text in a language they didn't understand or speak. They would sit under the teachings of their leaders who were strict disciplinarians. These schools were well funded and strategically located in most neighborhoods in this community. Attendance at these religious schools was in addition to the regular classes that the children attended at local public schools and was a mandatory part of each day for these kids.

It was shocking to see the commitment of the entire community to surround these children with their religion. To fund it. To prioritize it. It was such a contrast to the Western Church that teaches children about the grace of God and helps them experience His love and forgiveness. It was also a contrast between their intentionality and what is deemed as optional or convenient in our world. We know the difference the gospel makes in the life of a young person. What a tragedy for a child to be taught the ways of a religion where there is no grace or assurance of forgiveness. What a tragedy the Muslim faith has such an intentional strategy in Africa, and the Pentecostal church is trying to catch up.

Have you ever experienced something that totally changed your perspective? Not something you saw on social media or presented by the news, but something you experience firsthand? That was my experience that day at the Madrassa. I was just a visitor, traveling with a team from the U.S. to a Muslim stronghold in Africa. I use the word “stronghold” specifically, not because it is more powerful than the light of the Gospel, but because of the intentionality of Muslim leaders in that area for centuries.

I knew that I wasn’t called to move to that part of the world but I was called to go back home with a different perspective, with a renewed passion for prayer. A sense of calling to be involved even though I was living thousands of miles away. God calls all of us to be a part of reaching those who live in spiritual strongholds. Yes, some are called to go, but some of us are called to stay and be advocates. To advocate through prayer and giving so that these children can hear about Jesus.

Africa needs our prayers. The children need to know the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Quiet your thoughts and listen to the Holy Spirit. Take note of what He is speaking to your heart today.

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God for those ministering to children in these Muslim strongholds. Praise God for the power of the gospel to overcome years of false religious teaching. Consider the impact of intentional teaching and God's transformational forgiveness to draw children in Africa to Himself so they may serve Him the rest of their lives.

ASK

God, your heart is for children to know you and grow up understanding the miraculous gifts of grace and mercy. Please create opportunities for children in Muslim communities to hear about this amazing gift. Call your people to pray, give and go where you are working to change lives in Africa.

As you continue to pray, ask God to meet these specific needs in Africa:

- Pray that advocates would rise up from across the world to pray for and financially support ministry to children in Africa.
- Pray that missionaries and ministries will gain access to these strongholds to demonstrate the power of the gospel in tangible ways.
- Pray that the Church will grow a passion to reach children for Jesus with the specific intentionality displayed in the Muslim religion.





DAY 19

TRAINING TEACHERS

Paul Meivukie is the national director for children's ministry for the Tanzania Assemblies of God. With over 13,000 churches across a country that is twice the size of California, this is a pretty big job. One thing Paul knows is that in order to reach and disciple kids in Tanzania you have to have teachers in local churches who are trained and equipped. One option for training is a special children's ministry training program that is offered at two different Bible schools in the country. This is a wonderful opportunity for in-depth training for those who feel called to ministry to children.

But not everyone can attend an extended training like the one offered in these Bible school settings. Sometimes finances, family and job responsibilities, or other challenges make it impossible for people to take advantage of this opportunity. That's why Paul and his team have developed a program to take training to the teachers. A mobile training course that travels where people are. This program is called the Teacher's Training Program or TTP for short. The TTP has been training children's ministry workers across Tanzania for many years. As Paul says, "We continue to use the TTP because it is a very effective way to help a large number of teachers. Just this past year we were able to train

1,200 teachers through this program. But we need to do even more and take the program to parts of the country where it hasn't yet been available." Children's ministry workers are taught how to prepare their own lessons, use curriculum, teach creatively, and many other relevant topics.

Providing training for children's ministry workers directly impacts the lives of kids. One lady who attended one of these training sessions gave this testimony.

"The children say that I'm their favorite teacher. They like it when it's my turn to teach because I have things to show them. They are always excited to see what I will bring to class. I learned how to teach creatively, in a way that children understand and remember, at the TTP."

This training has helped this teacher and many more like her, impact the lives of kids in her church and community. That's the whole point of training, helping those that God has called to children's ministry be more effective in what they do.

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Take a moment to breathe deeply and focus on the blessings God has given you. Think about those who were called to do His work throughout scripture and the way He provided exactly what they would need.

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God for the work of Paul and his team in training children's ministry workers in Tanzania. Consider how many teachers have been equipped through this training, and how many more lives could be impacted as it becomes more accessible.

ASK

God, create opportunities for Paul and his team to take the training program to the remaining regions of Tanzania where it hasn't yet been available. Please provide the resources and open the doors to train teachers across Tanzania, so that more children may know You.

As you continue to pray, ask God to meet these specific needs in Africa:

- Pray that every teacher who goes through the training program will be encouraged and equipped to be even more effective in their ministry to kids.
- Pray that similar training programs would be started in other countries in Africa.
- Pray that God would continue to call and raise up teachers in every church in every community across Africa.

YIELD

Do you remember a teacher who was specifically skilled at his or her job? Think about how this person impacted your learning experience.

Ask God how He may be calling you to support teacher training in Tanzania.



DAY 20

LESOTHO

Imagine living your whole life without sound or the ability to speak. That was the reality of little Thabo. Thabo was a young boy living in the small mountain village of Sekubu in the country of Lesotho. From birth, Thabo was unable to hear or speak. Fortunately, he was born into a family of believers. Thabo and his family regularly attend the local church in their village. One week, missionaries visited the church where Thabo attends. While there, they not only preached to the adults but also ministered to the children of the church. During their visit, Pastor Peter, knowing about Thabo's condition, asked them to pray for Thabo who was now eight years old. Pastor Peter believed that healing was possible for Thabo, and the missionaries were happy to lay hands on him and pray for the boy.

A month had passed, and Pastor Peter called his missionary friends. "Do you remember the young boy you prayed for at our church?" the pastor asked. "God completely healed him. He can now hear, and he is learning to speak."

What a testimony to the miracle-working God we serve. He still does miracles today! We can't explain why sometimes God heals and sometimes he doesn't. That is part of the mystery of a God who created and knows all things. Yet, we do know and are instructed to pray for the sick. Young or old, no matter the ailment or need, we must believe as followers of Jesus that the Lord is still capable of doing the impossible today.

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Take a deep breath and calm your wondering thoughts. Consider God's amazing power, this miracle of healing, and the faith of these believers in Lesotho.

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God for this miracle! Praise God for missionaries and pastors that believe God can and does still heal today. Because of this Bible-believing church in Sekubu, Thabo can now hear.

ASK

God, your Word reminds us that what is impossible for man is possible for God. Please strengthen my faith to believe in your healing power that is available to all. As the believers in Lesotho trust you with their impossible situations, please do exceedingly more than they could even think.

“Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” – Matthew 19:26

As you continue to pray, ask God to meet these specific needs in Africa:

- Pray for more churches to be planted across the country of Lesotho.
- Pray for the children's ministry in Lesotho to move forward. Pray for wise, Spirit-led leaders to reach and disciple children.



DAY 21

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US!

We believe your prayers have already begun to move the heart of God and to prepare young hearts to encounter Jesus. These little ones represent the future of Africa and generations of Jesus-followers to come. Every prayer matters to God, and so does every child. On a continent where half of the population is age 19 or younger, our mission is critical and time-sensitive: we want to see a kid-friendly church planted within walking distance of every child in Africa.

Children's ministry in Africa is still in the early stages. In the meantime, children are hungry for more of Jesus, and where Sunday schools exist they fill makeshift pews with excitement. They are being drawn by the Holy Spirit into a relationship with God, presenting a crucial window of opportunity for the church to cultivate the seeds of faith planted in soil that has not yet hardened. That is why we are helping to lay a foundation for impactful outreach and age-appropriate discipleship. It has never been more important to train teachers and leaders to engage children with the love of Jesus.

What about you? As you've prayed, have you sensed God's burden for the children of Africa?

Take time to
P. R. A. Y.

PAUSE

Close your eyes and think about how God pursues everyone, even the smallest ones in the most remote corners of the desert.

REJOICE & REFLECT

Praise God that He is revealing Himself to children in Africa! Thank Him for asking us to be the hands of Jesus, as He “took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.” (Mark 10:16)

ASK

Father, you said, “to such as these [children] belongs the Kingdom of Heaven.” (Matthew 18) Help me, Lord, to become like a child in my trust in you! Help me to obey you when I don’t understand and to sacrifice with confidence knowing you will provide everything. Use me so the next generation in Africa would have spiritual mothers and fathers to disciple and pray for them as they grow.



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ZAMBIA

MALAWI

MOZAMBIQUE

ZIMBABWE

BOTSWANA

SWAZILAND

LESOTHO

MAURITIUS

Reunion
(FRANCE)

MADAGASCAR



AFRICA'S CHILDREN

**TOO OFTEN KIDS IN AFRICA
DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO
A KID-FRIENDLY CHURCH.**

**TOGETHER, WE CAN
ESTABLISH DEDICATED
KIDS MINISTRIES IN AFRICA
— BECAUSE EVERY CHILD
DESERVES TO EXPERIENCE
THE LOVE OF JESUS.**

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