



PRAYER GUIDE

JULY-SEPTEMBER 2020

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Toybox Prayer Guide. Thank you so much for all your prayers for our work with street children.

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JULY 2020

Week 1 – (Sunday 28 June – Saturday 4 July)

Please pray for our work in India, where the new school year usually starts in July. If schools are able to reopen safely, please pray for safe learning opportunities for the most vulnerable children, and especially for those in our education project who will have lost time and support whilst the schools have been closed during lockdown.

Week 2 – (Sunday 5 – Saturday 11 July)

We ask you to pray for the situation in Guatemala as, although the government imposed travel restrictions early on in the pandemic, the level of infection is thought to have been hugely affected by the number of people deported from the US. It is clear that lockdown measures are hitting the poorest families in Guatemala hardest and many children are going hungry. Please pray for our partners as they distribute emergency food rations and that these will reach the most vulnerable and in need.

Week 3 – (Sunday 12 – Saturday 18 July)

This week we give thanks that, through the work of our partner in Nepal, 25 children have been registered with their birth certificates. We ask you to join with us as we pray for the resumption of project activities, when it is safe and possible to do so, so that this vital work can continue and more vulnerable children can be registered.

Week 4 – (Sunday 19 – Saturday 25 July)

During the pandemic, our partners in Kenya are continuing to support vulnerable children and young people including those who are in conflict with the law who are currently being held in remand homes. Please pray for the safety of these children and those who are trying to help them – and pray that they are not forgotten by the authorities who should be working to protect them.

Week 5 – (Sunday 26 July – Saturday 1 August)

On 30th July we celebrate International Day of Friendship. In Guatemala, our partner is helping young people, through training, to build their life skills in order to help them access safe employment. As part of this project, young people are supported through peer to peer support and encouraged to pass on what they have learnt to others. Join us as we give thanks for this opportunity for knowledge and skills to be shared and for friendships to be built.

JULY



AUGUST 2020

Week 1 – (Sunday 2 – Saturday 8 August)

The government of Bolivia has begun to ease some lockdown measures and quarantine has been lifted in the areas in which we work. While this means that our partners can resume some project activities, there is concern that it is too early to lift these measures and that, as a result, the country will see an increased number of coronavirus cases and those who are most vulnerable and at-risk will suffer. Please pray for the continued safety and health of our partners and the children we work with.

Week 2 – (Sunday 9 – Saturday 15 August)

Our partner in India has been working hard to adapt their approach to supporting street children since they have been in lockdown. As a result, lots of their vital work has gone online and their outreach workers are communicating with children and families by phone. Inevitably, there are some children who do not have access to phones, so please join us in praying that these messages of support are reaching them.

Week 3 – (Sunday 16 – Saturday 22 August)

Wednesday 19th August is World Humanitarian Day, and this week we give thanks that our partner in El Salvador responded quickly to lockdown restrictions by advocating for government support for street-connected children. Thanks to their hard work, the authorities have housed street children in shelters and have committed to providing them with food and medical care during the lockdown period. Please pray that this vital support continues, both during the lockdown period and after it ends.

Week 4 – (Sunday 23 – Saturday 29 August)

Please pray for the safety and wellbeing of children who have gone back to their villages during the nationwide lockdown in Nepal. Please also pray for our partners as they work with children living in slum communities, supporting them with outreach programmes that include health and hygiene camps and the provision of emergency food and pray that children using our partners' emergency helpline receive appropriate support.

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER 2020

Week 1 – (Sunday 30 August – Saturday 5 September)

We give thanks that in Bolivia, over the last year 357 children were registered and received their birth certificates. The next step for these children will be ensuring they can access vital services including healthcare and education. In addition to this, over the same period, 162 children received life skills training on how to develop life goals and achieve them. Please pray for these children as they begin their journey towards a brighter future.

Week 2 – (Sunday 6 – Saturday 12 September)

Our partners in Sierra Leone have been working in the centre of Freetown to reach some of the most vulnerable children and support them to go to school. Please pray for their protection as they spend time building trust with children and young people on the streets. Please pray for the safe re-opening of schools in September, which will allow the project to continue with the enrolment of 100 children.

Week 3 – (Sunday 13 – Saturday 19 September)

Join us as we give thanks that 6 children who had previously been in conflict with the law in Kenya have now been enrolled into vocational skills training. We also give thanks for a psychosocial support session, that was held for 16 young people formerly in conflict with the law, on self-esteem, self-identity, anger management and entrepreneur skills.

Week 4 – (Sunday 20 – Saturday 26 September)

Monday 21st September is the International Day of Peace. We take this opportunity to pray for peace in Central America, especially in El Salvador. After several months with low levels of homicides, there was a spike in April, with lockdown offering opportunities for organised criminal groups to exploit the confinement and strengthen their control over local communities. Please pray for protection over these communities, and particularly for street children, who are some of the most vulnerable to this violence.

SEPTEMBER