



# PRAYER GUIDE

## JULY-SEPTEMBER 2025

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 – ASIA

### Week 1 – (Sunday 29 June – Saturday 5 July)

This week please join us in giving thanks that the recent conflict between India and Pakistan is now contained and that the key players have started a dialogue process. We are thankful that the children and families attending Toybox-supported projects were not affected. We pray for all those who were affected by the violence earlier this year and pray for continued peace and cooperation.

### Week 2 – (Sunday 6 – Saturday 12 July)

This week we give thanks for a three-day training event on inclusion, held by our partner SathSath in Nepal, providing participants with in-depth knowledge of the needs, challenges, and best practices for supporting children with disabilities. As a result of this training, SathSath identified 11 children with disabilities. We pray that these children will be empowered to access the additional services they need.

### Week 3 – (Sunday 13 – Saturday 19 July)

July 15th is World Youth Skills Day, and we give thanks for the life skills workshops led by CHETNA, our partner in India. These were designed to empower street children, addressing critical social issues such as effective communication, social responsibility and online safety. We pray that the impact from the workshops will be ongoing, equipping the children with practical tools to navigate real-life situations with greater confidence and awareness.

### Week 4 – (Sunday 20 – Saturday 26 July)

This week we pray for the birth registration work in Nepal. SathSath have been making special efforts to raise awareness among vulnerable and marginalised families through targeted social media campaigns. In addition, panels about birth registration have been added to the Mobile School. We pray that these will help children and families to better understand legal documentation processes, their importance, and access to rights and opportunities.

### Week 5 – (Sunday 27 July – Saturday 2 August)

This week we celebrate a Sports Tournament that was organised in Jaipur, by CHETNA, as part of the International Day for Street Children. This brought together over 100 children who participated in a lively and empowering competition.

14-year-old Sharwan shared, *“I had never played in a real tournament before. Today, I felt seen and heard. I want people to know that children like us have dreams and talent too – we just need a chance.”*

# JULY



## AUGUST – LATIN AMERICA

### Week 1 – (Sunday 3 – Saturday 9 August)

This week we are excited to share with you that earlier this year 40 children and four adults were supported by Alalay, our partner in Bolivia, to access their birth certificates and/or ID documents. In addition, the project team coordinated with ten educational units to support enrolment and raise awareness of children in street situations who were out of school. As a result, 42 children were enrolled in formal or alternative education and 26 children were supported to remain in education with the help of additional classes.

### Week 2 – (Sunday 10 – Saturday 16 August)

We continue to pray regarding the implementation of the birth registration app in Guatemala. We are pleased to report that, after initial concerns about having to use new technology, the midwives are very enthusiastic about the project and are convinced that the tool will facilitate their work and the process of birth registration. In the early stages of the implementation, the midwives will be accompanied, to give them more confidence, and we pray that they will come out stronger for the experience.

### Week 3 – (Sunday 17 – Saturday 23 August)

We give thanks for 60 young people who participated in workshops on emotions, run by Viva, our partner in El Salvador. In these the young people have learnt techniques for managing emotions. One innovation has been the introduction of a puppet to help the children cope with their emotions. Named 'Mister Monkey' by the children, it was found that it helped the children to be calmer and on occasions it has drawn the children in to participate in the activities.

### Week 4 – (Sunday 24 – Saturday 30 August)

This week we give thanks that in Guatemala, 63 children were enrolled in formal schooling in February. Seventeen of these were able to enter formal schooling for the first time, after years of working with them in informal educational visits. Free places are very limited in the formal education system, so this is a very positive step. We especially give thanks for Marta, whose children have just started their first year in formal public preschool processes. It has been encouraging to see this young mother take this responsibility seriously, and her children are growing socially, spiritually and educationally thanks to her care.

# AUGUST

## SEPTEMBER – AFRICA

### Week 1 – (Sunday 31 August – Saturday 6 September)

This week we give thanks for the work of CHADET, our partner in Ethiopia, who is working to deliver non-formal education to street children. Having recognised the critical role of food and financial support, CHADET revised its provision of nutritious meals and help with covering tuition fees. It is encouraging to see the effect of this, with an increase in the average number of children attending the numeracy and literacy sessions.

### Week 2 – (Sunday 7 – Saturday 13 September)

This week we ask you to pray for children who are in conflict with the law. Pendekezo Letu, our partner in Kenya, is teaching these children about their rights in the juvenile justice system, how to represent themselves in court in the absence of a lawyer, and about the possible outcomes of their offences. In addition, three life skills sessions were facilitated in remand centres, helping these children to learn useful coping skills like anger management, conflict resolution, communication, assertiveness and self-awareness to enable them to keep off destructive habits after they are reintegrated back home.

### Week 3 – (Sunday 14 – Saturday 20 September)

This week we want to share with you about an initiative by CHADET, which used its music and drama team to raise awareness about the pressing issue of education for street children. This event combined storytelling and artistic expressions to highlight the barriers faced by street children and we celebrate the fact that, by involving various communities, government officials, and other stakeholders, the initiative encouraged widespread community ownership and support for improving educational opportunities for these vulnerable groups.

### Week 4 – (Sunday 21 – Saturday 27 September)

This week we are delighted to share with you about a new Urban Farm that has opened in Kenya. This is in the community that was so badly affected by flooding last year and is providing those who experienced this devastation with something positive. The children and young people have already started work on the farm, planting crops and making it secure. There has also been a meeting with the urban farm network who will guide and train the children on how to improve their farming methods. We pray that the children may continue to benefit from the crops, the learnt skills and peaceful environment of the other farms.

# SEPTEMBER