



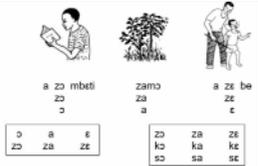
***Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.***

Proverbs 22:6

The importance of educating children is made clear in Scripture. Children need direction and guidance in life so they can make good choices and live well. This month we pray for our partners who are seeking to bring education to remote and marginalised children across the world, teaching them about Jesus and helping them to gain the skills they need to have a future of hope. We pray that each child would come to love and grow in the Lord and that through these skills, they will thrive and be equipped to fulfil the calling God has placed on their life.

DR CONGO - Ngbaka Schools

In rural villages surrounding the town of Gemena, the primary language spoken is Ngbaka. Our partners are helping local schools in these rural villages to teach the children in their mother tongue by providing resources in Ngbaka, training teachers to teach with these materials and supervising lessons taught in Ngbaka so that children can thrive and fulfil God's calling on their lives.



- Schools in DR Congo are in a poor state due to war and lack of government funding, leaving teachers and education officials demoralised. Even in schools that are doing better, there is a high drop-out rate of children who struggle to learn in languages foreign to them. Thank You, Lord, for putting it on the hearts of our partners to help schools teach in the native Ngbaka language. We pray for the success of this programme and that the lives of children, their families and communities would be transformed as a result.
- We pray, Lord, for the teachers as they train through two courses this month. At the start of training, they cannot read Ngbaka and have a lot of learning to do before they can teach the children. We pray, Father, that You would help the trainers as they train the teachers and help the teachers through this training. Would You give them confidence in the abilities You have given them and grant them success so they can help the children to excel in their learning, we pray.

BRAZIL - Casa Cruzeiro

Our partners work with those living in the slums of Rio de Janeiro, having built a community centre where they run prayer meetings, Bible studies, worship, Alpha courses and a community vegetable garden amongst other things. Having seen the need for supplementary schooling in the community, Rope is supporting them in building a classroom where they can support children to complete their education successfully so they can be given hope for their futures.



- Lord Jesus, we thank You so much for all You have already done in the lives of the disadvantaged and impoverished people of Rio de Janeiro through our partners and the community centre they have built. We pray that the new classroom being built would be a source of hope to the community. May it be a sign to them that You know their needs and are their Provider. Through our partners, may each person see Your love and come to know You, Jesus, receiving life in all its fullness in Your Name.
- Father, we thank You for all the work that has been done on the building of the classroom so far. As the builders finish off the work, would You keep them safe and help them to complete the classroom to a good standard fit for purpose. We pray especially for good relationships with Elias, the builder overseeing the work, as our partners have had difficulty in the past with the way he has treated the helpers. May the new classroom they are finishing be a blessing to this community and help to bring the community even closer together, we pray.

INDIA - AKS

In India there are 387 languages, yet schools only teach in two of these. Our partners run 16 Multi-Lingual Education (MLE) centres to enable children to have the education and opportunities that will equip them in their own language to access the education system and develop their God-given gifts and skills.



- Lord Jesus, we thank You so much that the attendance of the children to the MLE centres has improved and that the performance of the children has also increased in comparison to the previous term. We pray that the children would see the good fruit of their labour and be encouraged to continue attending regularly and to work hard. We pray too for the teachers who visit the homes of children irregularly attending, that You would work through them to inspire the children and their parents to make education a priority.
- Some of the children who were studying at the MLE centres have dropped out over the year. Father, we lift them before You. You know their circumstances and their reasons for dropping out. We pray You would meet them in the midst of their circumstances and help them to overcome the obstacles that stand in their way of benefitting from the education our partners offer. Would You provide for them and their families and provide the support and opportunities they need, we pray.
- We praise You, Lord, that the construction of the government school building in Podachenda is slowly progressing. We pray that You would have Your hand over this work and that it will be completed soon so that the lives of children would be transformed through the learning they gain in this space. Would You bless the builders and grant them safety as they work, we pray.

INDIA - Manipur

Ebenezer Children's Home in Manipur supports 60 children. Our partners enable them to break free from the drug and gun culture so they might become future leaders in their community who will inspire future generations by sharing Christ with them.



- Thank You, Lord Jesus, that the children at Ebenezer Home are enjoying their studies and are enjoying learning new things. Thank You for their school, which seeks to try new methods to help the children learn best, and thank You too for the extra-curricular activities that help the children grow in their academic abilities. We pray You would bless their studies. Help them to improve where they need to and to work hard. May they see the fruit of their labour and be excited for the good plans You have for them in the future, we pray.
- Our partners have seen an improvement in the attitudes of the young teenagers towards their chores and responsibilities, noticing that they have a desire to fulfil these well and are growing in maturity. We thank You, Lord, for this improvement. May they continue to grow in this area and may their example be an inspiration to the other children, we pray.
- As the children grow up and reach their teenage years, they can find themselves tempted to give into peer pressure, wander from God and take up bad habits. We pray for Your protection over them, Lord Jesus. Would You help them to remain rooted and strong in You. May they dwell in Your presence daily and fall more deeply in love with You, and may they see that these temptations are worthless in comparison to You.

Rope Days

- Lord Jesus, we pray for Lauren as she visits Oakridge Baptist Church this month. Thank You for the time she has to spend with Your people and share about her visit earlier in the year to Bolivia. We pray You would give her the words to speak and that people would be inspired about all You are doing there to give hope and a future to vulnerable women and children.
- Lord, thank You so much for the opportunity Laura has to share Your Word at Prestwood Methodist Church this month. Thank You for this community and for their heart for those in need. Would You speak through Laura by Your Holy Spirit and bless the time they share together. May they be led to praise You when they hear of all You have done in the lives of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world, we pray.
- Lord Jesus, we thank You so much for Lauren and all that she has brought to the Rope team over her time with Rope. We pray that You would pour out Your blessing on her as she finishes in the office. We ask that You would go before her as she prepares to move to Bolivia to serve You and share Your love with prostituted women and their children. Would You provide for her and may she know Your presence with her closely, we pray.



Growing as Disciples

- *Education: Learning to Walk God's Path.* Read Deuteronomy 6:4-8. The Law reveals God's holiness and His deep love and compassion. Through the Law, God taught His people how to walk in covenant relationship with Him. When we begin our Christian journey, we leave behind our old habits and way of life and choose to follow God. Lift to the Lord those who are new to faith and are just beginning to learn what it means to follow Jesus. Ask Him to direct their steps and walk with them as they journey with Him.
- *Education: Wisdom for the Journey.* Read Proverbs 2. King Solomon is well-known for the wisdom God gave him and the book of Proverbs contains some of the teachings attributed to him. He led the people with wisdom, encouraged them in their walk with God and taught them how to live in a way that would please Him. As you look at your life now and in the future, where do you need wisdom for the road ahead? Ask the Lord to grant you wisdom and discernment as you listen to His voice, knowing that He never withholds wisdom from those who ask for it (James 1:5).



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