



*The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*John 1:14*

Knowing there was nothing we could do to repair the broken relationship between God and humanity, God took action. He humbled Himself by becoming one of us. This tiny baby would conquer sin and death and reconcile all those who trust in Him to the Father. This November and December, we pray for the partners we are supporting in our Lifeline Appeal as they take action to reach those in poverty with the love of Jesus, asking that those they work with might come to know the God who demonstrates His love for them in the Christ-child.

## KENYA - Glad's House

Glad's House works with over 3,000 street children in Mombasa, Kenya who are imprisoned in Shimo Le Tewa Annex adult prison and Likoni Juvenile Remand Home, often for simply being homeless. While in prison, our partners - the only NGO working in these institutions - seek to keep the children and young people safe and ensure their legal rights and dignity are upheld while they try to secure their release.



- Heavenly Father, we thank You for the social workers and the visits they are making to the remand centres to support the children. Thank You that most of the children are accessing their support, having them advocate for them and getting to develop a healthy relationship with a trustworthy adult. We pray You would continue to bless the social workers as they build positive relationships with the children. Through their love and support, help the boys to have hope again in adults as they come to see they are on their side and are shown love and respect by them, we pray.
- Lord Jesus, we give You thanks for the changes You are bringing about in the boys through life skills sessions. Through topics like self-esteem, self-awareness, drug abuse and conflict management, fighting between the children is decreasing, behaviour is changing positively and children are gaining confidence in themselves. One child said, "Nowadays I can stand before an audience and talk or present a song or poem. I have also been told by teachers that nowadays I am very clean, something that makes me very glad!" Thank You for the dignity You are giving these children. May they continue to grow in life skills and in understanding their value, 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, thank You for the amazing work You are doing in transforming the lives of remote peoples in India through the multilingual education offered by our partners. Thank You that parents of the children at the centres are starting to see the importance of investing in their education and are demonstrating their willingness to do so. We pray You would continue to show them the importance of education and the difference it can make in the lives of their children, inspiring them to keep supporting them on the road ahead.
- In Soilpada, the good results of children studying at the MLE centre is inspiring people from other villages to send their children to stay with relatives near the centre so they can attend the classes. We praise You, Lord, for the impact this education is making on these communities. We pray that many more children would have their lives transformed by this education and that through it the villagers would know they are remembered and loved.
- Lord Jesus, as our partners seek to comprise their Village Education Committees (VECs) with village members who will care deeply about the education of their children and will give of their time to support this important work, we pray You would lead them to those You want on the VECs. Would You raise up committee members and give them hearts that long to see the lives of their children transformed through education, we pray.

## PAKISTAN - WVTC

The Womens Vocational Training Centres operate in the northernmost area of Pakistan, where women experience discrimination. Its vision is to develop and empower women through practical skills by offering tailoring, literacy and business lessons, education and counselling regarding the value of women, as well as sharing the Good News of Jesus. Having seen the ministry thrive, our partners are opening new centres in unreached areas to see more women transformed.



- The Muslim communities our partners work with come from very conservative Sunni backgrounds and believe that meeting strangers is a sinful thing that God punishes. This can create difficulties in the classroom and our partners are concerned that they might not feel comfortable in accessing the market in future, therefore being unable to get the maximum benefit from the skills they will have learned. We pray, Father, that You would release them from this fearful mindset. May they come to know You, Lord Jesus, and the love You have for them that goes beyond understanding. May they be released into the freedom You give, we pray.
- Ayesha, 18, is married and neither her nor her husband have work. She shares, "I heard from Uncle Afsar that you are opening a WVTC for us but I never believed it - this is a remote area and people do not want to come and help us. I promise I will not miss a single class! If I learn this skill I will be stitching for my family and for ladies in my area... If I become well trained I want to open a centre like this and help my fellow girls who are at home and have no opportunities." Thank you, Lord Jesus, for inspiring these women to make a difference in their communities. As they receive from the training, may they bless others in time.

## ECUADOR - Artizan International

Our partners have established a social enterprise for persons with disabilities in Santo Domingo, Ecuador, training them in craft-making and creating employment opportunities. They seek to reform attitudes to persons with disabilities and encourage other employment opportunities for them, bringing hope, dignity and transformation in the lives of the trainees, their families and their communities.



- Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving hope to people with disabilities in Ecuador through the work of our partners. Thank You that through this ministry, You are showing these people that they have value, gifts and skills and are able to contribute positively to society. We pray You would continue to bless this ministry and that more people with disabilities would be given hope through the skills taught and opportunities offered through our partners.
- Lord, we pray for those trainees who are struggling in their training. We pray that You would encourage and strengthen those who are disheartened or lacking in confidence. Please provide them with the support they need from teachers, fellow trainees, family and friends.
- Thank You, Father, that as part of the programme, trainees have the opportunity to study the Bible and learn more about You. We pray You would use this and use conversations to bring trainees and graduates to know You. May they come to know how loved and accepted they are by You and find their identity in You, Lord Jesus.

## Your prayers answered - THANK YOU, LORD!

• Lord God, we give You thanks for the Gala event held by our partners in South Africa last month. Thank You for the way in which the men were celebrated for their persistence and achievements and for the joy that You gave to each person who attended. We pray Your continued blessing on them; help them to remain steadfast in pursuing the better life You have given them, we pray.



• Thank You so much, Lord Jesus, for the safeguarding training held last month for our partners who run childrens homes. Thank You for the opportunity for these partners to meet together and to meet Andy and Debbie, and for the chance they had to think together about how best to look after the children You have given them to care for. We pray that as they process what they learnt, You would help them to implement their learning in their own contexts and bring their staff up to date with the training so children would feel safe and loved in the homes.

## Growing as Disciples

• *God Taking Action: Saying "Yes" to the Call.* Read Luke 1:26-38. God performed the miraculous through His Holy Spirit so that His Son might come and give life to the world. In doing so, He partnered with Mary to bring His plan of salvation to happen. He chose her, called her, and blessed her above all women with the task of being the Mother to the Word made flesh. God invites us to partner with Him in fulfilling His plans and purposes in the world. Pray for our partners as they seek to answer His call on their lives to bring His kingdom and His love to this in extreme poverty.



• *God Taking Action: Faith to be a Father.* Read Matthew 1:18-25. When it looked like everything had fallen apart for Joseph and he was about to give up on Mary, God ensured that His Son was placed in safe hands. He intervened and gave Joseph the reassurance he needed to be a loving husband to Mary and a loving father to her Child. Many children across the world live without a father, or live with an unloving one. Pray for these children—and all those who have not known the love of their father—that they might be comforted and find the love they need in our Father God.

## Contact us

Telephone: 01494 433 170  
Email: [office@rope.org.uk](mailto:office@rope.org.uk)  
Web site: [rope.org.uk](http://rope.org.uk)  
Address: Rope  
24 London Road West  
Amersham  
Bucks  
HP7 0EZ

If you would like to discuss anything you've read in this prayer letter, or would like to ask about any of our work, please do not hesitate to get in touch!

