

# Pray Unceasingly

Thoughts, prayers and updates from our partners

## New life in Christ

Once Jesus' walk on the earth came to an end, he called out to the Father in heaven. He knew he would return to his maker as he had achieved what he was called to do. The Son of Man paid the price and through his loving provision, Jesus carried the weight of the world and became the ultimate sacrifice so that we can boldly walk in righteousness.

The sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross is our reason for living today. His dying breath was the beginning of new life for us as believers and the consecration of our relationship with God. In this season of Easter as we celebrate the new life we have in Christ, the gradual opening of social spaces and the brightness of the springtime; it is also a time of reflection and appreciation for all we do have and have overcome in our lives because of Jesus.



*Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.*

Luke 23:46

## BOMO, DRC



Our partners BOMO in DR Congo provide vocational training for vulnerable women in the capital city Kinshasa, so they can gain dignified employment when they leave the programme. One of the young women who graduated from BOMO is Natalie. She worked hard on the course and was offered the opportunity to study further and is now running her own workshop. Although 2020 was a very tough year to begin a small business, Natalie has found clients and made clothes for them. Over a 5-month period, she has managed \$280 of sales and kept up with her rent and small loan repayments.

### Please pray:

- Pray that as she continues to build her small business, Natalie's journey of transformation will continue to help her develop resilience, entrepreneurial acumen and creativity to sustain her business and support herself. Pray that God would use Natalie's story to impact the lives of other women who have walked in her situation.

## Uttara Home, Bangladesh



The overall aim of Uttara Girls' Home is to take the girls out of high-risk areas and place them in the secure environment of the home where they are supported and can receive an education. Our partners encourage the girls to finish their education and exams to enable them to go on to higher education and gain skills that will enable them to live an independent adult life. Due to the pandemic, the girls have been away from the home but have kept in contact with Rani, their supervisor at the home, who encouraged them during this difficult time. Rani remained at Uttara Home with her husband and although she misses the children, she was grateful to have a home during the difficult year.

### Please pray:

- Pray that as the girls return to Uttara Home, that they will be protected from the virus.
- Pray for Rani and the rest of the team as they prepare to receive the children back at the home.

## Shining Light Community Development Organisation (SLCDO), Pakistan



During 2019, Rope extended its support for SLCDO by embarking on a new project offering vocational training to women. The first cohort of women taking part in the vocational training all graduated from the programme. As part of the follow up for these 50 women, they were asked to give feedback about their current situation to help address any challenges and difficulties they are facing. One of the women, Hasina, says “Today my husband feels that I can help supplement his income and now we can live a better life with more resources. My longing desire is to start a tailoring shop to earn money and where I can teach other ladies in my village.”

Further to this, the team in Pakistan have selected six of the highest performing women in the group to take part in a 6-month training programme in Gilgat. This is a huge breakthrough as their families have accepted this and the women will leave home, board at the training centre and be exposed to new cultural backgrounds.

### Please pray:

- Pray for the women who have been selected to further their vocational training in this season, that they would grow and develop their knowledge in this skill.
- Pray for the other 44 women who have started establishing their workspaces as they find their footing in the community to develop their skills and earn a living.

## Change Makers, South Africa



We are delighted to report that our partners in South Africa, Changemakers, have been able to continue their work with men who are struggling with addiction. Their residential rehabilitation programme supports the men to overcome their addiction and rebuild family relationships, as well as providing skills training so they can gain employment or develop sustainable income for themselves. The programme is underpinned through a daily discipleship programme.

The men are applying and adhering to the rules and regulations which enable them to have a structure which helps transform their lives. More specifically, they are pursuing the Lord, respecting leadership, respecting others and maintaining personal discipline. They are also understanding the dangers, consequences and effects of drug addiction.

### Please pray:

- Thank God for the amazing work of the team at Change Makers which is empowering men to be independent.
- Pray that God will support them through the programme as they continue to learn about themselves and walk away from their previous lifestyles.

## Artizan International, Ecuador



Artizan International’s mission is to enable, empower and support people with disabilities through creative, therapeutic activities, crafts training and social enterprise. Our partners are now working to complete the training of the six artisans who had their courses cut short, due to Covid-19, and to equip them with everything they need for their own workshops at home. Once this is complete, they aim to train 2 groups of 6 artisans (who have already graduated the beginner courses), to diversify their skills and enable them to produce a wider range of products, including jewellery and textiles items. They want to support the graduate artisans in making items for their communities.

### Please pray:

- Thank God for the vision of Artizan International which has empowered those who are less fortunate to achieve financial independence.
- Pray that God will lead the vision and encourage all the artisans to establish a wider range of products for their collections.