



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2024-25



STATISTICS FOR Burundi

Shoeboxes distributed: 14,732

Children enrolled in
The Greatest Journey: 7,275

The Greatest Journey Teachers
trained: 297

Number of children enrolled in The
Greatest Journey who made faith
commitments: 4,529

**Whatever things
you ask in prayer,
you will receive.**

—Matthew 21:22

PRAYER NETWORK UPDATE



More Than Just a Water Bottle

Every shoebox gift is an opportunity to share the Gospel with a child and demonstrate the love of God in a tangible and personal way.

Israella is a 10-year-old girl who experienced this in a very special way.

A few years ago, Israella's father bought her a beautiful water bottle. She treasured it and was so excited to use it. Sadly, on only the second day, other children stole it from her.

Israella cried uncontrollably. When she returned home, she pleaded with her father to buy her another one, but he refused, fearing it would simply be stolen again. Instead, he told her to use an old plastic bottle. Israella was heartbroken. Day after day, she continued asking her father to forgive her and buy another bottle, but the answer was always no.

With nowhere else to turn, Israella quietly took her hurt and disappointment to God in prayer. Secretly she prayed, "God, do You really love me enough to bless me with another bottle like the one that was stolen?"

Then one day, during a shoebox outreach at her church, Israella received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. Excitedly, she opened the box. And there it was. A beautiful water bottle — just like the one she had lost.

In that moment, Israella realised that God had heard every one of her prayers. Overwhelmed with joy, she began dancing, hugging the bottle tightly and crying out, "Oh Lord, You really do love me this much!"

What may have seemed like a simple gift became a powerful reminder to Israella that God sees her, hears her prayers, and loves her deeply.

Prayers for Burundi

Praise God that every shoebox gift can be used to show children the love and care of Jesus in a personal way.

Pray for children like Israella to know deeply that God sees them, hears their prayers, and loves them.

Pray that many children receiving shoebox gifts will open their hearts to the Gospel message.

Pray for protection, wisdom, and strength for all volunteers, pastors, and ministry partners serving children through Operation Christmas Child.

Additional Prayers

Samaritan's Purse Deploys Disaster Response Team, Airlifts Ebola Treatment Centre to the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Pray for God's protection over medical teams, aid workers, church leaders, and volunteers serving in areas affected by Ebola.

Pray for healing and comfort for those suffering from Ebola and for peace for families who are living in fear and uncertainty.

Pray that even in the midst of suffering, many people would encounter the love, hope, and peace found in Jesus Christ.

Samaritan's Purse Children's Heart Project

Pray for our young heart patients and their families as they travel and go through surgery and recovery.

Pray for our staff and host families as well.

Ask God to heal hearts physically and provide new hearts spiritually through this process.

The Greatest Journey

Praise God for every child who has the opportunity to learn more about Jesus through The Greatest Journey discipleship program.

Pray that children attending The Greatest Journey would grow in their understanding of God's love and build a strong foundation of faith

Pray for teachers and facilitators as they lead lessons, that they would teach with wisdom, patience, joy, and compassion.