



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2025



STATISTICS FOR MADAGASCAR

Shoeboxes distributed: 405,130

Children enrolled in
The Greatest Journey: 209,007

The Greatest Journey Teachers
trained: 10,209

Number of children enrolled in The
Greatest Journey who made faith
commitments: 101,432

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

—Matthew 21:22

PRAYER NETWORK UPDATE



From Resistance to Revival: God Opens a Village in Madagascar

Deep within the eastern forests of Madagascar lies the village of Ambodibibaka, home to the Betsimisaraka Tavaratra people. For many years, this village was known as a place where the Gospel was not welcome. Previous attempts by churches to share Christ there had been met with resistance, fear, and spiritual opposition.

But God had other plans.

The Operation Christmas Child Regional Leadership Team in Analanjirofo sensed God's call to reach this unreached community. Despite warnings from local leaders and officials who said, "Nothing organised for Ambodibibaka has ever succeeded," the team, together with nearby churches, committed themselves to prayer and stepped forward in faith.

Rather than arriving with arguments, they came with love, offering to bless the children of the village with shoebox gifts. To everyone's amazement, the parents not only welcomed the idea but walked six hours to help carry the gift boxes back to their community.

Then God did what many thought was impossible.

On the day of the outreach, the village that had once closed its doors to the Gospel opened them wide. More than 1,400 children and their families gathered to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, many for the very first time. As the Gospel message was shared, hands were raised across the crowd in response to Christ's invitation.

That day, approximately 1,500 children and adults made decisions to follow Jesus.

Joy filled the village as families received shoebox gifts and copies of The Greatest Gift booklet. Yet this is only the beginning. Many of the children are now participating in The Greatest Journey discipleship program, where they will continue to grow in their faith and learn what it means to follow Christ.

What was once a village that said "No" to the Gospel has become a place where God is transforming lives through His power and grace.

As we celebrate this wonderful testimony, let us remember the words of 2 Chronicles 20:6:

"Power and might are in Your hand, and no one can withstand You."

Prayers for Madagascar

Give thanks for the faithfulness of the Operation Christmas Child team and local churches who persevered in prayer.

Pray that those who responded to Christ will grow strong in their new faith.

Pray for effective follow-up and discipleship within the village.

Pray that God would continue to open doors to other unreached communities across Madagascar.

Additional Prayers

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

Pray for God's continued protection over communities affected by the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Pray for wisdom, strength, compassion, and protection as Samaritans Purse teams and local healthcare workers serve vulnerable people in challenging circumstances.

Pray that through this response, many people would experience the love, comfort, and hope of Jesus Christ. Ask God to open doors for meaningful relationships and Gospel conversations, bringing spiritual as well as physical restoration to affected communities.

Operation Christmas Child International Staff and Volunteers

Pray that Operation Christmas Child staff and volunteers around the world would be strengthened, encouraged, and refreshed by the Lord as they serve.

Pray for wisdom in decision-making and for unity among staff, volunteers, churches, and ministry partners.

Pray that God would use every shoebox gift, outreach event, and discipleship opportunity to draw children and families to Himself.

Operation Christmas Child UK staff and volunteers

Pray for UK staff and volunteers as they encourage churches, schools, and community groups to take part in Operation Christmas Child. Ask God to provide fruitful opportunities, open doors for new partnerships, and inspire many people to get involved.

Pray that staff and volunteers across the UK would know God's guidance in their roles and experience His strength in their daily work.

Pray that every shoebox packed in the UK would be a tangible expression of God's love and a doorway to the Gospel.