



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2025



### STATISTICS FOR PHILIPPINES

Shoeboxes distributed: 693,819

Children enrolled in  
The Greatest Journey: 407,924

The Greatest Journey Teachers  
trained: 22,342

Proportion of children enrolled in The  
Greatest Journey who made faith  
commitments: 324,048

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

**—Matthew 21:22**

# PRAYER NETWORK UPDATE



### A family transformed by the gospel in the Philippines

Susan, a Sunday School teacher, had a passion for teaching children and began sharing Bible stories with children in her neighbourhood.

One of the families nearby lived together with their children and grandchildren. The children often played near Susan's garden, giving her a wonderful opportunity to build relationships with them and share the Good News.

When Susan discovered that the children struggled to read, she and her family patiently helped them learn. They even wrote Bible verses on their doors and walls, using them as a makeshift blackboard. As the months passed, the children asked their mothers if they could attend church. Despite living in poverty, Susan and her family travelled around 6 km to bring them to church. The church began praying for and supporting the family as part of its children's outreach.

Through Operation Christmas Child, the children received shoeboxes and completed The Greatest Journey. Their parents also attended the shoebox distribution and were thankful for what their children were learning about Jesus.

Susan and her family began praying for an opportunity to share the Gospel with the head of the family. At first, he repeatedly refused and avoided them. But they continued to show him love, kindness and patience.

Then he was involved in a serious accident while driving after drinking heavily. He almost lost his arm and feared he was dying. After waking in hospital, the experience had a profound impact on him. He returned home determined to continue the Bible studies. Through those studies, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour and was baptised.

His life began to change, and he found work that provided for his family. He also began bringing his grandchildren and children to church to hear the Good News. One of his sons-in-law even borrowed a motorcycle with a sidecar so the family could travel together to church. His wife later shared how their family had once struggled financially, but now they experienced God's provision and felt that everything was overflowing.

What began with Susan teaching children to read and sharing Bible stories eventually opened the door for an entire family to encounter Jesus. Susan and her family continue faithfully praying for them, especially that others will also come to know Christ.

"There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents." — Luke 15:10

## Prayer requests

Pray for the family – Pray that other family members will come to know Jesus personally, and that the whole family will continue growing in faith together.

Pray for Susan and her family – Pray for strength, wisdom and perseverance as they continue faithfully sharing God's Word and discipling the children and their family.

Pray for Operation Christmas Child – Pray that every shoebox will open doors for the Gospel, reaching children and families who may never otherwise hear about Jesus, and that many lives will be transformed through the Good News.

## Additional prayer requests

### Operation Christmas Child UK

Pray for the Gospel to reach more children and families, that every shoebox will be used by God to open doors for Gospel conversations, and that children and families around the world will come to know and follow Jesus.

Pray for everyone involved in Operation Christmas Child, for churches, volunteers, shoebox packers, collection centres and staff as they prepare for this year's campaign.

Pray for God's guidance and provision for this year's ministry, for every practical detail of the 2026 season, from collecting and processing shoeboxes to their journey overseas and distribution.

### Operation Christmas Child affiliate offices

Pray for staff and volunteers in every affiliate office as they lead the ministry, make important decisions and prepare for the shoebox season. May God give them wisdom, unity and strength.

Pray that affiliate offices will have opportunities to build relationships with churches and communities, enabling more children to hear the Gospel and experience God's love through Operation Christmas Child.

Pray for God's provision for every affiliate office, including the resources, volunteers and finances needed to fulfil their ministry.

### Operation Christmas Child National Leadership Teams Awaiting Shoeboxes

Pray for joyful anticipation, may God prepare children's hearts and create excitement and expectation for what is to come.

Pray for every shoebox as it travels across borders and reaches its destination. Pray for safe transportation, good communication and no unnecessary delays or difficulties.

Pray that each shoebox will be more than a gift, that it will open the door for children and families to hear about Jesus. Pray that many will respond to the Gospel, grow through The Greatest Journey, and become part of a local church.