

# Every child matters to God

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## *World Wide Day of Prayer for Children at Risk 2005*

Thank you to everyone who attended the World Wide Day of Prayer organised by GGF. We stand in agreement with you that the Almighty God who saw you in secret will reward you openly. Thank you so much for all your support and prayers. This year, around 1.2 million people were involved in prayer for children at risk on 4 & 5 June! Together, we prayed for over 3 million hours, at prayer events in more than 90 countries.

### *What did God say?*

Many people felt that God encouraged them to persevere in prayer beyond the WWDP. They were also challenged to act so that they can reach out to help children at risk. God reminded a number of people that he has a purpose for every child during their childhood, and not just for their adult lives. God gave compassion and a burden of prayer to many who took part and many felt God's heartbeat for children at risk more than ever before.

### *Were prayers answered?*

Yes! Here are a few examples...

A large number of people drew attention to the decision of the G8 leaders to cancel \$40 billion of debt, which happened the week after the WWDP. In Bolgatanga, Ghana, over a hundred children from Muslim families became Christians at the prayer event, and continue to attend church and discipleship meetings.

### *What is the longer-term response?*

We need to continue to pray for children throughout the year. World Wide Day of Prayer 2006 will take place on **3 June 2006**. Please keep this date in your diary. Further details will be published in the newsletter closer to the date.

## *October Prayer Campaign for Children*

Join us as we lift up our voices to the Lord about issues concerning children

on **Saturday, 22 October 2005**

at **The Village Hall  
Goosander Way  
West Thamesmead SE28**

from **4 pm to 6pm**

## *Church World Service brings laughter back to Katrina children*

The Church World Service has been putting a smile back on the faces of the children survivors of Hurricane Katrina, with a shipment of "hope" being recently delivered to Meridian, Mississippi for distribution by local CWS-affiliated churches.

Some 3,000 children relocated from New Orleans to temporary shelters run by local churches in Meridian are benefiting from educational and recreational kits delivered by CWS on behalf of UNICEF.

The Rev John L. McCullough said the CWS was able to serve UNICEF and deliver the parcels because of their "close ties to the local pastors whose churches are helping the relocated hurricane survivors".

The Rev Gerald Hudson of Newell Chapel CME (Christian Methodist Episcopal Church) in Meridian is one such pastor working at the grassroots with CWS, who helped distribute the parcels over the weekend. He said that the relocated children need much more than basic provisions to overcome the trauma of Hurricane Katrina.

"These young people are living under tremendous stress. They need stability, but they also need a certain amount of levity to help relieve some of that stress" said the reverend.

Source: Christian today  
[www.christiantoday.com](http://www.christiantoday.com)

## Teaching Your Children About God

One of the most important roles we play in the lives of our children is that of a teacher. We are of course the first teachers our children encounter - we teach them how to talk, feed themselves, tie their shoelace and countless other tasks that are vital to their development. As they grow up and begin their quest for life we encourage them to be the best, we assist them with their homework, help them with projects and be part of their lives in every way we can. These are all important ways in which we can help them succeed and we should certainly spend time teaching them lifelong skills, helping them learn maths, language skills, science, music etc. However, it is also vital for their transition from childhood to adulthood that they know about God. I, therefore, encourage you to spend time teaching your children about God. While school subjects are important in the here and now, helping our children develop an understanding of and a love for God has immeasurable eternal benefits.

### What to teach your children?

- Teach them about God's love – God's love for us is the basis of our Christian faith, it is necessary that children understand that God loves them (Matthew 10). As often as you tell your children how much you love them, remind them that God loves them too.
- Teach them that God created them in a special way and that He has a plan for their lives. (Jeremiah 29:11).
- Finally, teach them to pray. Help your children understand that God is always ready to hear us when we call.

### Sponsorship Programme

One of the first major assignments we undertook in GGF was a fact-finding mission to Nigeria in March 2005. The trip involved visits to orphanages and schools specifically in the western region of Nigeria. As a result of this trip and through the generous support of a small number of sponsors, **twelve children** are been supported for the academic year that began in September 2005. Support includes paying their school fees for the year, paying for all school supplies (books, stationery, school uniform) and providing a cooked meal a day.

As more kindhearted people give towards the work of the Foundation, more needy children in Nigeria will be reached. Our aim is for the sponsorship programme to be extended to other African countries in the coming years.

**For information on how you can be a sponsor, please call or email us.**

### Prayer Points for the Month

- Pray against violence on your street (Isaiah 60 verse 13)
- Pray for schools in your Borough, for God to position godly people on school boards

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