

Prayer Partner

— Weekly Update —



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*"I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion."
-Hosea 2:19*

Africa & Europe

Praise God that we have been able to help support survivors and their families who are struggling to afford food during this time. One family in Uganda gave us this message to share with IJM supporters who provide us with the means to help in this season: *"I am so grateful for the aid entrusted to me in this tragic situation, for it got [to] me in a helpless moment. My children send you greetings too, we are very happy for restoring hope in our life."*

Latin America

Pray for Project Phoenix, a group of resilient survivors of sexual violence against children in La Paz, Bolivia, as they work on their strategic planning process in the coming months. IJM Bolivia is supporting this survivor-led group, who have not lost their momentum despite COVID-19. They are now meeting virtually to map out how they will be using their voices and sharing their stories to engage with different key actors within civil society, the government and the public justice system to bring change in their country. Pray for wisdom and safety as they continue putting their dreams in action.

South Asia

Praise God for the compassion and creativity that survivors of bonded labor and sex trafficking are showing within their own communities in this season. We are so impressed by many of the survivors we serve — who have overcome heartbreaking violence — as they offer to distribute food aid, sew face masks or do anything else they can to help others who are less fortunate. It has been such a surprise and delight for IJM staff to see these women and men grow in leadership and empowerment this way. Pray for their ongoing health and safety, and for God to bless their outreach within their communities.

Southeast Asia

Pray for survivors in the Philippines who have just graduated from college. Because of the pandemic they have not been able to start their job searches — pray for them to have the resources they need at this time and for good job opportunities to open up for them.

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Pray for the development teams who have been pivoting plans and quickly innovating to build creative, remote experiences over the past few weeks. Pray that as people are socially distancing and spending more time online looking for things to do, they are drawn to the fight to end slavery, and that we are equipped to meet that new, unique interest with resources and content that pull them deeper into the mission.