

August 29, 2020

"You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!"

– Psalm 30:11-12

<u>Africa & Europe</u>

Pray for survivors of forced labor in Ghana who will be testifying in court soon. Pray for the wellbeing of these children as they prepare, and pray that there will be no delays with the trials.

Latin America

Pray for God's continued peace and provision for the survivors of sexual violence IJM and our partners are supporting. In these difficult times of COVID-19 and political uncertainty in the region, many are nervous and worried about their family's safety, health and financial situation.

<u>South Asia</u>

Please pray for a long-running bonded labor slavery case from 2008 that has finally been scheduled for judgment on August 31. In this case, a brick kiln owner had enslaved 24 people — including a number of young children — and used violence to keep them working every day. Many of these children, women and men have testified boldly in the legal trial against the owner, but it has still taken over a decade to reach this point. Please pray for the final judgment to be delivered on schedule, for a strong sentence against this abusive slave holder and for a sense of peace for the survivors who have fought for so long in court.

Southeast Asia

Pray with the Cebu, Philippines team for resolutions on past rescues that are still pending in the local prosecutor's office. Pray for their wisdom in adjusting to the changes in legal proceedings as courts adapt to the restrictions of COVID-19.

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Next week IJM US and IJM Canada launch our Freedom Partner campaign, where we invite people to become monthly donors. **Please pray that many would clearly see the tremendous impact that consistent giving has on our work**, that there would be an outpouring of support and that we would exceed the doubling opportunity funds that have been provided by generous donors.