

International Prayer Connections

A Monthly Journal to Guide Intercession for Our World



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Greetings!

We are pleased to bring you IPC Connections for June 2020.

We are compiling this International Prayer Connections Newsletter a few days ahead of Pentecost Sunday. There is a great sense of expectancy as we approach this time when we celebrate the empowering of the Holy Spirit from on high.

Readers will be encouraged as they [read this article](#) on our website in which Dr Jason Hubbard talks us through the significance of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus, which 'bridges the Passover to Pentecost'. Jason exhorts us to meditate on the exaltation and ascension of Jesus and give him his due reward! 'Let's return to the place of united worship-saturated prayer, around the throne, around the clock and around the globe all for the Glory of the Lamb!'

Pentecost Weekend also marks [Global Outreach Day](#) when Christians around the world will be sharing their faith. [GodTV](#) have partnered with [GO2020](#) to present broadcasts over the weekend to train Christians in personal evangelism. Let's continue to be [praying](#) for this initiative which seeks to reach 1 billion worldwide for Christ!

[Watch the GO 2020 Video](#) | [Download the Brochure](#) | [Download the June Prayer Guide](#)

Many of the IPC networks will be joining in the [Sound from Heaven](#) global broadcast on 31st May. See the calendar below for details of some of the many Pentecost events taking place this next few days.

The vision and mission of GO2020 continues with the [90 Days of HOPE](#) which runs from June 1st through to August 2020, which encourages us to continue to put our prayers into action with evangelism and sharing our faith. [Download the Flyer Here](#)

In this edition of IPC Connections, we are headlining [GO2020 Kids](#) – which aims to teach children and young people how to pray and unashamedly share their faith at home, in schools and across their communities. IPC colleagues, Tom Victor and Candy Marballi have prepared several informative and encouraging articles to excite and enthuse us about what is already happening across the regions. To use Tom's words, please only read these articles 'if you are a kid or have been one!'. Humorous but also challenging words that remind us in the



Kingdom context that we need to become like children. (Matt 18) Let's be praying for this important area of mission and seeking God as to how we can all be [more involved](#) with it.

The covid-19 pandemic has brought massive challenges to every nation of the world. In this edition, we bring some top level updates, prayers and links to partner organisations resources. Many of us are assisting brothers and sisters who are serving the Lord as pastors and mission workers in lesser-developed countries. As well as praying, we are conscious of a massive humanitarian impact that the lockdowns are causing that demands our practical and sacrificial [financial responses](#).

The resulting 'lockdown' has changed how the Church meets and how conferences happen with many gathering online using zoom, skype, Teams, Facebook Live, Youtube and other apps. Our colleagues at IPC have regularly been jumping between two or three events across the continents with a few clicks of a mouse. Delegates of regional events such as the [Caribbean Prayer Summit](#) this last week are excited about how technology makes such gatherings accessible and so much cheaper to attend. 'Virtual hugs and 'zoomed out' are becoming new phrases that we are all familiar with. Please pray for the IPC Exec and our regional teams as we explore how to take the utilisation of online gatherings forward.

We are keen to get to know our 'network of networks' better and to understand how we can best keep you connected and informed. Over the next ten days, we will be emailing all of our contacts to invite you to let us know a little more about you and your organisation. The info that you provide will only be used by IPC. We won't be selling or sharing it with anyone else. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Did you know that [IPC](#) is on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Youtube](#)?! Please like, follow and share us, to help get the message out!

International Prayer Connections is produced and distributed freely each month to inform God's praying people around the world. We are grateful to those who have given generously to enable this to happen and continue to need such support for this and our other transformational prayer initiatives.

If you can make a gift towards our costs by giving to our funding arm, the Transformation Prayer Foundation, we would appreciate it. Please [click here](#).

Thank you for continuing to partner with us in catalysing united prayer across nations, denominations, movements, and generations for the fulfilment of the Great Commission.

As we approach **Pentecost 2020**, let's ask the Lord for a 'greater Pentecost,' a wave of the tangible presence and power of the Holy Spirit coming upon us with great revelation, with great anointing, and with great provision!

May we express grateful thanks to Andy Page and the IPC Editorial Team who put this email together each month.

Wishing you His continued blessings,

Jason Hubbard - Executive Coordinator

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01 Editorial: GO2020 Kids: 'Why Children?' - by Tom Victor & Candy Marballi

Tom Victor of 'Great Commission Coalition' and Candy Marballi of 'The Children's Prayer Covenant' (both are members of the IPC's Leadership Team) have put together a special selection of stories about how children around the world are and will be involved with Go 2020 Kids. We trust you will be encouraged to pray for and get involved with these initiatives!



It may be the largest united evangelistic outreach in history as churches, denominations, ministries, networks and even movements have united together with the goal of mobilizing 100 million believers to pray for and to reach out to 1 billion others during the month of May 2020.

The theme has been, "Every Believer A Witness!" And children have been invited to join us.

But why children? What can they do? How will they be involved? Great questions!

Remember when parents wanted to bring their children to meet Jesus and his disciples tried to stop them? *When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14*

Jesus was really angry with his disciples. He wanted the children to come to him so he could bless them. He said **the kingdom of God belongs to them.**



In another place his disciples wanted to know who would be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. What did Jesus do? *He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:2-3*

Children are a top priority to Jesus.

- He wants them to come to him
- He tells us the kingdom belongs to them
- He tells us that we need to become like them in order to enter the kingdom of heaven



We've put together some stories about how children around the world are and will be involved with Go 2020 Kids. But first we want to share briefly how God has used kids throughout history. And we want to share how you can be involved in helping to empower the children you love to become Go 2020 Kids.

But before we go further, there are a couple of rules we want you to follow.

Rule #1: You should only read these stories if you are a kid or were a kid sometime in your life. (Otherwise you probably won't understand them at all!)

Rule #2: You should pray and ask God if he wants you to know about Go 2020 Kids. (That way, if he says "Yes," you can ask him to help you see the children the way he does and you can plan time to read the stories or watch the videos later if you are too busy right now.)

Rule #3: Ask God to show you if there is someone he wants you to share about Go 2020 Kids



OK, let's get started with **The Historical Testimony** - how God used Children throughout history. Here's a little 3-minute animated video to share that story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-qCB2pAAI&t=7s>



Go 2020 Kids and Children in Prayer: More recently, beginning 25 years ago, 40 children were invited to be delegates at a Global Mission Conference. God moved and the Children In Prayer Movement was launched. Here's the story of their part with Go 2020 Kids. ****(#2 World Shapers Club)**



The 4 to 14 Window Movement launched in 2009, calling on the Global Church to focus on Children, ages 4 to 14. In a few short years it spread to almost every nation on the planet. While calling the Church to reach these who were the most responsive to the gospel, it also challenged us to release them to be "full partners" in God's mission. There is no Junior Holy Spirit. Here's a 3 minute animated video introduction:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7AS24VlydM&t=27s>



Go 2020 and the Prayer Covenant for Children. Prayer, of course, is our First Action. World Shapers and the Royal Kids have been praying faithfully for Go 2020 Kids, as have others. The Prayer Covenant for Children, our first "official" partner, was the one that provided the key Prayer Resource for Go 2020 Kids.

In less than six years God has used the Prayer Covenant for Children to disciple more than 5 million children in 50+ nations into a "life-style" of prayer. As you read further, you will hear reports from Go 2020 Kids Team members in Africa, Asia and around the world sharing about the power of the Prayer Covenant for Children. You will also meet some of them through these two Prayer Covenant for Children equipping videos produced for a 4 to 14 Window Global Forum. I'm sure they will inspire you to consider how this key Go 2020 Kids Prayer Resource could impact you children, grandchildren, church or ministry. *It's all downloadable for free!*

Prayer Covenant for Children - Part 1 <https://youtu.be/ON-sJcfSdMA>

Prayer Covenant for Children - Part 2 <https://youtu.be/glf7WfRpNwc>

Download the Best News Ever e-book pdf which explains the Gospel message to children.

http://ipcprayer.org/images/BNE_English_final.pdf

Download the Prayer Covenant e-booklet here:

http://ipcprayer.org/images/pc_24booklet_eng_web.pdf

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http://ipcprayer.org/images/pcc_bookmarks_english2020b.pdf

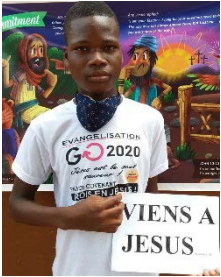
Asia holds ½ of the world's children - 1 billion of the 2 billion children on the planet under the age of 15. And because of the deep entrenchment of religious and political systems that resist the message of Christ, it is also the region of the world least reached by the gospel. How could Go 2020 Kids help to change that?



Go 2020 Kids Southeast Asia and Campus Crusade for Christ - The 11 nations of Southeast Asia are amazingly in the diversity of their peoples, religions and cultures. But there is a vision to see their children discover their common identity in Christ. ****(#3 Go 2020 Kids: Cru Southeast Asia)**



Go 2020 Kids Northeast Asia and YWAM Kings Kids - Go 2020 represents the largest united prayer and evangelistic thrust in history. Asia represents 1/2 of the world's children. What could happen if God continued to unite the whole Church to be "on mission" with him, including the children. Let's be the answer to the prayer of Jesus! ****(#4 Go 2020 Kids: Kings Kids International - Taiwan)**



Africa is by far the youngest continent with 41% of the population under 15 years of age. They had major plans to mobilize one million Prayer Covenant Children to reach 20 million other children with the gospel for Go 2020 Kids. Covid-19 altered the plans but not the passion. You can hear how God is using 9-year old Gifty from Togo to mobilize and lead other children to Christ as well as from Elias, the Continental Director and Apollos, the Nigerian Director on Part 2 of the Prayer Covenant for Children Video above. Here's the Go 2020 Kids update from Elias for Africa and from Fidele in Burkina Faso. ****(#5 Go 2020 Kids: Prayer and Outreach – Africa)**



Hadassah is a 13-year old missionary with a passion for God and for lost people. She became a missionary at age 8. She knows the power of fasting and prayer and how God can use anyone, even children. She recently shared a challenge on the World Prayer Together call with leaders from around the world. Now she wants to help other children find their calling as Go 2020 Kids. She's written up a bit of her story for you here. ****(#6 Hadassah Lawson's Inspiring Testimony)**



Children by Nations helps us see what we sometimes miss. There are more than 2 billion children under the age of 15, almost 26% of the world's population. India has the most with more than 376 million. It is a major focus for Go 2020 Kids. More than 41% of Africa is under 15. Only 3% are over 65. You can download the document Children by Nation to see where the children live. Many have found it helpful to focus their prayers. ****(#7 Children by Nations)**

From the very beginning of Go 2020 Kids many on our team felt this was more about a "life-style" than it was about a "campaign month." COVID-19 has certainly shifted many of the planned events and caused everyone to think differently. Go 2020 has now become a call for all of us to Go – for the whole year – and beyond. But for the Children we are seeing new opportunities, something we are calling the **Go 2020 Kids 'Good News' Super Challenge**.

- It's a call for children everywhere to step up and take the Greatest Super-Power ever, God's love, to someone that needs it most.
- It's a call for us "older kids" to step up and become "coaches" and "encouragers," to help the children learn to hear from the Super Coach. He wants them fully active on his team - but there are many others seeking to distract them.
- And it's also a call for us "older kids" to find our "inner child" because Jesus himself told us that, *"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 18:3)"*

Here's our Working Draft of the Go 2020 Kids "Good News" Super Challenge. It is a Working Draft because it will need to be contextualized for every culture and every family and every child. **(#8 Go 2020 Kids "Good News" Super Challenge)**

Pray for Go 2020 Kids:

- Pray that God would visit and pour out His Spirit on children around the world during this Pentecost season - in fulfillment of Joel 2:28
- Pray that God would help us all to see the 2+ billion children in the world as "full partners" in God's mission - in fulfillment of Matthew 19:14
- Pray that God would help us "older children" to discover our true Kingdom identity as children - in fulfillment of Matthew 18:1-5

More info on most of the resources on GO2020 Kids can be found here: <http://www.prayercovenant.org/go2020-kids.html>

See the GO2020 Resources page here: <https://go2020usa.com/resources/>

02 GO2020 Kids: World Shapers Club

Introducing 'World Shapers Club' - Partners of GO2020 Kids!

THEN - 1995: 40 children and teenagers, representing 8 nations, converged on the world scene as full-fledged delegates and intercessors at the Global Consultation on World Evangelism in Seoul, S. Korea. God drew the attention of world leaders to all He has put into the spiritual DNA of our children and youth.



NOW - 2020: Twenty-five years later, millions of children and youth have been mobilized to partner with adults in prayer and missions. Generation Now, fully participating in the "Great Commission!"

World Shapers Club (WSC): In May 2019, Shapers began praying into the **Go2020** vision for families, neighborhoods and nations. Its [May 2019 calendar](#) was totally devoted to **Go2020** as well as two prayer points moving forward each month. "Focus on Five" to hear and receive the "good news" about Jesus was a repeated theme.



WSC plans for May 2020 outreaches had to be cancelled due to the covid-19 crisis. BUT GOD! WSC leaders and their families have gone door-to-door delivering aid packages, prayer calendars, prayer AND JESUS to individuals and families!

Just days ago, a **WSC** began in a Rwandan refugee camp where many families, including some of our Shapers took shelter from severe flooding that destroyed their homes. Sixty-three children and youth joined **WSC** and ten adults came to know Jesus!

Partnership with **Go2020** Kids has given our Shapers a greater understanding of the global alliances in which they participate each month and it has also brought some of our **WSC** Ambassadors and Directors closer together.

In some areas, three times the number of monthly calendars were printed and distributed. More people have been reached this way than what our original plans might have accomplished. At the intersection of **Go2020** & Covid-19, God had already prepared a force to seize the "day!"

More Info and Sign Up: <https://esthernet.net/category/eni/world-shapers-club>

Mary Tome
Esther Network International / World Shapers Club

03 GO2020 Kids: CRU Southeast Asia

A Report by Carol Magno who is with Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU) in Southeast Asia.



On my 1st year as full-time missionary with [CRU](#), I took serious heed to the verse, "So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." (Matthew 9:38). By God's grace of being in the field, I still pray for God to send more workers in the field. Children, Prayer and Discipleship are 3 critical issues and "meeting points" of intersection that we have with Prayer Covenant for Children, (PC4C). Ten countries with varied religions, somehow Christian Children are a minority.

We are praying for and mobilizing people whose hearts are for children. God has led us in directions toward pursuing 50,000 Children per country to be discipled as Christ followers across Southeast Asia. Partnering with PC4C also opened doors to partner with One Hope. We are embarking on a project.

We hope to see Children with PC4C to be gospel ambassadors in their different venues to be distributing One Hope books. We hope to replicate what we can be learning in the Philippines to the 9 other nations. We thank God for opportunity to trust Him to go before us and redeem the children who are not merely "object of mission" but "missionaries to their families and their generation." Reaching Southeast Asia with the love of Christ means reaching the children.

May God be Praised!

Here's a brief picture report of our progress to date:

During our first Orientation, we included 4 to 14-year-old children of missionaries (from Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines and Indonesia) studying in a seminary in Philippines.



Others have been trained and are influencing these regions of the nation.



Roadside Sunday Schools



Roadside Sunday School



Areas being influenced by those who were trained.



Dentists Training Others in PC4C



Training Children's Workers in Indonesia for PC4C & Go 2020 Kids

Ministry with Prayer is happening with Volcano evacuees and traumatized children in Philippines. Mobilizing children across the Philippines.



Volcano Evacuee Children



What is Going on so far?

Myanmar
Thailand
Cambodia
Philippines

Indonesia

Materials has been translated in Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia and Philippines. Myanmar translation on the way hoping to be ready for 30,000 kids for their 30th Children Prayer anniversary

The vision is not just for this one nation but for the Southeast Asian Region. 50,000 children raised up in each of 10 nations of Southeast Asia.

Work to translate materials continues. In November more than 40 children's workers from one of the major churches in Indonesia were trained with the PC4C and with the Go 2020 Kids vision.



Everywhere



Touching Children Everywhere



Children Everywhere

If you want to know more, you can hear Carol yourself as she shares her passion on the Prayer Covenant for Children - [Part 2 video](#).

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04 GO2020 Kids - Kings Kids International - Taiwan

Tim Gillette from YWAM introduces the TAIWAN TRIBAL TRAINING project



Kings Kids International, the children's ministry of Youth With A Mission, has been equipping children to be fully devoted followers of Christ since their founding in 1976. Tim and Naomi Gillette have been serving with KKI in Taiwan for well over 2 decades. About one year ago Tim was introduced to the Prayer Covenant for Children and found it to be a resource he'd been searching for to equip children for a "life-style" of prayer. He and his team have been actively translating the materials into multiple languages across Asia.

Tim shares a story here about their current plans to use the PC4C in tribal communities in Taiwan. You can meet Tim and learn more about his heart and vision, especially in the area of prayer, on the Prayer Covenant for Children - [Part 2 Video](#). Here's his story.



May and June we are launching a series of trainings for tribal church youth and leaders each Saturday from 09:30-12:00. We start with a 30 min **orientation** and **preparation** for young leaders, reminding them of the importance of their presence, participation as they model for the younger ones.



Then, we run an hour **sample program** and finish up with 30 minutes of **debriefing** and **processing**. An unexpected challenge for us was adjusting for the many children who cannot read or write, as much of the material is geared toward those who can.

However, we found wonderful ways for both to work together and learn from each other. We heard several testimonies of teachers feeling quite dejected, despondent and desperate for quality, meaningful, powerful material, but now feel empowered and equipped. We've designed all our summer programs around the Prayer Covenant for Children. From **5 Day Camps** to **Seminars** and **Workshops**, we are coaching teens and young leaders to passionately invest directly into the younger ones. This fosters responsibility, establishes authority and gives them a much needed sense of ownership and purpose within the Body.

We are very excited as a team to encourage and champion The Children's Prayer Covenant among the leadership of King's Kids International. This material fits hand in glove with our values of establishing a lifestyle of daily discipleship, intergenerational engagement, nurturing the spiritual capacity of children while valuing and partnering with families and preparing them for ministry and missions.



Tim Gillette
Kings Kids International | Youth with a Mission
More info and resources: <https://www.kkint.net/who-we-are/ministry-description>

05 Go 2020 Kids - Prayer and Outreach - Africa

A report from Elias Apetogbo – Prayer Covenant for Children Continental Leader and Fidele Zouma from Burkina Faso

While much of original plan to train and mobilize children to reach out to their peers in May was put on hold by Covid-19, training did take place and the vision and passion continues.

Fidele Zouma, Head of Children's Ministry for Assemblies of God and Prayer Covenant National Leader for Burkina Faso shares the following. "In late February the Assemblies of God of Burkina Faso hosted 300 leaders from all denominations to take part in Prayer Covenant children's leadership training.

We then provided each leader with more than 300 prayers cards to use within their children's ministry. Each of the leaders was commissioned to train 10 children as part of the Go 2020 Kids strategy.



Those children were equipped to reach five others with the gospel. When we followed up, each leader had begun the training within their ministry. In order to help facilitate this, we started a **television Prayer Covenant ministry** due to Covid-19. The feedback from pastors is that the **children are really responding well and liking the program**. Children are praying for their friends to come to know and follow Jesus.

The pandemic has opened many new doors. One example was an invitation for children to do daily Prayer Covenant Online Radio Programs with the All African Baptist Youth Fellowship in 12 nations, including Togo, Rwanda, Ghana, Nigeria, Namibia, Malawi, Niger, Guinea, Gabon, Cameroon, Benin and Sierra Leon.



All but one station gave separate airtime for the children and youth to reach out in two or more languages. Elias says, "We are really encouraged by the commitment of leaders that lead prayer meetings through radio program across the Continent.

I'm personally greatly encouraged by the way leaders use Bible quotation in their prayers for winning souls. It's so fantastic and very inspiring. And that is helping us to trust the power in prayer."

On the ground outreach continued as well. Elias tells us, "Children are so joyful to be part of divine mission. In fact, they are always happy when time comes to go and share the Gospel. Children are very happy to know that the opportunity is given to them to be useful in the vineyard of the master. **I can read the joy in their faces** when they pray for the salvation of souls. They are very excited when they go out to display small beautiful and powerful words of evangelization. **None of them like to miss such moments**. To God be the glory!

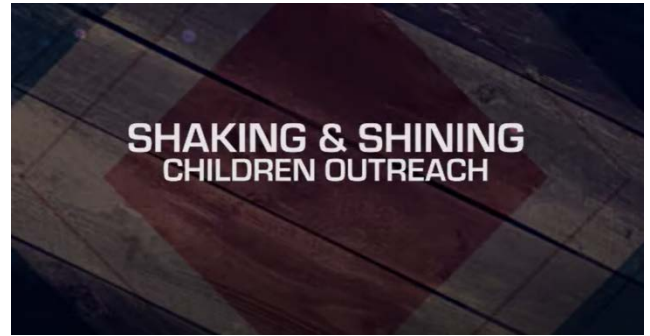
This is the time to evaluate our impact and to motivate kids to hold on the zeal of evangelism.



More info at: <https://theprayercovenant.org/children/>

06 GO2020 Kids: Hadassah Lawson's Inspiring Testimony

Hi! my name is Hadassah Lawson and I'm the founder of [Shaking and Shining Children Outreach](#). I started when I was 8 and now I'm 13. What inspired me was a vacation bible school I went to in the summer of 2015. I saw children get saved and wanted to do the same thing, share the gospel with children around the world.



That same year me and my family were going to Togo, West Africa. I asked my mom to how fast, then I fasted and prayed for three days that God would bring me at least 100 kids to share the gospel with them, and that they would share with their families and friends. At the end of the program I had over 250 children. After that I knew that I wanted to be a mission for the rest of my life. For the past 5 years I have been sharing the Good News with children around the world and also meeting their basic humanitarian and educational needs.



I thank the Go2020 Kids Team for allowing me to be a part of this movement. What I love about being part of Go2020 Kids is knowing that what I do will leave an imprint for Christ, by inspiring kids to give their lives to Jesus and to share the gospel to others like them. My passion is to share the gospel with kids. I love seeing the joy people get when they hear it for the first time, the hope and courage the gospel can give a person is AMAZING! Being part of a group like Go2020 Kids lets me see the wonders that can be done with Christ by your side. I hope that I can continue working with groups like them and bring more souls to the kingdom of heaven.



I also like adults to see how to get children involved in the work of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 2:17 said: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. The bible did not say that he poured out His Spirit on adults, it said on ALL FLESH; part of that flesh are children. I would like to encourage parents and grandparents to help your kids know that they will prophesy and have visions, that they are also part of advancing the kingdom of Christ.



Challenge: Now that we're in May 2020, I want to challenge all the adults to have their kids memorize one scripture a week but, just don't make them memorize the scripture - make it fun. You might be wondering how? So this is how we are going to do it. Each child has Monday to Friday to remember the scripture of the week. On Saturday, or Sunday (whichever you prefer) you talk about the scripture he or she is memorizing, and how he or she is using it in their life that week. After that he or she can make a poem, drawing, printing, story, play, whatever fun activity they want out of that scripture. They can share the activity or art with someone else and how they are using that scripture in their lives. And finally they can challenge others to do the same and use a scripture of their choice and share that with others. I hope you have fun with this new challenge.

Have fun and stay safe.
Bye!



Watch Hadassah's Testimony Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQA6YUStuWs>
More about Shaking & Shining Children Outreach: <https://shakingandshining.org/>

07 GO2020 Kids: Children by Nations

This table helps us see what we sometimes miss. There are more than 2 billion children under the age of 15, almost 26% of the world's population.

India has the most with more than 376 million. It is a major focus for Go 2020 Kids.

More than 41% of Africa is under 15. Only 3% are over 65.

You can download the document Children by Nation to see where the children live.

Many have found it helpful to focus their prayers.



Download the full listing here: <http://ipcprayer.org/images/Children-by-Nations-2020.pdf>

More interesting information to guide our prayers for children from the UN:

<https://www.un.org/en/sections/issues-depth/children/>

08 Go 2020 Kids 'Good News' Super Challenge

Core Values:

- Love is the Greatest Super-Power
- Jesus told us to **Go** – To share His love with everyone, everywhere
- Jesus said, *Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. (Matthew 19:14)*
- There is no Junior Holy Spirit
- The 2+ billion children in the world under age 15 are the great “untapped” harvest force
- God is fulfilling His word, *He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction. (Malachi 4:6)*



Question: What is the Go 2020 Kids “Good News” Super Challenge?

It is a challenge for children to, “Share God’s love – The Greatest Super-Power – with someone who needs it today.”

How can we share God’s love – especially now during this “Social Distancing” time?

- Reach out to people who are afraid and let them know you care by praying for them
- Invite them to be a Prayer Covenant for Children Prayer Partner with you
- Help others know that God loves them by sharing stories or videos
- Share your story or God’s story with others using tools like the Jesus Film for Children or The Best News Ever
- Identify the best way to pray for or share with others within your ministry “family.”
 - Go 2020 Kids Tool Kit - <https://www.go2020usa.com> Under Resources
 - Go 2020 Kids YouVersion App – <https://my.bible.com/reaching-plans/19639>
 - Jesus Film for Children on the free Jesus Film App
 - Become like Hadassah and do your own VBS
 - Teach the Children how to use the tools you use like the Wordless Book
 - Ask the Super-Coach what he wants you to use

Structure for Go 2020 Kids “Good News” Super Challenge

Create some excitement and motivation with an Olympic challenge for Kids with different suggested categories - but with some flexibility for children to be creative.

Let the different “families,” i.e., ministry tribes, determine how to engage within their family and existing structure.

We will work to develop a “Coaches” resource platform to help parents, grandparents, children’s ministry leaders and others discover “best practices” to coach their children to engage.

Capture the stories of “God at work” in and through the children and share them.

- Post them on the Go 2020 sites and, hopefully, on a Go 2020 Kids Landing Page (under construction)
- Create ways for kids to share these stories with others using “social networking”

Let children inspire other children to be part of the Go 2020 Kids Good News Super Challenge

- How God’s love is the Greatest Super-Power
- How God loves to use children to bring His love to others
- How they can hear God’s voice and be part of His mission – now

We will work to identify key influencers who can help to cast the vision and encourage the children

- Christian athletes
- Christian musical artists
- Christian community leaders
- Pastors

New Wine and New Wine Skins

- God’s heart for children is bigger than our current wine skins
- God wants the 2+ billion under 15 to know him and be on mission with him
- Children love to be included and they love challenges
- Children have relational DNA
- Children don’t know what they can’t do yet and are not hiding behind masks
- There is no Jr. Holy Spirit
- An Olympic kind of challenge that invites them to participate has huge potential
- A coaching model for parents and others can help us embrace children as the agents of mission verses the objects of mission
- Letting the different “tribes” use their own tools will invite “ownership”
- Perhaps an Olympic kind of competition will create a kind of “viral” spread
 - Tribes against tribes
 - Communities against communities
 - Nations against nations

Critical Action Points

- Develop Effective Communication Platforms
- Build A Leadership Community with Global Capacity

The Current working group:

- Go 2020 Kids Team (Global)
- Other Global and Local Prayer and Mission Networks

More at: <https://go2020kits.outreach.com/free-resources>

Prayers for the World

09 Covid-19 Pandemic Prayer Update

A prayer report looking at Covid-19 Hot Spots, Flattening the Curve, and Hopes for a Vaccine with links to resources

As of the May 26, almost 5.6 million people have been infected by the novel coronavirus globally [according to ECDC](#). Moreover, more than 350,000 have died from the disease based on data from [John Hopkins University](#).

Covid-19 hot spots



The UK has the second highest number of deaths worldwide. And the countries with the most number of confirmed cases are the US (1.6 million), Brazil (331,22), and Russia (362,342). However, these numbers are inaccurate assessments of the virus' impact on a nation.

For one, US has a population of 330 million people, which is roughly equivalent to that of the five largest Western European countries combined.

If we are to look at a country's case-fatality ratio--the number of deaths per number of confirmed cases--Belgium, France, Italy, the UK, and the Netherlands top the charts among the 10 countries most affected by the Covid-19 worldwide, with death rates ranging from 16.2% (Belgium) to 12.8% (Netherlands).

When it comes to deaths per 100,000 population, Belgium, Spain, UK, Italy, France, and Sweden are leading.

According to a BBC article, we should be careful when [making international comparisons](#). There are differences in how countries record Covid-19 deaths. There are different ways of measuring death rates. Different countries are testing in different ways such that a wider testing program can make death rate look smaller. We are not always sure if we're comparing the same things.

Has the curve flattened?

In the US, 50 states have now at least partially reopened, according to The Washington Post. "But many of them don't meet federal benchmarks on when it's safe to reopen, sparking fears of new surges of infection."

Moscow is reportedly about to ease coronavirus restrictions starting Monday, June 1. And there are plans to resume flights between Australia and New Zealand in early June.

Compliance to safety measures are not the same in each nation and we must continue to pray for wisdom and grace as governments try to balance between protecting their economies and supporting their healthcare system.

However, there are [countries that are succeeding at flattening the curve](#)

Lessons can be from Taiwan, Canada, South Korea, Georgia, and Iceland, with strategies like early response to the virus and exemplary mass diagnostic testing and contact tracing. [Graphs from John Hopkins University](#) seem to show too that the curve is levelling off in some countries.

Vaccine update

"A US company has begun [vaccine trials on humans in Australia](#). The results of the first phase of clinical trials in Melbourne and Brisbane are expected to be known in July." This is just one of several companies racing to find a vaccine against the novel coronavirus.

Let us continue to declare that the novel coronavirus is defeated by the blood of Jesus.

We pray for divine intervention and for God's name to be glorified even as each nation and government tries its best to flatten the curve and finally arrest this epidemic.

We release wisdom, skill, and integrity upon our leaders.

We pray for protection, wisdom and strength, for those working to bring treatment and comfort to the sick and their families.

We pray special grace and help for the vulnerable population and nations. We pray for refugees and displaced peoples. We pray against domestic violence and other crimes that have become rampant during lockdowns.

We pray for a safe, effective, and affordable vaccine to be released soonest.

We continue to release faith, hope, and love over the peoples of the world. May the Church seize this opportune time to manifest Jesus our Lord and Savior to those who are seeking answers and peace.

Reporting from John Hopkins University: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data/mortality>

Further data on Europe and the world: <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/geographical-distribution-2019-ncov-cases>

Pray: Lord God, the One who has Almighty power, we agree according to your promise in Matthew 18:18-20 that this virus will be stopped in its tracks. That the medical researchers will get a download from Heaven on how to quickly develop a vaccine to counteract COVID-19 and a cure for those who have become infected.

We also agree in prayer, asking that the Body of Christ worldwide will rise up in love and boldness, trusting in your blood to cover and protect us and throwing off fear, so that we can be available to serve, bless, and bear witness to those around us who are terrified and depressed at being infected.

Let us seize this unprecedented opportunity to make you known to those without hope in Christ!

Thank you for your promise that surely, you will be with us "always, even to the very end of the age" so that we can carry on with the mission you have given us for our world (Matthew 28:20).

Join in Online Prayers:

[World Prayer Centre, Birmingham, UK – Virtual House of Prayer](#)

[iHop Kansas Prayer Room](#)

[247 Prayer Coronavirus Prayer Room](#)

Additional Prayer Resources for Coronavirus

[A coronavirus prayer from Pete Greig](#)

[19 Things to Do in response to Coronavirus](#)

[Prophecy Today UK's Responses to Coronavirus](#)

[PrayerCast Video and Prayer Briefing](#)

[CSM Nigeria Article](#)

[Lausanne Resources](#)

[Operation World EBook on the impact on Mission](#)

[WW11 Veteran Gets 180k Praying](#)

10 Bangladesh & India: Super Cyclone Amphan Aftermath

Relief and recovery after Cyclone Amphan displaces 3 million in Bangladesh and India

Super Cyclone Amphan, the "strongest storm ever recorded over the Bay of Bengal, hit the border of India and Bangladesh straight like an arrow last Wednesday. Thankfully, Indian and Bangladesh governments had been quick to evacuate some 3 million people to cyclone shelters before the storm made landfall, helping save many lives.



As of May 23rd, the death count was at least 95, around 25 are from Bangladesh and 70 from India. Not discounting the lives that were lost, we are thankful that this super cyclone did not claim hundreds of thousands as is the case with Cyclone Bhola, to which its potential havoc had been compared earlier.

However, despite this win, the cyclone did not depart without first destroying homes, sources of livelihood, and other properties.

In Bangladesh and India, around 2 million and 1 million were evacuated, respectively, amidst the challenges of physical distancing and other precautions that needed to be observed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Bangladesh has 30,000 confirmed Covid-19 cases while India has more than 125,000.

Nevertheless, this tragedy is not yet over. Millions of evacuees are now in make-do communal shelters where physical distancing and hygiene protocols may be compromised. Not to mention, sources of food and provision have

been disrupted and damaged.

Agriculture and fishing account for almost half of the jobs in Bangladesh and support more than 70% of the population, according to the Asian Development Bank.

A team from the UN World Food Programme (WFP) has conducted a Rapid Needs Assessment. Early findings suggest damage to fisheries especially to smallholder shrimp farmers. Thankfully, most crops had been harvested before the cyclone hit.

Let us pray for the efficient and sufficient deployment of relief for all affected families especially the refugees and most vulnerable among them.

Let us also lift up the UN World Food Program, the Bangladesh and Indian governments, and other humanitarian organizations that are in the position to reach these displaced families with aid.

Protecting Bangladesh

Bangladesh has long known its needs to improve its defences from storm surges like Amphan as these can damage livelihoods in rural areas where more than 80% of its poor live.

In fact, the Bangladesh government started raising funds for its Delta Plan 2100, an eight-decade program that hopes to strengthen its climate resilience, and which had been approved in 2018. Almost a third of Delta's first-phase budget "is earmarked for 23 coastal projects to prevent flooding, including land reclamation and building islands and polders."

However, "The government will have to prioritize the immediate response and recovery effort over longer-term development projects," according to an Asia analyst.

According to Shamsul Alam, the lead author of the Delta Plan, "The coronavirus is one truth we're facing now and climate change is another," he said. "We need to handle these two issues in a combined way."

Please pray for the 3 million or more displaced individuals. Many of them are refugees and do not have anyone else they can turn to for help. Pray for hope, healing from trauma, and for God to provide for their every need.

Pray for protection from the spread of the coronavirus. Pray as well for God's intervention for both short- and long-term problems that Bangladesh and India are facing.

Pray for the witness of the Holy Spirit especially to those who are in most need of Him. Pray for opportunities for the gospel to be preached and lives to be touched by God.

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11 Responding to the Emerging New Global Scenario

A challenging article 'for these times' written by Pastor Austen Ukachi – Co-ordinator of IPC West Africa and member of IPC's Exec Team

It is obvious that COVID-19 will permanently alter the way we live, travel and do business and ministry. The economic downturn, the remote working lifestyle, the glaring social and economic needs have raised the stakes for changes in the way people live, travel and work. COVID-19 has ignited spiritual and physical hunger. Spiritual hunger borne out of the desire for God's help to live; and physical hunger borne out of the dislocation of the global economic system.

People's needs have become much more pronounced due to the threat on our lives, the level of unemployment and the collapse of businesses. As the Guardian Editorial wrote, "Though coronavirus leaves no part of the world untouched, its impact will be harshest in places that were already suffering. Yet the problems it brings with it may prove more deadly than Covid-19 itself. Even in the richest countries, coronavirus has left families in hunger; for the poorest, it could mean starvation." Against this backdrop, the words of Proverbs 22:3 is very timely.



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"A prudent person with insight foresees danger coming and prepares himself for it. But the senseless rush blindly forward and suffer the consequences."
(TPT).

COVID-19 caught many leaders and nations unprepared, but certainly not our God. He knows the end from the beginning. He knows how he would achieve the end-time harvest. When danger, misery, and suffering comes knocking; when the high and mighty face the spectre of an unseen virus, people tend to listen and respond to the gospel. When people see all they have worked for and amassed fall apart, their disposition towards the gospel inevitably changes. Because COVID-19 will introduce a level of suffering many have not seen before in the world, especially in Third World countries, we must begin now to think and prepare for post COVID-19 era and all the human challenges it would pose.

What preparations do we have to make as individuals and as a Church to position ourselves to the changes which COVID-19 will inevitably throw up? Our response must be practical and cover such areas as healthcare, food, water, housing, security, counselling for the emotionally traumatized, training on strategies for survival and adapting to changing trends and opportunities. The degree to which these strategies will be applied will vary from region to region and country to country. In Matthew 9:36-39, when Jesus looked at the multitude, he saw them as "confused", "helpless" and ripe for the harvest, but laborers were lacking. His advice then was, "pray to the Lord of the harvest to send labourers." We must pray for the people who are traumatized by COVID-19 and for laborers with compassion to minister to them.

The post COVID-era will impose on us the need to care for one another, care for the poor, the unemployed and care for the weak and elderly. The Church, in order to maximize the end-time harvest, must preach a wholistic gospel that addresses the need of the total man. "And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'" (Matthew 25:33-40 NKJV).

The Church must proactively think of healthcare related ministries, ways of addressing the healthcare needs of the people, especially in the developing world. The poor, the helpless, the destitute, women and children must be on our agenda. Meeting the felt needs of people will require the attention of counsellors, pastors and social workers. As we think about these, we must pray for the first responders who are the frontier workers and for resources to minister to the felt needs of the people. We must pray for the women and children who are the most vulnerable at such times.

Mission leaders must begin to think through how to do the work of missions with all the innovations and limitations which COVID-19 may introduce. The rise in unemployment will create the challenge of supporting the work of missions. Travel restrictions will affect movement of mission workers.

Like Joseph in Egypt, Daniel in Babylon and Solomon in Israel, Christian leaders, more than ever, need the wisdom of God to be able to navigate their followers through the murky waters of the post COVID-19 era. This is the time to heed to Paul's timely words, "So be very careful how you live, not being like those with no understanding, but live honorably with true wisdom, for we are living in evil times. Take full advantage of every day as you spend your life for his purposes. And don't live foolishly for then you will have discernment to fully understand God's will" (Ephesians 5:15-17 TPT).

We must pray for wisdom and a discerning heart to know how to bring the gospel in these times. Like the men of Issachar, we must ask God to give us an understanding of the times so that we shall know what the Church ought to do at this hour (1 Chro.12:32). COVID-19 imposes on us the necessitate for unceasing prayers not only for ourselves, but for the fulfilment of the work of the kingdom. Our Lord Jesus captures what our attitude should be at such a time as this when he said, "Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."" (Luke 21:36 NKJV).

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Prayer News & Events

12 REPORT BACK: Caribbean Prayer Summit – Online 22-23 May

The secretariat of the Caribbean Prayer Summit were encouraged by the participation of delegates from across the region in their fourth summit, which took place online due to the pandemic.

The theme was "A United Caribbean Church ...a Regional Revival".

The session recordings can be viewed online now at our website at

www.caribbeanprayersummit.org

We will be circulating a report containing current prayer needs from the Caribbean nations shortly. Please contact us by email for further information at 2020cps@caribbeanprayersummit.org



Any gifts towards the overheads of the event can be made using the info online at: <https://caribbeanprayersummit.org/give/>

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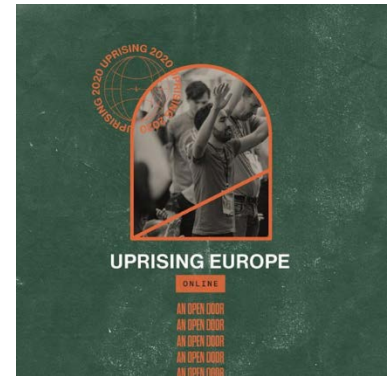
13 UPRising Europe ONLINE 30 June - 2 July

The United Prayer Rising Europe team are planning an inspirational and epic programme of worship, prayer and teaching across three days – 30th June and 1st and 2nd July. We believe God is going to release something special as we gather online together - in unity this summer. Prayer is key to any move of God, and we believe our prayers will shake the continent for Jesus once again.

Our vision this year is based on the theme of 'An Open Door'. We aim to invite people across nations, generations and denominations - to open the door for a great move of God across Europe. We are expectant of tens of thousands of people being reached and taking part through the online UPRising Europe 2020 livestreams.

More info is at www.uprisingeurope.org and on social media at @uprisingeurope
Do join us!


JJ Waters - Event Director
UPRising Europe



14 IPC Calendar

<p>2020 a year of evangelism across the UK https://advance2020.org/</p> <p>Passover to Pentecost - to 31st May https://louengle.com/pentecost/</p> <p>Sound from Heaven 21-31 May www.facebook.com/praiselivenow www.globalvoiceofprayer.com www.jwipn.com</p> <p>10 days in the Upper Room - 21st May-31st May www.10days.net</p> <p>Million Voices for Life 29-30 May 2020 https://pray.millionvoices.org/ https://www.facebook.com/events/s/million-voices-for-life/242238200206424/</p> <p>Charismatic Catholic ONLINE vigil for Pentecost - 30 May 10pm Rome www.charis.international/en/pentecost-2020/</p> <p>GO2020 Celebration and Declaration - 31st May https://www.facebook.com/GlobalOutreachDay/</p>	<p>International Watchmen Call 1st June 4am PDT FOCUS: TECHNOLOGY https://www.facebook.com/watchmenforthenations/</p> <p>Global Outreach Day – 30th May 2020 www.globaloutreachday.com</p> <p>One God - One Day - One Africa – 31st May 2020 www.1gda.org</p> <p>90 Days of HOPE - 1 June - 31 August 2020 www.go2020.world</p> <p>Global Day of HOPE – 29 August 2020 www.globalvoiceofprayer.com</p> <p>National Prayer Assembly (USA), Washington, D.C., October 14-15 www.nationalprayerassembly.com</p> <p>Movement for African National Initiatives – Abidjan, Ivory Coast, 8-12 March 2021 https://manifrafrica.com/category/prayers/</p>
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<p>UPRising Events Calendar</p> <p>UPRISING EUROPE (Battle, UK) – June 30 - July 2, 2020 www.uprisingeurope.org FB: Uprising Europe IG: @uprisingeurope</p> <p>UPRISING Chile – November 2020 (Date TBA)</p> <p>GLOBAL UPRISING Manila, Philippines, Nov 2021 www.unitedprayerrising.com</p>	<p>UPRISING MINDANAO (Mindanao, Philippines)-- dates TBA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UPRISING BUKIDNON (Northern Mindanao) - UPRISING CARAGA (Butuan, Bislig, and Surigao) - UPRISING DIGOS (Davao Del Sur) <p>- UPRISING CENTRAL MINDANAO (South Cotabato, Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, and General Santos)</p> <p>FB: United Prayer Rising Mindanao FB: United Prayer Rising North Mindanao IG: @uprisingmindanao</p> 
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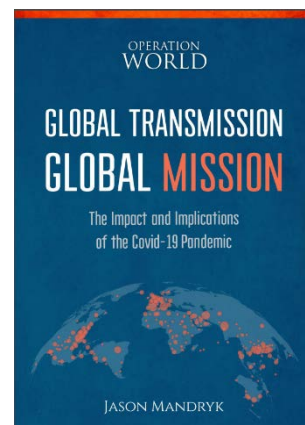
Resources

15 Free eBook: Global Transmission, Global Mission - Operation World

CoVid-19 is proving a disruptive, distressing, and divisive force throughout the world. How do mission-minded Christians respond? What happens to the Great Commission when the world is on lockdown? In this short e-book, Jason Mandryk, the author of Operation World, takes readers through a sweeping overview of the implications of the coronavirus for the global Church, and specifically, its impact on global mission.

Jason Mandryk is a member of IPC's Council and Exec Team.

In compiling this analysis, the Operation World team interacted with ministry and mission leaders in every region of the world, getting input on how to pray for different nations afflicted by CoVid-19 as well as strategic considerations from a wide array of missiological contexts.



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16 BOOK: When People Pray by Brian Alarid & Holden Hill

What Happens When Ordinary People Pray to An Extraordinary God

"God, don't take my little girl. Please don't take her. Please, God!"

As Brian Alarid cried out on a hospital floor for his daughter's life in May of 2016, he had no idea God was about to use him to ignite an international prayer movement.

Today, America Prays has mobilized 24/7 prayer in 1,200 churches in 17 states while World Prays has mobilized 24/7 prayer in 10 nations, in addition to tens of thousands of believers, families, businesses, and ministries, all partnered together in 24/7 prayer for global spiritual awakening.

Join Brian on a journey through the depths of despair to the mountain tops of prayer, where the hard and painful questions are asked, and be inspired to pray and encounter Jesus like never before.

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About IPC

17 About International Prayer Connect (IPC)

OUR VISION:

"Compelled by God to seek Christ's glory worldwide for the blessing, healing, and transforming of the nations, International Prayer Connect exists as a coalition of prayer networkers and mobilizers working together to motivate, develop and equip national movements and local churches to fill all nations with prayer for the fulfilment of the Great Commandment and the completion of the Great Commission."

HOW WE OPERATE:

The IPC is not an organization as such. We are a fellowship of people involved in mobilizing prayer throughout the world. We function as an international "network of networks", connecting international, regional, and national prayer ministries and networks. We also arrange or support special prayer initiatives that bring prayer leaders together from time to time to pray for matters of regional and global concern to the Body of Christ. Regional prayer summits have been arranged or supported by the IPC in most regions of the world as well as international prayer initiatives for the United Nations, Hollywood, and other issues.

The IPC is led by an international leadership team, now called the International Prayer Council, is composed of twenty leaders who coordinate regional prayer networks or international prayer initiatives of various kinds. We seek to be catalysts and connectors within the global prayer movement towards the fulfilment of Habakkuk 2:14- that "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

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