

Children's Ministry in the Nations

CRC CHURCHES INTERNATIONAL





Always Remember Kids Ministry



Early Learning Mobile School



Feeding program at Bethel Tabernacle of Praise



Girls' Brigade

Papua New Guinea

Children's ministry in Papua New Guinea is very active, especially in our Bethel Tabernacle of Praise Church.

The Always Remember Kids (ARK) ministry reaches neighbourhood children for Christ through singing, telling Bible stories, memorising Bible verses, eating and praying.

The Early Learning Mobile School (ELMS) teaches four to seven year old children how to read and write, as well as providing a foundation in God's Word.

A monthly feeding program reaches children from the Tete settlement north of Port Moresby.

The Girls' Brigade is open for girls aged six to 18 years and involves marching, bible study, songs, crafts, guest speakers, and combined fellowship with other girls brigade groups.

Lastly, Sunrise Bethel Christian School is located on the grounds of Bethel Tabernacle of Praise Church and has approximately 250 students.

PRAYER POINTS

- Prayer for the ongoing running and success of these five ministries
- Prayer for all of the children's workers and the children
- Successful setting up of the preschool teacher training centre that is set to begin in 2019



Preschool in Sigatoka



Preschool in Suva



Preschool in Lakena



Preschool in Nacavanadi

Fiji

Fiji has a population of 900,000 with almost one third aged under 15 years. With such a young population, there is a strong need to assist the young in Fiji.

Bethel Crusade Preschools began in Suva in 1994 with nine children. Since then approximately 3,000 children have been through and graduated from the preschools. Bethel Crusade Preschools have expanded to reach a total of eight preschools located throughout Fiji.

Our preschools are currently running a three year tax deductible project. If you would like to discover more about the project please visit www.gdg.org.au/InfoJ352N

PRAYER POINTS

- Completion of the building projects and playgrounds
- Prayer for existing teachers and for more teachers who have a heart to serve God in children's ministry
- For all enrolled children to receive Christ by the time they graduate and for their families to experience God
- Setting up of a local NGO and favor from the ministry and government
- Setting up of the preschool teacher training centre in Fiji
- Ilisoni and Viema moving to PNG to set up the preschool teacher training centre there



Children's program in Honiara



Kids Club workers



Children's program in Honiara



Thursday Kids Club

Solomon Islands

Our CRC Gateway Church in Honiara runs normal Sunday school activities for children within the church and the surrounding area. Breakfast is provided to children after Sunday school. At the end of each month they run a missions program where children learn about missions work in other countries. A missions offering is also collected.

Gateway's children's ministry also includes visiting the children's ward at the hospital, participating in a yearly interdenominational children's rally organised by the Child Evangelism Fellowship, and learning dramas/skits and action songs to perform with the Gateway youth.

In addition to this, Gateway Church has the Gateway Kids Club which is held fortnightly on Thursdays. The Gateway team organise and collect children from the neighborhood to have a fun-filled afternoon where they participate in games and other enjoyable activities. Children are also taught the Word of God as part of the program.

PRAYER POINTS

- For neglected children from broken homes to avoid participating in harmful activities (i.e. drinking alcohol, smoking, stealing)
- For parents to understand the importance of God in a child's life
- Training of children's workers in rural areas



Preschool in Vila



Preschool feeding program



Preschool feeding program



Preschool teacher training

Vanuatu

Preschools are one of the main CRC children's ministries in Vanuatu. We currently have two preschools in Vanuatu. One preschool is located in Vila and the other in Eratap.

In addition to running a preschool, our team in Vila provides a daycare and a feeding program to preschool students.

Daycare is provided after preschool hours for children with working parents. After parents finish work they collect their children by 5pm.

The feeding program includes lunch and dinner and is available for these students that stay on later.

In addition to this, every year our team in Vanuatu runs one week of training in letter and sound for preschool teachers from government and private preschools.

This training is run with the support of Goolwa church in South Australia and with the help of Bernice and Garry Fraser.

PRAYER POINTS

- Prayer for all of the teachers and their financial support
- For preschools to start in more provinces
- Training of senior teacher, Anitha Adam, who will train at our future preschool teacher training centre in PNG in 2019



One girl from the girls' home



Boys in the boys' home



Girls eating their lunch after school



Door of Hope Preschool students

Sri Lanka

Many children have been affected in some way by the civil war that took place in Sri Lanka and have been displaced for various reasons. We believe that in order for children to reach their full potential in life they need a safe and supportive environment around them. This is the focus of our Sri Lanka children's homes.

Our children's homes have been in operation since 1998 when the first home opened with 11 girls. We now have two homes for girls and one home for boys on another property. Our children's homes are currently running a three year tax deductible project through Global Development Group. To find out more please visit www.gdg.org.au/InfoJ982N

In addition to the children's homes, we also have a preschool in Sri Lanka. There are currently approximately 20 children enrolled in the Door of Hope Preschool which is located in Vavuniya in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka.

PRAYER POINTS

- For the health of the children - one boy has recently been having serious problems with his kidneys
- For an English tutor for the children
- For a new cook for the boys' home
- Prayer for children who are preparing for their high school exams in August
- Prayer for workers and children that God will continue to impact their lives



Feeding program in Eastern Visayas



Feeding program in Eastern Visayas



Feeding program in Central Visayas



Students supported through SAP

Philippines

Hundreds of children are ministered to weekly in the Philippines through children's outreach, feeding programs, School Assistance Program (SAP), a children's home and Christian schools.

Children's feeding programs include feeding, Bible teaching, praying, world missions orientation, games, memory verses, and praise and worship. More than 12,000 children are reached around the Philippines through these programs.

SAP provides the basic needs for children to attend school (i.e. basic school fees, school supplies and uniform). This program consists of assistance only rather than a full

sponsorship program. In 2018 the CRC is sponsoring 262 children.

PRAYER POINTS

- For more trainers to work with the Children's Workers Training Department as they train local workers through regional workshops
- Regular support for full-time workers and for CRC Philippines to raise more support to fund the expanding children's work throughout the nation
- Updated resources for children's work
- For all of the children to spread the Word of God and live for Him
- Prayer for God's blessing over CRC children's work in the Philippines



Children from the Myanmar Project



International Children's Day



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Myanmar

The Myanmar Project has been running for seven years in Mandalay. In partnership with Ps Andrew from Myanmar, Portlife Church now assists nine formerly at-risk children. They live at the Life House, attend a local school and are thriving in a small family setting. God has enlarged our vision to include more children and families in Mandalay, so we now work alongside the Beulah Preschool, as they outwork their vision to care for younger children.

PRAYER POINT

- Prayer for wisdom, good cross-cultural communication, resources and links to community leaders

Cambodia

Churches related to the CRC are active in children's ministry with many outreach activities and English classes for children in villages. On 1st June 2018, International Children's Day, our churches in Kampong Chhnang area ran a successful children's outreach in a rural village. Over 100 children enjoyed games, singing, drama, presenting the Gospel, gifts and food.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for strength for young people to stand strong in the face of opposition from Buddhist families
- For effective communication of the living God to children in rural villages



Early childhood students



Church children's ministry



Upward Junior School with visitor Helen Crothers



Terri International Christian Academy

Uganda

The Upward Junior School in Uganda is located in a rural town four hours north of the capital city of Uganda, Kampala. In 2018 the school's enrolment exceeds five hundred students. The initial vision of the school was to provide education for deaf children. The school now has fully equipped classrooms and trained teachers. Their first five deaf children began in the second term of 2018.

PRAYER POINTS

- For the ongoing success of the school
- General prayer for the staff and students

Ghana

The Cross Outreach International Church in Ghana have developed a school, Terri International Christian Academy, which has 215 students. In addition to this, students meet their teachers twice a week to study more about Jesus Christ, hold quarterly community outreach where they share the Gospel amongst themselves and other children, and have a singing group which ministers every Sunday at the church's main service.

PRAYER POINTS

- More sponsors for school children
- For teachers with a heart for Jesus to teach at the Sunday service



Children's ministry in Brazil



Students from the school



Children's ministry in Brazil



Younger students doing class work

Brazil

The Igreja Batista da Família (The Family Baptist Church) in Simões Filho, Brazil has been working at developing their children's ministry. Children are taught about Jesus, missions, God's Word and evangelism. Evangelistic children's services are held where many children are invited. In the second half of 2018, in addition to Sunday school, children's worship services will be run on a fortnightly basis.

PRAYER POINTS

- For the Lord to work within each of the children's lives
- Prayer for the children's workers

United States

Faith Christian School in Walhalla, South Carolina is associated with Faith Christian Center, our national CRC centre in the United States of America. The school offers a Christ-centered innovative learning experience, where character development and the role of the parent is paramount. Faith Christian School offers an individualised course of study that meets the needs of each student, enabling them to excel at their own pace, encouraging them to achieve and 'want' to learn.

PRAYER POINT

- For all of the students and teachers within Faith Christian School



Kids workers in one of our Australian churches



Craft activity within one of our Australian churches



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Australia and Additional Ministries

The challenge for the church in Australia is to maintain relevance in an increasingly secular and individualised culture. Mainline churches are in decline. Most children are biblically illiterate and have had little exposure to the Gospel. Regular church attendance has also dropped.

As darkness increases, our light will only shine brighter. We have an opportunity to connect with our communities and show them the love of Jesus. Many CRC churches are running effective school breakfasts, school holiday programs and weekly outreach programs. We also have some CRC churches and personnel outreaching to Indigenous Australians.

Pray for more leaders in Australia with a heart to reach this generation with the Gospel. Also pray for the children to develop a personal faith, fall in love with God's Word and be effective missionaries to their schools, sports clubs etc.

In addition to the nations mentioned in this booklet, we also have CRC children's work in India, Thailand, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. Our CRC personnel in these nations are seeking to impact the lives of the younger generation with various ministries to children. Pray that all children will be radically impacted with the Gospel of Christ, and with the mission of the church to take the Good News to all people.

National Day of Prayer and Fasting

THURSDAY 26 JULY

Praying for the ministry of our churches in Australia and the nations. Key prayer points will be distributed to each church.

National Missions Day

SUNDAY 29 JULY

The focus of our National Missions Day for 2018 will be on 'Children's Ministry in the Nations'. An offering will be taken up for children's ministries in many of our CRC fields around the world.

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