

AFRICA'S CHILDREN

KID MISSIONARY CHALLENGE





kid missionary challenge

Six-part prayer guide for the children of Africa.

LEADER INSTRUCTIONS

This Kid Missionary Challenge is to pray for the children of Africa and the organization Africa's Children Now. Use this six-part prayer on a regular basis to foster a heart of compassion for people around the world. Our hope is that you will use this simple tool to teach your kids about world evangelism. Each part includes:

- Topic – describing the focus of the prayer guide

- Introduction – providing context or background for the prayer

- Prayer Needs – listing actual needs of Africa's Children Now

You can download pictures, music, and videos at the link below. Look for media cues *[like this]* when you unpack these ideas for kids. Download all media for this prayer guide (and many more) at the link below (case sensitive).

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PRAY GIVE GO

KMC exists to help kids *pray*, *give*, and *go* with missionaries around the world. You are leading kids in *prayer* for the children of Africa. God is calling many of them to *go* across cultures and tell people about Jesus. Consider *giving* toward those who are ministering to the unreached peoples of Africa. A giving form is attached at the end of this prayer guide and we hope that you consider contributing toward this excellent ministry.

PART 1

Topic – Africa

Africa is a huge continent **[Africa]**. It is more than three times the size of the United States and it has more than 50 different countries. There are hundreds of different languages in these countries - more than 1500 different languages. In fact, it is estimated that Africa has one third of all the languages in the world. The climate varies from country to country but most places are hot and dry or hot and humid. There are actually more desert areas in Africa than jungles. There are also huge areas covered by savannas or grasslands. One fact that many people are surprised to learn is that there are also many huge cities. One third of Africans live in cities or urban areas.

- Pray for **Africa's Children** school projects. As the population of Africa continues to grow so quickly, governments can't keep up with the need for building schools and providing teachers for all the children. This means that our churches have an opportunity to build schools to fill in this gap. These schools provide a place where kids can come get a good education, but they also have an opportunity to learn about Jesus.

PART 2

Topic – Africa's Children

Africa's Children **[Logo]** started around 25 years ago when Don Tucker, an Assemblies of God missionary in West Africa, was visiting a refugee camp and met a young boy who had lost his family **[African boy]**. As this boy shared his sad story, missionary Don thought to himself that something had to be done to help the many children of Africa that were facing challenges like wars, famine, poverty, etc. From that small beginning Africa's Children has grown to become the official child care agency for Assemblies of God World Missions for the entire continent of Africa. Africa's Children has sponsored projects in every country on the continent and works to help local churches show kids the love of Jesus and help them experience His salvation.

- Pray that we can help African pastors and churches see how important it is to reach kids both in their churches and in their communities. Pray that they will have a heart for kids and that they will spend time, money and resources to reach them by whatever means they can. Pray especially for churches that want to start a school in order to help the children of their community.

PART 3

Topic – Kids in Africa

Kids in Africa love to play [*Kids in Africa*]. Often they play with homemade toys made by recycling junk because they can't afford or even find toys in stores. The most popular sport, by far, is soccer. You can see kids playing soccer in every city and village. They will even make their own balls out of rolled up plastic bags and play barefoot in the streets. One of the favorite snacks is popcorn which you can buy on almost any street corner in any neighborhood. Kids also like biscuits. These are cookies but not as sweet as our American cookies – more like sweet crackers. For most meals they will eat rice or a thick corn meal mush that is covered in a sauce made with veggies and just a little bit of meat. In fact, for many meals they might not have any meat at all.

- Pray for kids who are so poor that they can't afford clothes, enough food to eat or even afford the few dollars necessary to pay for school supplies. Also, many of them must work to help support the family. This means that many kids never get a chance to go to school and get an education.
- Pray that our churches would be able to start Christian schools to provide education and to be able to share Jesus with many children in their communities.

PART 4

Topic – Religions in Africa

The biggest religions in Africa, other than Christianity, are Islam and Animism (worshipping spirits). In some countries the Christian church has seen huge growth in the last 20 years. But there are still many parts of Africa that are very resistant to the gospel. This is especially true for certain ethnic or tribal groups. The hardest people to introduce Christianity to are those who are Muslims. Islam (the name for the Muslim faith) is such a huge part of life for Muslims that it is part of everything they do - even as children. This makes it very hard to share Jesus with them because becoming a Christian means that they not only leave their religion behind but their whole family, community, and way of life.

- Pray that the schools that are being started in areas that are resistant to the gospel will be a real-life illustration of the love of Jesus. Often a Christian school that opens its doors to all children – no matter what religious background they have – becomes a huge positive influence in the whole community and can be a great testimony for the churches.

PART 5

Topic – What God is doing in Africa

Because education is highly valued in most African cultures, schools can open doors for Christians to share the Gospel with people who might never come to a church *[African School]*. Because Christian teachers view their work as a ministry and a chance to share the love of Jesus with the kids they teach, they put more effort and care into their work *[Teacher]*. We have heard many stories of government officials coming to check up on one of our Christian schools and afterward asking if they can put their children in the school because they are so impressed by the quality of education and the care shown by the teachers. We have also had communities that refused to allow a church to be built turn around and give land to church in order to start a school.

- Pray that God would continue to open doors for new schools to be planted.
- Pray for more teachers – there are always more kids than teachers and there is a shortage of well trained teachers across the continent.

PART 6

Topic – The Need

By giving to the Africa's Children Now! Caring Fund, you can help support school initiatives across Africa. This fund helps with startup costs for new schools and supplies funds for emergency needs for existing schools *[School Building]*. The “Caring Fund” is an approved BGMC project. By giving to schools you are helping us care for the social and spiritual needs of kids in Africa. Schools are one of the greatest ways to show and share the love of Jesus to kids.

- Pray that we would have wisdom in how to use the funds available. There are always more requests and need than we can possibly meet.
- Pray that African churches would have a greater burden to finance and support these schools on their own initiative.



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