



# THE PRAYER COVENANT

## 2022 Summary Impact Report

# GLOBAL IMPACT

Prayer Covenant Impact: January – September 2022

## Summary Highlights

591,268

children & youth discipled

15,453,510

people reached with the gospel  
through The Prayer Covenant &  
All Africa Baptist Fellowship  
partnership during GO May  
2022

170,278

decisions to follow Jesus

74

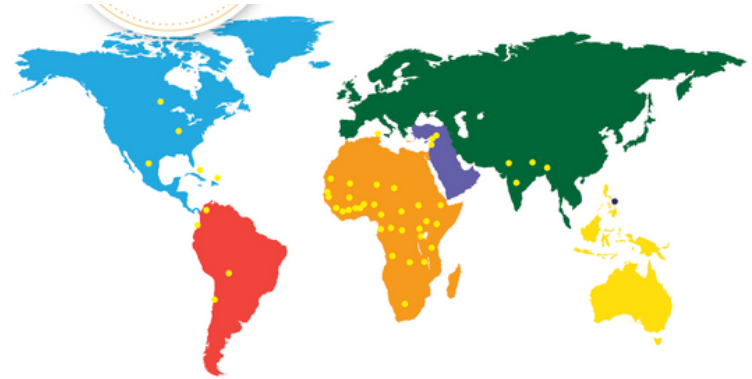
partner countries

21,637

leaders trained

1,296,470

prayer cards distributed



## 74 Partner Countries

### Africa (39)

Angola  
Benin  
Botswana  
Burkina Faso  
Burundi  
Cameroon  
Chad  
Congo  
DR Congo  
Equatorial Guinea  
Ethiopia  
Gabon  
Gambia  
Ghana  
Guinea  
Guinea-Bissau  
Ivory Coast  
Kenya  
Liberia  
Madagascar  
Malawi  
Mali

Mauritania  
Mozambique  
Namibia  
Niger  
Nigeria  
RC Africa  
Rwanda  
Senegal  
Sierra Leone  
South Africa  
South Sudan  
Tanzania  
Togo  
Tunisia  
Uganda  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe

### Asia (16)

Bangladesh  
Cambodia  
China  
East Timor

India  
Indonesia  
Kazakhstan  
Laos  
Malaysia  
Myanmar  
Nepal  
Pakistan  
Philippines  
Taiwan  
Thailand  
Vietnam

### Europe (2)

Spain  
Italy

### Latin World (10)

Bolivia  
Brazil  
Chile

Colombia  
Cuba  
Dominican Rep.  
Ecuador  
Mexico  
Puerto Rico  
Venezuela

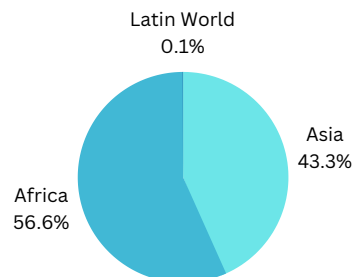
### Middle East (5)

Jordan  
Lebanon  
Kuwait  
Syria  
UAE

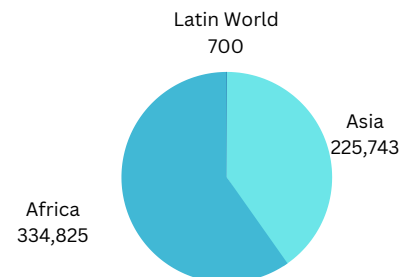
### North America (2)

Canada  
USA

## Children/Youth by Region



## Children Discipled





# Why we invest in children's ministry

**At the Prayer Covenant, children are our passion, and we know they play an important role in God's Kingdom. Unfortunately, children's ministry in the local church, especially in the USA, has not been prioritized. In a provocative, open letter to pastors about children's ministry, Dr. Lawson Murray, President of Scripture Union Canada, shares why we need to invest in children's ministry within the local church:**

**1** "Faith foundations are established during childhood. According to faith development theorists like John Westerhoff and James Fowler, most children have made spiritual decisions by age 12. Most people, according to Professor George Barna, 'die with the same worldview in essence that they had at the age of 13.'

**2** Most Christians come to faith in Christ when they are children. According to the Barna Group, 60–70 percent of adult Christians asked Christ to be their Savior between 4 and 14 years of age. Twenty percent of Christians came to faith as adults.

**3** The Scriptures highlight children's ministry. There are more than 8,000 Scripture references to children or families. We are responsible for teaching two generations (children and grandchildren) about the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:9). According to the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University, most parents who regularly attend church services are not equipped by the church to 'help them develop their children into dynamic disciples of Jesus.'"



# Africa

All Africa Baptist Fellowship (AABF), the Prayer Covenant's partner in Africa, is operating in 39 countries in Africa with at least 25 million children and youth. Through our partnership, we are equipping AABF children with prayer tools, including Prayer Covenant cards, booklets, books, and evangelism flyers. We also partner to provide leadership trainings for children's ministry. This partnership has multiplied our impact.

Reverend Elias Apetogbo, AABF General Secretary and Prayer Covenant continent leader, trained the AABF pastors with The Prayer Covenant Resources.

Why are we so passionate about rooting and releasing children? Because we see it as the end-times fulfillment of Joel 2: "Your sons and daughters shall prophesy."

Children make compelling, winsome, Gospel-grace messengers and they need our support now more than ever as they stand against the evil one.

The Prayer Covenant and AABF partner with **Go Movement**, with the mission to see every believer a witness until everyone in the whole world has heard the gospel by 2030. **Go Movement** includes:

- **Last Quarter Evangelism (LQE)** to equip and release children to share the gospel from October 1 to December 31 every year. We anticipate 40,000 churches participating this year, including other denominations. Every church will do at least one global outreach in 2022.
- **Go Day: May Evangelistic Outreach**, which occurred on Saturday, May 28. This past May, over 22,000 churches and 6 million churches shared the gospel with over 15 million people throughout Africa, leading to over 97,000 decisions for Christ. Throughout the month of May, 1 million children and youth prayed daily for the unreached people groups (UPG) in Africa using our new UPG prayer card.



## Go Day - May Evangelistic Outreach



22,893 churches  
participating



97,674 decisions for  
Christ



15,453,510 people  
reached with the  
gospel



6,151,170 evangelists  
(children & adults)



# India

The Prayer Covenant is making an eternal impact for the Kingdom in India. Leaders report that churches are making evangelism a lifestyle, especially among children, and that churches are growing significantly. Churches are recognizing that children can be the best tool for evangelism, as they witness to and invite their friends to church.

The Prayer Covenant project in India, with the help of eight major church partners, mobilized 5,746 churches and 225,229 children, and reached 109,491 people with the Gospel. So far this year, there have been 36,234 decisions for Christ (children and adults).



"I was so blessed through the Sunday school class ministry. Before I was weak in my faith, but now by hearing the Word of God and learning songs, my faith has increased. I have become strong in my faith. Thank you Jesus."

*-Vishal*

# Pakistan

Pakistan has one of the largest percentages of Muslims in the world after Indonesia. What a joy to partner with a Pakistan Sunday School ministry since 2018 to reach the children of this nation with the Gospel and disciple them in prayer.

From January to September of this year, 42,545 little ones went through The

Prayer Covenant lessons, and 1,937 children made commitments to follow Jesus. We covet your prayers on behalf of our leaders and the children they serve.

## Testimony from a leader

"My name is Nargas and I am from Rassol Nagar village. I am serving as a Sunday school teacher. Recently I attended a Children Workers' training in my church. At the end of the trainings, all participants received The Prayer Covenant books and cards.

After a few months, I observed a huge change in my Sunday school kids' prayer life. They were always hesitant and shy to pray but after teaching the five topics of The Prayer Covenant, God's spirit really worked in their lives and now I can see they all can pray short and long prayers without any hesitation. I am thankful to God for such a wonderful Prayer Covenant curriculum and the people who designed it."



# Southeast Asia

God is performing miracles in Southeast Asia. This year, local leaders have been facilitating children's discipleship groups in countries throughout the region, including the Philippines. Thousands of Prayer Covenant booklets have been distributed to children.

In May of 2022, children in the Philippines participated in a Nationwide Children Pray, Care, and Share. Children prayed for the people around them, cared for and blessed others with what they possessed, and shared the gospel with others. A local leader said, "The Holy Spirit kept convicting people through the witness of the children."

To date, approximately 20,000 children have been discipled through The Prayer Covenant in the Philippines.

Partnerships with Operation Christmas Child and Children Evangelism Fellowship have also allowed for the facilitation of discipleship in different areas in the region.



# Italy

In March, 2022, The Prayer Covenant landed in Italy. Led by Carmen Nocera, an Italian missionary committed to various projects with the younger generations, we have a strategic plan to promote the discipleship resources throughout churches and children across the nation.

Italy has a strong spiritual heritage with the work of Paul the Apostle, its martyrs and history; yet it's a place where today only one percent of people identify as evangelical Christians.

**Italy does not have a long history of children and youth ministry. For this reason, one of the priorities of the missionary call in this nation is to support and equip children and youth workers with targeted training and resources.**

There is a great need to realize the importance of empowering and releasing children in ministry. The Prayer Covenant resources offer a tremendous tool for kids' discipleship.

## Start-Up Strategy

- Translation of resources and videos
- Connect and partner with national children's ministries, missionary organizations, local churches, and national denominations
- Hold Prayer Covenant trainings, events and presentations for children, parents, and ministry leaders

The Prayer Covenant promotion in Italy began in October after intensive preparation over the summer, and The Prayer Covenant Book for Children has been translated and printed in Italian. The Prayer Covenant Kids App is also being translated into Italian.



# Latin America

We have new leadership partners in Latin America. They are leading virtual trainings each quarter with church and ministry leaders in Colombia, Chile, Mexico, and Ecuador. To date, 240 leaders have been trained with The Prayer Covenant resources and curriculum. There are 44 partner organizations who have reached around 900 children with The Prayer Covenant discipleship program.



Pastor William Saenz from Bogota, member of the Church of God in Colombia, is interested in taking this material to his denomination, which includes 150 churches in the country.

## Testimonies from leaders

"A complete family, by the mercy of the Lord, has been reunited again. The parents were separated, but now again the father, mother, and five children are attending church together, thanks to the prayers that were performed at Prayer Day."

"We evidenced the positive impact of this commitment to prayer with a girl who recently attended the congregation. She is very shy, she almost doesn't speak. She attended this day, and it was a great surprise when the next class she was asked about what she liked most about this. She was the one who spoke the most enthusiastically, she told us everything she learned and how happy she was for this."

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# United States

**Our largest partner in the USA is Urban Hope. David Beidel, Founder & President, shared the following update:**

You might be seeing in our literature lately that we are transitioning quite a bit. We are expressing it as: Jesus Week - a saturation to transformation movement. We consider your resources (The Prayer Covenant), to be transformational. We need to more intentionally and intensively shepherd the

transformational aspects of our movement. They do not happen passively. We remain dedicated to fully roll out the Children's Prayer Covenant mission.

*-David Beidel*

The Prayer Covenant closed the online store and shipped the resources to Urban Hope where we know they will be put to good use, discipling children, teens and women in prayer and evangelism. Please cover this amazing ministry with your prayers.

# He Hears Her Voice



Candy Marballi's new book, *He Hears Her Voice* (the Prayer Covenant for Women), is now available at Barnes & Noble and other retail outlets. It makes a great gift for your loved-ones, and 100 percent of royalties go directly to Prayer Covenant ministry operations in Africa. One reader shared:

"This book offers a solid foundation for a life strategy. It is arranged methodically and is easy to understand. By learning the themes in the prayer, you will be changed and will be connected back with the Father and what He wants for His children. There are many books in society that claim to tell us the key to being everything a woman needs to be. They explain how to be successful in our job, in our marriage, or as a mother. This is a refreshing book which answers that question by explaining that what we need more than anything is to communicate with God through prayer, and allow him to change us and impact our lives for the better." - Susan N.

## The Prayer Covenant App for Kids

The Prayer Covenant App for Kids is now available to download, and is currently being used in 40 countries so far. Our ten new animations, which bring each Bible story vividly to life, are included in each lesson along with fun activities and raps that invite the player to sing along.

This interactive app will help us reach children on a much larger scale, and we are praying it will encourage them to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus.

Download the app today from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. It is a great tool to disciple your children and grandchildren.







The current financial crisis has hit us hard. We need your help now more than ever to continue to reach, root, and release the children of the nations. God has called them and is using them powerfully in some of the most restricted nations on earth.

## Will you help us?

You can donate online at [theprayercovenant.org/donate](http://theprayercovenant.org/donate) or mail a check to:

**P.O. Box 281  
New Albany, OH 43054**

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14*

