

# 2021 PRAYER GUIDE

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month-by-month prayer  
journey through 2021!*

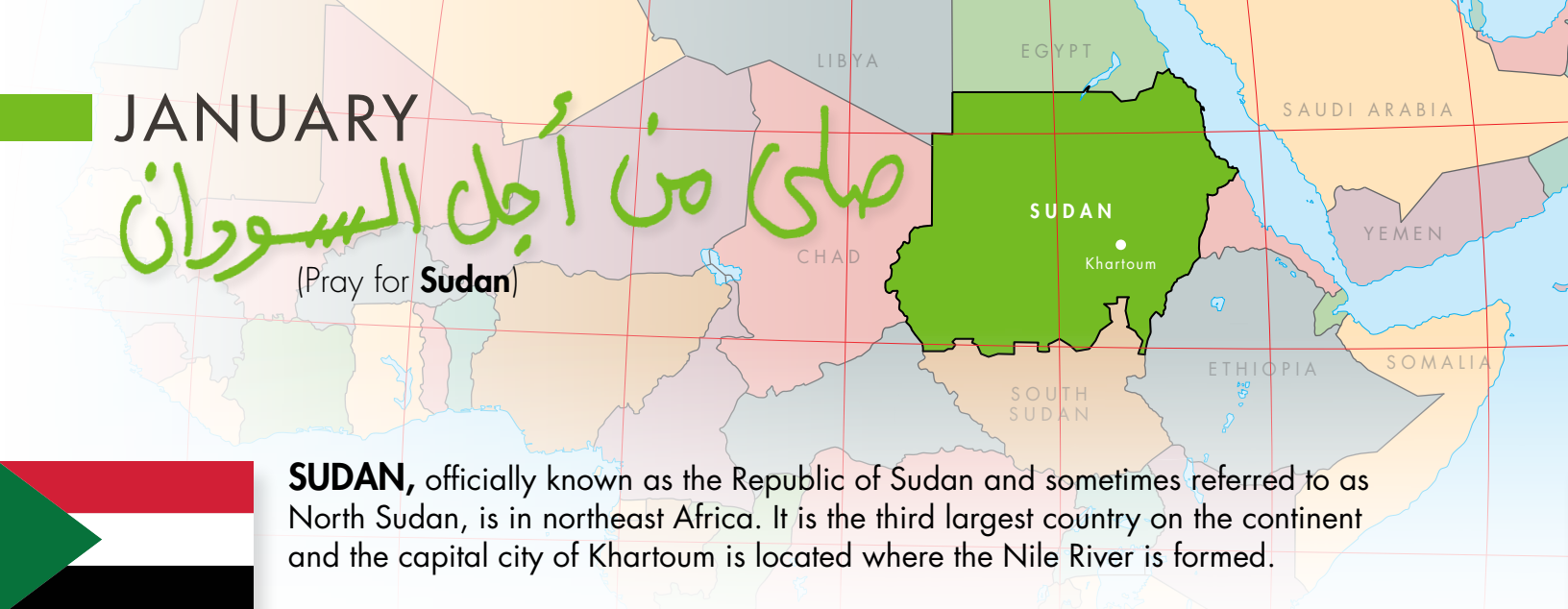




# JANUARY

# صلى من أجل السودان

(Pray for Sudan)



**SUDAN**, officially known as the Republic of Sudan and sometimes referred to as North Sudan, is in northeast Africa. It is the third largest country on the continent and the capital city of Khartoum is located where the Nile River is formed.

## Hope for Kids and the Kids Alive family

care for 20 boys in the Boys' Hope Centre in Sudan. This war-torn country has left hundreds of thousands of children at risk from crime and forced labour, and our committed caregivers offer physical, emotional, social, and educational support, all while showing the love of Christ to vulnerable boys.

## Interesting facts about Sudan

- Petroleum is the most important export for Sudan
- Ruins of the ancient kingdom of Kush are found at Gebel Barkal in the Nile Valley
- Sudan is made up of many different ethnic groups, most of whom speak their own unique language

## COVID-19 in Sudan:

Our boys' home has been closed since March of 2020, with all boys going back to their homes or to relatives who could be located. In September, three boys returned to Boys' Hope Centre to do their exam preparation. The Centre has provided the families with food and visited the boys (who can be reached easily) on a regular basis during 2020. The staff have worked closely with the families and guardians to enroll children in schools close to their homes and support them with the provision of uniforms and school resources for the 2021 academic year.

## Interesting holiday of the month

January 1 – Sudan Independence Day (in 1956 declared independence from Egypt and Britain)

## How can I pray for Kids Alive Sudan in January?

### WEEK 1:

For the families in our communities who lost work due to COVID-19, that they would trust God for their needs and would find work quickly

### WEEK 2:

For our staff members who also feel the economic strain and are coping with rising food prices and general scarcity of necessities

### WEEK 3:

That our country would know political peace and economic prosperity

### WEEK 4:

That each boy would come to understand God's love for Him and know the peace He provides, even in the midst of political, societal, and family unrest

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.  
I do not give to you as the world gives.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."*

John 14:27 (NIV)

# FEBRUARY

## မြန်မာပြည်အတွက် ဆုတောင်းပေးပါ

(Pray for Myanmar)



**MYANMAR**, previously known as Burma, is a southeast Asian country with 1,200 miles of uninterrupted coastline, natural resources like jade, oil, and teak, and over 800 species of birds.

**Kids Alive** is currently serving more than 70 children from Buddhist homes in Dawei. These vulnerable children, who come from the poorest sectors and often live in makeshift houses, are provided with meals, snacks, vitamins, educational support, books, and basic medical care. Our staff strive to foster a warm and caring environment where children can feel safe and hear about the God who loves them.

### Interesting facts about Myanmar

- Replete with beautiful Buddhist architecture and landmarks
- Rich in minerals including metal ores, petroleum, and many precious stones

**COVID-19 in Myanmar:** Many of our families already struggle with economic insecurity, and the shutdowns related to COVID-19 only amplified those difficulties. We have been able to provide food and basic essentials to the most vulnerable in our community; we also provided instructions on hygiene and health so they were better prepared to identify virus symptoms and seek medical treatment when necessary. Although we normally offer English classes and crafting lessons, the past year brought many changes to the schedule. We travelled from home to home, sharing Bible lessons and teaching English. This format allowed us to get to know each family better and we are grateful for the connections made.

### Interesting holiday of the month

February 12 – Union Day (marks the date in 1947 when Burma became a unified country)

## How can I pray for Kids Alive Myanmar in February?

### WEEK 1:

For the spiritual transformation of precious children from Buddhist families, that they would be receptive to the Gospel and willing to share the Good News in their homes

### WEEK 2:

That we would be wise stewards of the ministry, especially during this challenging time

### WEEK 3:

That our financial needs would be met so we can continue reaching out to precious children and their families

### WEEK 4:

That our Care Centre would continue to grow in its reach and influence for Christ, and in turn help to revitalise and strengthen this nation

*“And my God will meet all your needs  
according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.”*


Philippians 14:9 (NIV)



# MARCH

## Rugati-vă pentru România

(Pray for Romania)



**ROMANIA** is a sovereign nation in Eastern Europe that borders the Black Sea to the southeast and is the seventh most populous member country of the European Union. Europe's famous River Danube empties into Romania's Danube Delta and the Carpathian Mountains cross the country from north to south.

**We** currently operate two programmes in the village of Dobrun: Denisa Care Centre, where we provide tutoring, school supplies, and nutritious snacks to local vulnerable children, and House of Hope, where we care for five girls in a loving home environment and have seen them learn, grow, and embrace the truth of the Gospel.

### Interesting facts about Romania

- The Romanian people are descendants of indigenous Dacians and Roman settlers
- In 1989, the country's revolution liberated Romanians from Communist rule
- The country boasts a rich mix of natural resources such as hydrocarbons and various precious metals

**COVID-19 in Romania:** For several months, our children were in isolation in their homes. Many parents lost their jobs and families have been under tremendous stress. We enlarged our gardens to avoid using the city market as often, and we packaged and delivered meals to families facing food insecurity. Schooling was moved to online platforms, but many students didn't have the technology necessary to connect with their teachers and complete assignments. Our team created physical worksheets and other printouts and we delivered lessons to students at home, collecting them again after work was completed. This made a big difference in helping students retain what they had already learned.

### Interesting holiday of the month

March 1 – Mărțior ("Little March," a celebration of spring)

## How can I pray for Kids Alive Romania in March?

### WEEK 1:

For protection of our children, not only physically but that their hearts would soften toward the message of the Gospel and that they will become shining lights in Romania

### WEEK 2:

For guidance and wisdom as we nurture children and aid families under the limitations of pandemic guidelines

### WEEK 3:

For wisdom in determining the future direction of these ministries

### WEEK 4:

For our new university students as they transition into a new season of adulthood

*"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."*

James 1:5 (NIV)

APRIL

صلى من أجل جنوب السودان

(Pray for **South Sudan**)



**SOUTH SUDAN**, officially known as the Republic of South Sudan, is home to 12 million people, and the capital and largest city of Juba has a population of more than half a million. South Sudan consists of tropical forests, swamps, and grasslands, and hosts the second largest wildlife migration in the world.

**We** have been operating the Good Shepherd Home in Wau since 2007, where boys who had previously lived on the streets or came from abusive homes live in safety. Here they have their physical, emotional, education, and social needs met in a loving atmosphere that is permeated with the Gospel and hope for a better future.

### Interesting facts about South Sudan

- 60% of the country identifies as Christian
- South Sudan separated from Sudan in 2011 and is a sovereign nation
- Petroleum is a vital natural resource of the region

**COVID-19 in South Sudan:** Our home remained semi-closed for several months while we waited for this global pandemic to loosen its grip. We have set up handwashing stations at entrances to stop the spread of germs and our team members are still following local and national guidelines for hygiene and preventative measures relating to COVID-19. Our staff has also designated areas for quarantine should the need arise. Food access became even more challenging as prices rose, and essentials were, and still are, scarce. A bag of sorghum, a month's supply of food for a Sudanese family, now costs more than £60.

### Interesting holiday of the month

April 3 – Holy Saturday

## How can I pray for Kids Alive South Sudan in April?

### WEEK 1:

For each boy at Good Shepherd to come to know Jesus, to be released from fear, and to become a catalyst for peace and change in South Sudan

### WEEK 2:

That the long-term impacts of COVID-19 will be minimal, especially in the areas of disease control and food prices

### WEEK 3:

That the political situation remains peaceful and that the country is able to receive international aid that will assist with food distribution

### WEEK 4:

For economic recovery and stable government in South Sudan

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.  
In this world you will have trouble. But take heart!  
I have overcome the world."*

John 16:33 (NIV)



MAY

# Ora por República Dominicana

(Pray for Dominican Republic)



**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** is a sovereign nation that shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti in the Greater Antilles. The capital city of Santo Domingo and the surrounding metropolitan areas are located on the southern coast and are home to almost three million of Dominican Republic's 10 million residents.

**We** currently serve more than 2,200 children at 10 sites in Dominican Republic; our homes in Jarabacoa, Constanza, and Monte Plata house and care for children who are orphaned or abandoned and need a safe place to live, and our schools and care centres provide education, holistic support, sports ministries, and Bible studies for hundreds of local vulnerable children in impoverished communities.

## Interesting facts about Dominican Republic

- DR is one of the few sources of amber in the Western Hemisphere
- The country is a prominent tourist destination, arguably the most popular in the Caribbean
- Merengue festivals are common in most larger cities and towns

**COVID-19 in Dominican Republic:** Life in Dominican Republic felt like a complete departure from what used to be normal. Medical care was severely limited and there is a stigma associated with COVID-19 testing that, coupled with the high costs, makes contact tracing difficult. Our schools very quickly converted to relief efforts directed toward the impoverished communities around us, and teams focused on food distribution and hygiene instruction. All of these new realities changed how we operate our ministry, and we are learning to wait patiently on the Lord and His timing.

## Interesting holiday of the month

May 1 – Labour Day

## How can I pray for Kids Alive Dominican Republic in May?

### WEEK 1:

That we can reestablish our Service Team programme that gives us much-needed help in various areas like teacher training, sports ministry, health care, and construction

### WEEK 2:

That we would receive continued favour from the Dominican government; they have given us several awards and requested that we expand existing programmes

### WEEK 3:

For the continued development of high school initiatives like discipleship clubs, vocational training, and sports clubs that allow us to keep speaking into lives of older students

### WEEK 4:

That God would provide highly committed and passionate personnel; filling these positions means growth for our ministries

*“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”*

1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV)

JUNE

# 為台灣禱告

(Pray for **Taiwan**)



**TAIWAN**, officially the Republic of China, is an island in east Asia characterised by its varied landscape: rugged mountain ranges and the flat or gently rolling plains that are home to most of Taiwan's residents.

**We** have been working in Taiwan since 1969, primarily ministering to children from dysfunctional families or who have been disabled by injury or disease.

The campuses of the Onesiphorus and Nantou Children's Homes include family-style residential facilities where more than 100 children are provided with loving house parents, holistic care, quality education, nutritious meals, and the good news of Christ's love.

## Interesting facts about Taiwan

- An island 1,000 miles from the southeastern Chinese coast
- In the 17th century, became the first people to free themselves from Western colonial rule
- Culture is mostly Chinese, with some Japanese influence

## Interesting holiday of the month

June 14 – Dragon Boat Festival

## How can I pray for Kids Alive Taiwan in June?

### WEEK 1:

For healing and reconciliation of our children with family members who have not been present in their lives, that there would be forgiveness and true restoration

### WEEK 2:

That our middle school students struggling in maths will master the necessary skills to move forward

### WEEK 3:

For our team members, that they would find times of spiritual refreshment during long months of limited movement

### WEEK 4:

For students who are ill or who must quarantine, that they would pick up their studies again quickly

***“But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.”***

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)



JULY

# Ora por Peru

(Pray for Peru)

PACIFIC OCEAN

PERU

Lima

BRAZIL

BOLIVIA

**PERU** is located on the western side of South America and is an immensely bio-diverse country, with habitats ranging from arid to tropical. There are an estimated 15 uncontacted Amerindian tribes in Peru.

**We** serve 500 vulnerable children in Peru. Our Juniper Tree Children's Home provides family-style homes for over 20 vulnerable children and offers holistic care, education, and the knowledge of eternal hope in Christ as Saviour. In Manchay, outside Lima, our care centre and school are providing education, meals, Bible lessons, basic health care, and early childhood skills for younger at-risk children. And our care centre and children's homes in Pucallpa and Andahuaylas bring hope to vulnerable children in these jungle and mountain areas.

## Interesting facts about Peru

- Has ¾ of the world's alpaca population
- Roasted guinea pig (Cuy) is the national dish
- Features the highest sand dune in the world, Cerro Blanco

**COVID-19 in Peru:** Since mid-March, our children's homes have been in varying stages of lockdown in accordance with local regulations, and our normal Oasis school and programmes were suspended. We've had to be creative in how we connect with our children and their families since our own movement has been very restricted. Classes were moved to an online format and we have stayed in contact via messaging apps and phone calls. Many families are out of work and we have responded with relief efforts whenever possible, delivering food baskets and hygiene supplies throughout the community.

## Interesting holiday of the month

July 29 – Great Military Parade of Peru

## How can I pray for Kids Alive Peru in July?

### WEEK 1:

That children who have been deeply hurt and, in many cases abandoned, will come to know the joy of a true family, either through re-integration or through new "forever" families

### WEEK 2:

That existing family relationships would be restored and strengthened

### WEEK 3:

That trust would be developed between hurting children and our staff members who care for them

### WEEK 4:

That these children will grasp "how wide and how deep" the love of Christ is for them, and that they would learn to love others with this same love

*"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."*

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NIV)



# AUGUST

# صلوا عن أجل لبنان

(Pray for **Lebanon**)



**LEBANON** is one of the world's smallest countries, with an area of only 10,452 sq. km., but within its borders are several very diverse geographical regions. The capital city is Beirut. Arabs make up 95% of Lebanon's population and Armenians account for 4%.

**We** have been ministering to orphans and other vulnerable children in Lebanon for more than 70 years! At our Dar El Awlad Children's Home and School, we are providing care and education for vulnerable children who have been orphaned or are from families too poor to care for them, especially Syrian refugees. We also do extensive work with refugee children and families, and with Dom (formerly known as "gypsy") and young Bedouin women in south Lebanon who need the Gospel and help in establishing independence.

### Interesting facts about Lebanon

- Proclaimed independence from France in 1943
- Has a parliamentary system of government
- Boasts rich cultural sites such as the ruins of many Phoenician cities

**COVID-19 in Lebanon:** Across all of our ministries here, most of the parents of our students are day labourers. A day without labour is a day without food, and the lost income due to COVID-19 shutdowns took an immense toll. Our teams supplied these families with cooked meals at least twice a week and with nonperishables to take home. Even under the best of circumstances, our refugee families live with constant stress, and the pandemic has compounded that. We are working to meet the mental health needs of our students through holistic, trauma-informed care.

### Interesting local holiday of the month

August 1 – Eid al-Adha (Muslim Feast of Sacrifice)

## How can I pray for Kids Alive Lebanon in August?

### WEEK 1:

For young hearts who've only known fear and loss to experience hope, love, and forgiveness found only in Jesus Christ

### WEEK 2:

That God would continue to give us inroads with the Bedouin and Dom peoples who are traditionally hard to reach with the Gospel

### WEEK 3:

For wisdom as we choose how best to serve our children and families, and for peace that God will take care of His children

### WEEK 4:

That we would not grow restless during times of unrest but instead would rest in our Lord who works all things together for the good of those who love Him

***"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."***

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

# SEPTEMBER

## Ora por Guatemala

(Pray for **Guatemala**)



**GUATEMALA**, officially known as the Republic of Guatemala, is a Central American country famous for its vibrant mix of Mayan and Spanish cultures. Guatemala City is the capital city, as well as the largest city in Guatemala with a population of 3.3 million.

**We** have been serving vulnerable children here since 1992. Our Source of Hope School in the poverty-stricken town of Zapote is offering holistic care, education, and the good news of God's love to over 200 children; our Oasis programmes in San Lucas and Escuintla care for girls who have been sexually abused and traumatised and need emotional, medical, legal, and educational help to rebuild their lives.

### Interesting facts about Guatemala

- Features several active volcanos in a relatively small geographical area
- Ethnic Mayans make up 2/5 of the country's population
- Local cuisine features a blend of Spanish and indigenous influences

**COVID-19 in Guatemala:** As with all our other sites, the work in Guatemala shifted radically with the onset of COVID lockdowns. Travel restrictions altered staff plans, and changing government guidelines required us to stay flexible at all times. In the midst of this turmoil, we were privileged to provide meals and other basic goods to more than 250 families in the communities where we work. We also responded to school closures with innovative educational programmes and activities to keep our students on track as much as possible.

### Interesting holiday of the month

September 15 – Guatemalan Independence Day

## How can I pray for Kids Alive Guatemala in September?

### WEEK 1:

For each girl in our Oasis programme, that trust will be built so we can help them heal from the horrific trauma they have endured, and for their victory in Jesus

### WEEK 2:

For the babies born to young mothers, that they would never know a day without love and security

### WEEK 3:

For those experiencing economic hardships, that they can continue to provide for their families and rely on the God who meets every need

### WEEK 4:

For our upcoming court cases, that justice would be done, and the victims would feel safe throughout the process

*“Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.”*

Isaiah 54:10 (NIV)



# OCTOBER

## Amucipailile cisi ca Zambia

(Pray for **Zambia**)



**ZAMBIA**, officially the Republic of Zambia, is a land-locked country in south central Africa and has a population of 16.5 million. Lusaka is the capital and largest city and is home to over four million people.

**We** are ministering to nearly 700 vulnerable Zambian children in our two children's villages, school, and care centre programme. Our homes provide a safe place to live, nutritious meals, health care, and daily Gospel teaching. Our school offers quality education, Bible studies, and at least one meal a day for students who would not be able to afford schooling fees anywhere else.

### Interesting facts about Zambia

- Derives its name from the Zambezi River
- Natural resources include copper and emeralds
- Traditional art consists mainly of wood carving, pottery making, and basket weaving

**COVID-19 in Zambia:** During the 2018 and 2019 farming seasons, Zambia suffered one of the worst droughts in recent history, preceded by an already meagre harvest during the previous year. This led to drastically reduced food production and a total loss of income for thousands of households, especially in the rural areas of southern Zambia. Compounded by the effects of COVID-19, this quickly became an emergency situation that required immediate attention. Kids Alive Zambia was mobilised and provided food baskets for local families, and in addition gave breeding and milk goats to 200 families in our community.

### Interesting holiday of the month

October 18 – Zambian National Day of Prayer

## How can I pray for Kids Alive Zambia in October?

### WEEK 1:

For our attempts to reunite precious children with family members, for restoration of broken families, and for the strengthening of relationships through mentoring and discipleship

### WEEK 2:

For academic breakthroughs for all our students

### WEEK 3:

For peace in the midst of heightened political tension regarding recent elections and government changes

### WEEK 4:

For our staff and missionaries, that they would be blessed as they serve the Lord in many ways

***“The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him – may your hearts live forever!”***

Psalms 22:26 (NIV)

# NOVEMBER

## Prier pour Haiti

(Pray for **Haiti**)



**HAITI** is a sovereign state that shares the island of Hispaniola with Dominican Republic and boasts the second longest coastline in the Greater Antilles. The capital city, Port-au-Prince, is home to 2.6 million people.

**We** have been rescuing hopeless children in Haiti since 2002 and we opened our first children's home in the northern city of Cap-Hatien two years later. In addition to the children's home, we operate a school for residential children as well as those in the surrounding area. Today, over 150 children attend the school. We also provide nutritious lunches and after-school tutoring to help students stay nourished and on track.

### Interesting facts about Haiti

- Country's population is almost entirely descended from African slaves
- More than half of Haitians are Roman Catholic
- First Caribbean nation to have their soccer team qualify for the World Cup finals

**COVID-19 in Haiti:** With the current school closures, we have sent homework to our non-residential students along with food for their families. We are continuing to offer limited classes for our residential students, but the biggest struggles right now involve access to resources. Most of our goods come from the US and Dominican Republic, but borders are often closed. The price of food has once again spiked and common products are now scarce. We are still providing bags of rice, oil, and spaghetti for families in our community, and have served hundreds of families in the past six months.

### Interesting holiday of the month

November 18 – Battle of Vertières Day (Last major battle of the Haitian Revolution in 1803)

## How can I pray for Kids Alive Haiti in November?

### WEEK 1:

For each of our children to give their hearts to Jesus and apply themselves to the study of God's word as well as their academics, so they can break cycles of despair and poverty

### WEEK 2:

For the students nearing graduation, that they would seek God's will for their futures

### WEEK 3:

For the new classrooms that have been added this school year, that our growth would be blessed and the children would learn well

### WEEK 4:

For our new cafeteria and classroom, that they would provide opportunities to serve our community as well as the students who use them daily

*"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."*

Psalms 23:4 (NIV)



# DECEMBER

## Ombi la Kenya

(Pray for **Kenya**)



**KENYA**, officially the Republic of Kenya, is a country in eastern Africa and is situated over the equator. The terrain is large and diverse; the area extends from Lake Victoria to Lake Turkana, and further southeast to the Indian Ocean.

**We** currently provide an education, nutritious meals, medical care, and the love of Christ to nearly 200 children in our four residential homes. The Karundas Children's Home provides loving care to children between the ages of 4 and 18, many of whom have been orphaned or abandoned due to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, and many who are HIV-positive. Our Hall Mead School offers best-in-class education to several hundred non-residential students, and we work with dozens of families whose children need nutritional and other help in order to stay in their homes.

### Interesting facts about Kenya

- Swahili is the primary language spoken throughout the country
- Soda ash, used in glassmaking, is one of the most important mineral exports
- Kenyan cooking reflects British, Arab, and Indian influences

**COVID-19 in Kenya:** Medical care in Kenya is unpredictable under normal circumstances, and local clinics and hospitals were overwhelmed by COVID-19 cases. Testing is expensive and inaccessible to most of our community families which means that treatment for symptoms can sometimes be dangerously delayed. We are providing basic nutritional and hygiene necessities to more than 80 families, along with information on health and safety protocols related to the pandemic. There is already a high rate of neglect and abuse of children and this has only increased during the current health crisis.

### Interesting holiday of the month

December 26 – Utamaduni Day (formerly Boxing Day) celebrates the country's rich cultural diversity and heritage

## How can I pray for Kids Alive Kenya in December?

### WEEK 1:

For precious kids to finish the year strongly, with a distinct sense of God's protection, love, and direction as they enter 2022

### WEEK 2:

For our communities, as so many were left in dire hardship with COVID effects

### WEEK 3:

For good health at all ministry sites, that our staff would be strengthened, and our students would be protected from illness

### WEEK 4:

For national peace, security, and economic recovery

***"Do not conform to the pattern of this world,  
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."***

Romans 12:2a (NIV)





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