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*Call to Prayer*

Be the Fingers of Jesus



Call to me and I will  
answer you and tell you  
great and unsearchable  
things you do not know.

—*Jeremiah 33:3*

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A close-up photograph of a hand with the index finger pointing upwards, set against a bright, hazy yellow background. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, and the lighting is soft and warm, creating a spiritual atmosphere.

Dear Faithful Friends,

I thank God and rejoice every time I consider your faithfulness to Bethania Kids. You have given generously time and time again, and the children surely continue to need your financial support, but in addition I believe the Lord is calling us to pray.

Scripture exhorts us to pray without ceasing, but I see there are certain times, certain seasons, that God calls His people to dedicate to special prayer for a particular purpose. At this time I sense the Lord calling Bethania to pray and ask God for some very specific things on behalf of the children He has entrusted to us.

Will you join us? We've prepared this special prayer tent for you to place on your kitchen table. Each week there is a specific prayer of thanksgiving and a specific prayer of need. There are of course many miles that separate you and the precious Bethania children pictured each week, but in prayer there is no distance—for God allows us to be the fingers of Jesus and tangibly reach child after child by His grace, and for His glory.

Let's be the fingers of Jesus and pray with a passion!

In Christ's service,  
Todd Heidelberg, President

# Bethania Kids

Bethania is a Christian mission bringing wholeness and hope to poor, abandoned, and disabled children in India, equipping them to share God's love.

100% of your contribution will be used directly for children's ministry in India.

### *1 Corinthians 13*

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love.

But the greatest of these is *love.*

Week  
1

# Love is patient



## Praise God!

We thank God that the children in our Bethania Kids Rehabilitation Center for young men in Kodaikanal are being nurtured in a personal relationship with Jesus. Pray for patience and diligence for our caregivers. Giving daily care for these men is quite tedious and exhausting. They are fully grown and heavy and, understandably, they sometimes become frustrated with the burden of their disability.

# Week 1 Please pray for...

# 1

Pray for those afflicted with disease. Malnutrition, dehydration, upper respiratory tract infections, and acute diarrheal infections are still common causes of unimaginable suffering in India.



Week  
2

*Love is kind*



## Praise God!

Praise God that the children in our Bethania Kids Center for children with disabilities located in Kodaikanal are being nurtured in a personal relationship with Jesus. Please pray for continued progress in physicial therapy for our cerebral palsy children.

## Week Please pray for...

# 2

Pray for children with disabilities. India experiences a higher rate of cerebral palsy and other maladies among children born in rural areas where education and prenatal care for women are quite limited.



Week  
3

*Love does not envy*



## Praise God!

Thank God for Paramadas and his team of caregivers who are finding the hard-to-reach poor children in our Upper Hills Outreach program and nurturing them in a personal relationship with Jesus. Please pray for the trust and cooperation of sometimes-suspicious family members, and for medical expertise to be made available to children for whom intervention could have a significant impact.

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A photograph of a person wearing a grey and red striped shawl, crouching on the ground. A hand is reaching out from the right side, touching the person's hand. The background is a textured, golden-brown surface. The text 'Week 3' is in the top left, and 'Please pray for...' is in the bottom right. There is also some faint text 'NO P A R K' on the left and 'HEALTH SYSTEMS' at the bottom right.

Week  
3

Please pray for...

Pray for the poor. Hundreds of millions in India live below the poverty line.

HEALTH  
SYSTEMS

Week  
4

*Love does not boast  
and is not proud*



## Praise God!

Let's thank the Lord that 23 boys in our Bethania Kids Home in Kodaikanal receive nutritious food each day and that they receive spiritual food as they are nurtured in a personal relationship with Jesus.

# Week 4

## Please pray for...

Pray for the countless children in India who are malnourished. Lack of education, coupled with a lack of funds to supply the varied foods needed for healthy development, cause undernourishment.

Undernourishment in turn can cause people to be susceptible to deadly diseases. This pattern is called the poverty/malnutrition/disease cycle.



Week  
5

*Love is not rude or self-seeking*



## Praise God!

Praise God that the 55 boys in our Home in Panayur and 30 children in our new Asirvad Home are going to school and are being nurtured in a personal relationship with Jesus. Please pray for a successful merger with the Asirvad ministry and relocation of many of the children, so that all children will continue to be well cared-for on a property of our own.



Week  
5

Please pray for...

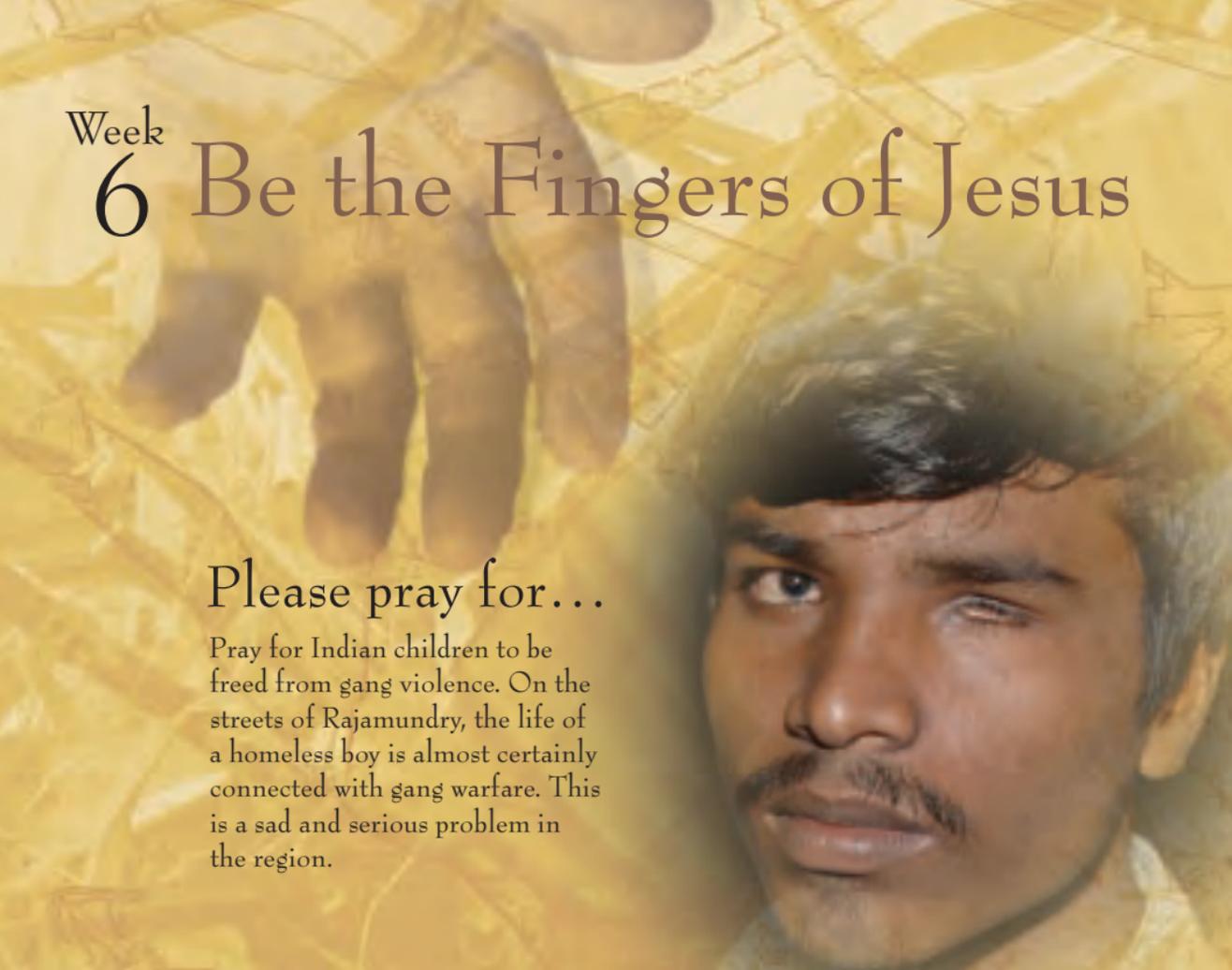
Pray for the illiterate. In many rural regions of India the literacy rate is still as low as 30%.

Week  
6

*Love is not easily angered,  
it keeps no record of wrongs.*

## Praise God!

We thank God that the 40 boys in our Home in Rajamundry are safe from street violence and that they are being nurtured in a personal relationship with Jesus. Please pray for new land for a building to call our own. Rental costs have sky-rocketed, as well as the cost of land.

A large, semi-transparent image of a hand reaching down from the top left towards the center of the page. In the bottom right corner, there is a close-up portrait of a young man with dark hair and a mustache, looking slightly to the left with a serious expression. The background is a textured, golden-yellow pattern.

Week

# 6 Be the Fingers of Jesus

Please pray for...

Pray for Indian children to be freed from gang violence. On the streets of Rajamundry, the life of a homeless boy is almost certainly connected with gang warfare. This is a sad and serious problem in the region.

Week  
7

*Love does not delight in evil  
but rejoices with the truth.*



## Praise God!

Give praise to our Lord that the 25 girls in our Bethania Kids Home in Kodaikanal are protected from evil and that they are being nurtured in a personal relationship with Jesus. Please pray for the fulfillment of a dream in Kodaikanal: another cost-effective and beautiful building completed on our new land this year.

A group of young girls are standing in front of a wall. One girl in the foreground is looking down with a sad expression. A large hand is pointing towards the text on the right side of the image.

Please pray for...

Week  
7

Pray for girls trapped by prostitution.  
Girls living on the streets are sometimes  
sexually abused and often forced into  
prostitution.

Week  
8

*Love always protects*



## Praise God!

Praise God that the 120 girls in our beautiful Bethania Kids Home in Nagercoil are safe and that they are being nurtured in a personal relationship with Jesus. Pray for good marriages, when the time is right. Also pray for husbands who are responsible, diligent, and faithful. Pray for funds to provide scholarships for our brightest and most gifted girls and for our sewing institute to be blessed as we train many of the girls in the vocation of tailoring.

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A woman in a blue sari is shown in profile, holding a young child. The child has a sad expression. The background is a blurred, yellowish structure, possibly a tent or a makeshift shelter. The overall tone is somber and urgent.

Week  
8

## Please pray for...

Pray for victims of physical and sexual abuse. Many women are forced into undesirable marriages and become trapped in abusive homes. Sadly, some women become so discouraged that they prefer taking their own lives to going on living in such conditions.

Week  
9

*Love always trusts.*



## Praise God!

We thank God for the value placed on each child within our Bethania Kids Centers and the message this communicates back to their families. Please pray that they would limit the eating of sticky sugarcane between meals and brush their teeth! Also pray for the continual development of our Bethania Kids Center model of ministry, that we will truly equip these kids with the tools they need to survive and impact their country.

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# Week 9

## Please pray for...

Pray for victims of domestic violence. In many homes, authority is exercised with the back of a hand. In one tragic case, a young girl who had recently joined a Bethania Kids Center died of injuries sustained from her grandfather.



Week  
10

*Love always hopes*



## Praise God!

Thank God that although the living situation for 135 kids in our Home in Injam Bakkam (Chennai) is tight, these children are being nurtured and equipped in a personal relationship with Jesus. Please pray for God to open a door for a new facility to ease the crowding we are currently experiencing in this home.

# Week 10 Please pray for...

Pray for the unfathomable millions.

With already over a billion people, India has a population of children in excess of 500,000,000!

That's twice the population of the United States in kids.



Week  
11

*Love always perseveres*



## Praise God!

Praise God that the children in our Bethania Kids vocational training facility in Muttam are being equipped with skills to help them survive. We're thankful that they are being nurtured in a personal relationship with Jesus. Please pray for growth in trust and partnership with local village leaders to help us impact these children who are at risk.

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# Week 11

## Please pray for...

Pray for the unemployed in India. Although official unemployment statistics of over 50% are perhaps misleading, it is safe to say that many young adults who grow up in a semi-literate family will have great difficulty finding an adequate job. Hundreds of millions of Indian people have moved from rural villages into major cities in search of jobs. Many are now forced to live in slums.



Week  
12

*Love never fails*



## Praise God!

We thank our Lord that the 25 children in our very first Bethania Kids Home located in Kannivadi are in a secure home and are being nurtured in a personal relationship with Jesus. Pray for a possible partnership with Habitat for Humanity to build an entire Bethania Kids village on this 13 acres of land, all for nurturing and equipping poor children.

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# Week 12 Please pray for...

Pray for continued recovery in the face of natural disasters. The tsunami of 2004 wiped out the homes of over 800,000 people and killed 50,000 in India alone. Many children were left orphaned or with no means of basic sustenance.

Monsoon rains, flooding, earthquakes, and typhoons often cause tens of thousands of casualties—leaving surviving children with inadequate social programs to provide for and protect them.



Love never fails

We do pray for mercy;  
And that same prayer doth teach us all  
To render the deeds of mercy.

—William Shakespeare  
*The Merchant of Venice*  
Act IV, sc. i

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