



# EASTER PRAYER RALLY

MARCH 5 - APRIL 17, 2025

As we prepare our hearts to welcome Easter, join us for a prayer rally with Mustard Seed International.

## 1 GIVE THANKS FOR GOD’S BLESSINGS AND PROVISION THROUGH MSI’S WORK

- Thank God for the lives that have been transformed through MSI’s work, both spiritually and educationally.
- Praise God for the faithful donors, volunteers, and supporters who make the work possible.
- Thank God for opportunities to share the love of Jesus in isolated places across Indonesia.
- Give thanks for the strength and perseverance of field workers who work tirelessly in challenging conditions.
- Praise God for the partnerships and collaborations that have allowed MSI to expand its impact.
- Give thanks for God’s faithfulness in providing for every need, trusting Him to continue to lead and guide MSI.

### HONORING GOD’S FAITHFULNESS



“Looking back on 2024, we celebrate 25 years since God called us to Indonesia—a journey that began with the miraculous saving of our son, just hours before departure. Through culture shock, illness, and trials, God’s faithfulness and your prayers carried us.

Over time, those challenges turned into opportunities as TfN students and ministry partners brought hope to children across nine islands, with over a thousand students thriving daily at the Mustard Seed Lab School. Last year, we welcomed 12 new TfN students, visited remote ministry sites, and received a new dorm for male students. We are in awe of God’s work and enter 2025 with gratitude and renewed hope.”—*Cyndi*.

[Read Cyndi’s story here](#)

## 2 PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN’S SPIRITUAL GROWTH, PROTECTION, AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Pray that each child will embrace a personal relationship with Jesus and grow stronger in faith.
- Ask for God’s protection over their minds, hearts, and bodies, guarding them from harm and negative influences.
- Pray that each child will have access to quality education and the tools they need to excel academically.
- Pray that the children’s parents and guardians will support and encourage their educational journey, fostering an environment that values learning.
- Lift up children who struggle with learning difficulties, asking for special care and resources to help them succeed.



### BREAKING BARRIERS FOR EVERY CHILD

In the remote regions of Papua, where cultural norms often limit girls’ opportunities—especially for those with disabilities—

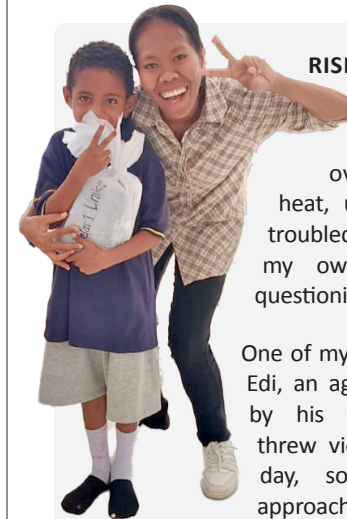
Mustard Seed teachers are breaking barriers with the transformative power of Christian education. They believe every child, regardless of background or limitations, is deeply loved by God and has limitless potential.

Rasi, principal of MSI’s school in Papua, emphasizes building students’ faith alongside their knowledge, equipping them to face life’s challenges. His student, Ani, born with malformed limbs, embodies this spirit. Despite countless obstacles, she excelled as a Paralympic athlete, winning national medals. At a school Valentine’s ceremony, Rasi’s simple gift to Ani brought her to tears, marking the first time she’d ever received such a gesture. Ani’s heartfelt promise “to be a person of love and to love God” serves as a poignant reminder of how love and faith can transform lives and inspire communities.

[Read Ani’s story here](#)

## 3 LIFT UP THE FIELD WORKERS, TEACHERS, AND LOCAL LEADERS WHO SERVE TIRELESSLY IN THE FIELD

- Pray that they would remain spiritually strong, spending time in prayer and the Word to remain grounded in their faith.
- Pray for physical health and protection for field workers and educators working in remote or challenging areas.
- Ask for God’s wisdom and discernment as they face daily challenges and make critical decisions in their responsibilities.
- Lift up their families, praying for unity and strength, especially for those separated from loved ones for extended periods.



### RISING AGAINST ALL ODDS

“My first weeks as a teacher were overwhelming—scorching heat, unruly first-graders from troubled backgrounds, and my own exhaustion left me questioning if I could continue.

One of my toughest challenges was Edi, an aggressive boy abandoned by his father, who frequently threw violent tantrums. But one day, something changed. Edi approached me with tears in his eyes, apologized, and shared his struggles. Deeply moved, I offered him my lunch and some private time to eat. Over the following weeks, with prayer and extra counseling, I began to see transformations. Edi, once disruptive, became a classroom leader, urging his peers to listen and eagerly asking for extra homework. In those moments, I felt God’s reassurance: **‘I won’t give up on them or you.’** I now see my role as more than teaching; it’s about offering love and hope. My classroom has become a sanctuary where Jesus’ love transforms us all, one step at a time.”—*Dorina*.

[Read Dorina’s story here](#)

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**PRAY FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND THE IMPOVERISHED IN THE AREAS MSI SERVES**

- Pray that the vulnerable will experience the love of Christ through MSI’s work, bringing hope and transformation to their lives.
- Ask for God’s provision for families living in poverty, that they would have enough food, shelter, and basic necessities.
- Pray for those suffering from illness or disability, asking for healing, care, and dignity in their lives.
- Pray for orphans and children without guardians (both physically or spiritually), asking that they would find love, care, and stability in their communities.



**LOVE KNOWS NO BOUNDS**

In the heart of Borneo’s rainforest, Slippery Rock Children’s Home stands as a sanctuary of love, led by Sani and Elka, who nurture children from diverse backgrounds.

One night, a baby girl was left on their doorstep, sparking a journey of love, loss, and faith. Although authorities removed her from their care due to differing religious beliefs, Sani and Elka encouraged the children to pray, and the very next day, a newborn baby boy with a cleft palate arrived at their home.

The children rejoiced, calling him a gift from God, and through prayer and divine connections, the boy received free surgery to heal his condition.

This powerful story is a testament to God’s boundless love and the incredible ways He answers prayers.

[Read the full story here](#)

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**PRAYERS FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION, AND UNITY IN COMMUNITIES**

- Pray for healing in communities that have been torn apart by conflict, asking for God’s peace to reign.
- Ask for reconciliation between groups that have been divided, that God would open hearts to forgiveness and restoration.
- Pray for local leaders to have wisdom and courage to pursue peace in their communities.
- Ask God to raise up peacemakers who will stand in the gap, fostering understanding and cooperation between opposing sides.
- Pray for MSI’s efforts in these communities, asking that their work would contribute to lasting peace and transformation.



**PRESSED BUT NOT CRUSHED**

Harta, Martin and Evan, all TfN alumni, pioneered a Christian school in the remote Papuan Highlands, facing challenges like material shortages, tribal wars, and even threats of dark magic.

Despite the hardships—including an illness that nearly claimed Harta’s life and a tribal conflict that forced them to flee—the team’s unwavering faith sustains their mission. Using local materials and immense effort, they’ve built a foundation for their kindergarten, providing children a place to learn godly values, respect, and decision-making skills. The team believes Christian education will bring transformation, offering hope and breaking cycles of violence through the power of God’s love and guidance.

[Read their interview here](#)

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**ASK FOR GOD’S BLESSING ON TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE LEADERS**

- Pray for each participant of the TransformNation (TfN) Teacher-Training Program and various leadership programs to grow in faith and understanding of God’s calling for their life.
- Ask for mentors and spiritual leaders to guide them on their journey, providing wisdom and support.
- Lift up each leader and mentor. Pray that God gives them vision, wisdom, and insight as they guide the students on their journey.
- Pray that the seeds planted in these young leaders will grow into a movement of transformation across the nation.
- Pray that they will have opportunities to apply their training and make an impact in their communities.
- Ask for open doors to share Jesus through their teaching and leadership in underserved regions.



**FORGIVENESS AND REDEMPTION**

“Kirk was one of my junior high students, a bright and loving 16-year-old whose life was shattered when his father abandoned their family for a new wife. Heartbroken and angry, Kirk confided that he wanted to teach his father a lesson.

Through our leadership class on forgiveness and self-control, I watched God transform his heart. Kirk chose to forgive his father, prayed for his salvation, and committed to loving his mother. After graduating, he sacrificed his education to care for his younger siblings, but tragically, he passed away from tuberculosis while we were trying to get him medical help.

Years passed, Kirk’s name still brings tears, but his story of forgiveness, love, and sacrifice inspires me every day to continue serving and trusting in God’s power to transform hearts.”—*Kashi, TfN alumna.*

[Read Kashi’s story here](#)

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PRAYERS FOR SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGIC GROWTH

- Ask for opportunities in new communities, allowing MSI’s work to expand its reach.
- Pray for strategic partnerships that will enhance MSI’s schools to meet the needs of the communities they serve.
- Pray for the leadership team as they discern and prioritize various school development projects on different islands. Ask for clarity and direction from God.
- Ask for favor with local authorities and government officials, allowing MSI’s schools to grow.
- Pray for the long-term sustainability and success of these schools, asking that they would bear lasting fruit in children and their communities.



GUIDED BY LOVE

“Starting a school on Mentawai Island has been a rewarding yet challenging journey. Navigating bureaucratic hurdles, managing high community expectations, and facing doubts tested our faith. In moments of discouragement, we turned to God, who answered our prayers in unexpected ways.

A surprise visit from the Regent and Provincial Education officials became a powerful testament to our commitment. Receiving an A-accreditation this year felt like a love gift from God, affirming our purpose to bless children with Christ’s love. Through it all, His faithfulness and the prayers and support of others have sustained us.—*Maria, TjN intern and school principal on Mentawai Island*

[Read Maria’s story here](#)

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PRAYERS FOR FINANCIAL PROVISION AND SUSTAINABILITY

- Lift up existing donors, thanking God for their faithful support and asking for blessings upon their lives, work, and businesses.
- Pray for new donors and partners to come alongside MSI, providing the resources needed to continue to expand this good work.
- Ask for wisdom for the leadership team in managing the organization’s finances, ensuring good stewardship of all resources.
- Pray for successful fundraising campaigns that inspire generosity and reflect the impact MSI is making.
- Ask for creative and sustainable income-generating initiatives to support the work in the field, ensuring long-term impact.



A LIFETIME OF IMPACT

Ron and Hetty have been faithful supporters of Mustard Seed for over 50 years, inspired by a mission conference where they first heard founder Lillian Dickson speak. Their commitment grew from sponsoring individual students to becoming major donors, matching all donations for the 2023-2024 Go the Distance Challenge, which significantly advanced school development in remote Indonesian villages. Motivated by a desire to leave a lasting impact, they redirected part of their estate to fund MSI projects, finding joy in seeing their contributions transform lives.

What inspired them to take their giving to the next level, and how has their journey with MSI impacted their faith and legacy?

[Read their interview here](#)

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PRAYERS FOR GOD’S GUIDANCE FOR MSI’S LEADERSHIP

- Pray for wisdom for the leadership team as they discern the best strategies and directions for MSI’s future.
- Ask for unity among the leadership, that they would work together with one heart and vision.
- Pray for protection from distractions, ensuring that MSI remains focused on its mission and values.
- Lift up their spiritual lives, asking that each leader would spend time in prayer and reflection, remaining connected to God.
- Pray that MSI’s leadership would inspire and empower others within the organization, raising up future leaders.

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LIFT UP THE PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, AND SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING OF ALL THOSE WHO SERVE WITH MSI

- Pray for good health and strength for MSI board members, staff, field workers, and volunteers.
- Ask for emotional resilience, that they would be able to cope with the demands on their lives and work without becoming overwhelmed.
- Pray for spiritual refreshment, that each person would stay connected to God, drawing strength and guidance from Him.
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- Pray for joy and fulfillment in their work, that they would see the fruit of their labor and remain motivated by the impact they are making.



FROM COFFEE TO COMMUNITY

Danielle, a young woman from North America, took a leap of faith to volunteer with Mustard Seed in Indonesia. Read her heartfelt testimony of first year of service.

[Read Danielle’s story here](#)