



## Seeking God's Touch

- 1) Pray for girls in poverty everywhere to be seen, valued, and given an education. "Nearly one in three adolescent girls from the poorest households around the world has never been to school." (UNICEF.org)
- 2) Pray for the Texas lawmakers to create a law stating that it would be considered child abuse for a parent to try to gender transition their child. This is being considered after Dr. Anne Georgulas, a Texas pediatrician, self-diagnosed her seven-year old son with gender dysphoria and has been in court with her son's father, who has been trying to block her efforts (American Family Association Journal, January/February issue, 2020).
- 3) Pray for children in Australia who have been greatly impacted by the bush fires. Many are now homeless and or without a school. Surely many children have experienced crisis and trauma. (World.org)
- 4) Pray for children in Libya. The armed conflict continues (civil war) while children's daily lives continue to worsen. Children have died, been wounded, used to fight, and are now homeless and or displaced. (UNICEF.org)
- 5) Pray for children in Democratic Republic of Congo to receive measles vaccination. Ebola is also in the country. The world's largest measles outbreak in DRC remains. Many have died. While millions of children have been vaccinated, many more are still at risk. (UN.org)
- 6) Pray for children in Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger. In these countries children have been and are currently being attacked, abducted, or recruited into armed combat. UNICEF foresees 4.3 million children being affected this year. (UNICEF.org)

## Giving Praise

- 1) The state of South Dakota passed a bill that penalizes medical personal who provided medication or surgery for gender change in children under 16.
- 2) For President Trump bringing more awareness to the plight of those affected by Human Trafficking, for naming US Congresswoman Linda Smith, Shared Hope International Founder (which she established to fight Human Trafficking in 1998) to the Public-Private Partnership Advisory Council to End Human Trafficking (sharedhope.org)
- 3) In November, high school students from Grace International School in Thailand ministered to over 400 refugee children from Myanmar. God uses children to share His love! (www.gisthailand.org)
- 4) Millions of children were vaccinated in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) for measles during the most recent outbreak. (UNICEF.org)
- 5) In Sudan, World Vision is teaching a curriculum to children about tribal peace. (WVI.org)
- 6) God's people have been meeting together for 30 years in the UN to advocate for children's freedom and rights. (WVI.org)

## News from the Editor

A new decade brings new changes for Crisis Care Training International. I am honored and privileged to now be serving in the role of Director of Education as our beloved founder, Dr. Phyllis Kilbourn, moves into a consultant role. Tami Snowden, our Director, has done a fabulous job of phasing into her new role over the past year as Rosemary Sabatino retired. Our team of eight continues to seek how we can best honor God and serve caregivers in their quest to help children in trauma and crisis situations around the world. We are tirelessly looking for best practices and to bring the latest research to those who use our resources.

One of the ways we hope to serve those who read our *Barnabas Letter* is through the changes you will see in this first edition of 2020. We now plan to bring you bi-monthly updates on some of the latest challenges facing children, as well as praises for positive change that has taken effect. We also want to share field reports from those working on the front lines with the children so that you can read first-hand accounts of how workers are serving children. Each edition will also share the latest trainings and materials that CCTI has available to assist you or those you know in their ministry efforts.

We hope and pray that these new changes will be helpful and encouraging to you! Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support of our CCTI team. As always, if you have any ideas or requests for how we can continue in our efforts to serve you better, please do not hesitate to let me know at [awilson@ccti-wec.org](mailto:awilson@ccti-wec.org).

Serving Him Together,  
Amy Wilson

# Field Report from Brazil



My name is Jennifer, and I have been on the field for the past 20 years. Currently I am working alongside

my husband in Sao Paulo, Brazil, with refugee families from various countries. They are here in another country because they are obligated, not because they have chosen.

My ministry is with the children, and what I do is simple but extremely needed. I play with them. I talk with them. I hear their stories. I observe their behavior so that I can be ready to respond with love and compassion. If they are non-verbal, I sit with them, hug them, show them they are cared for. As I have learned

through my training with CCTI, our first approach to children who have gone through trauma is to observe and be patient. Be ready to change what your “plan” was for the day to adapt to the current situation at hand. I have learned to be prepared for many scenarios. You may enter the room and find there are more children than expected that day. You may have one child that is silent while another that is shouting across the room and being disruptive. Creative Art Therapy, calm music, and above all, patience, have been my help.

One great example is Johnaiker. His behavior was very erratic, explosive, and he used many verbal obscenities that no four-year-old should know. He desired attention and sought it negatively, but I counteracted that by sitting with him, talking softly,

stroking his hair, and being patient to play with him. He instantly calmed down and seemed to “melt” in my arms. His deep desire was to be loved—calmly, truly, wholly!

One must approach ministry covered with prayer and the ability to be flexible. Jesus called the children to Himself and His desire is to see them restored and renewed for this life that is not of their own choosing.

Jennifer Neptune has been serving on the field with her husband, Ron, since 1999. She learned Spanish in Costa Rica and served in Medellin, Colombia for more than seven years with street children. Jennifer and Ron have four children ages 22, 20, 17, and 10. They currently serve with United World Mission in Sao Paulo, Brazil with refugees.

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