

# How to Strengthen Communities: Effective Strategies and Prayer Guide

Reliable education, proper medical care, safe drinking water, consistent food security—vulnerable communities' needs are extensive. Globally, 734 million people live on less than \$2 a day, and even in North America, one in five children live in poverty. Through your prayers, you can support the work of Send Relief partners and volunteers providing practical, sustainable solutions to families in need while sharing the hope of the gospel both nationally and abroad.

## PRAY FOR:

### **Families**

- Open hearts of those being served, that the gospel will fall on receptive ears
- The stamina to remain hopeful, despite their dire circumstances
- The desire to share the love and care that was shown to them

### **Relief Agencies and Programs**

- Ministry centers to be equipped to meet the overwhelming needs of vulnerable families
- Relief agencies to have the wisdom to know which projects to prioritize
- Churches to maintain a dual focus in providing basic human necessities while sharing the love of God

### **Resources**

- Job opportunities and skills training to help families become self-sufficient
- Food security through home gardening, agricultural training, and animal husbandry
- Equal opportunity for formal education to improve literacy and financial standing

### **Systemic Change**

- Countries with systems of oppression to experience complete transformation
- Social stigmatization surrounding chronic illness and poverty to be obliterated
- Effective policies to be enacted that prioritize the most vulnerable among us

*"For he will rescue the poor who cry out and the afflicted who have no helper. He will have pity on the poor and helpless and save the lives of the poor. He will redeem them from oppression and violence, for their lives are precious in his sight." – Psalm 72:12-14, HCSB*

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