

# CHILDREN'S PRAYER GUIDE SPRING 2019

# LOVE LINK EL SALVADOR

On a sunny day in El Salvador, the lake was swimming with ducks, but not the kind of ducks that you might think. These weren't the ones that fly over our head, quacking as they go. These were bright and colorful RUBBER ducks, just like the ones babies like to play with in the bathtub! These rubber ducks were swimming the lake on a very important mission. A race! They raced each other across the lake to raise money for a special cause. Love Link is a ministry that takes care of little babies and small children that don't have enough food to eat, and those ducks were swimming to support them!

Love Link has taken care of kids like this for many years. They let the kids stay with them and get plenty of food until they're healthy and ready to go home! If they're sick, the doctors and nurses at Love Link help them to get better. Even their families get to have extra food and learn how to take good care of each other once the kids return home.

There is an island not far from Love Link that has a lot of families that need help. Most of the families are poor and aren't able to buy enough food. Since there's not a bridge to the island,

Love Link packs a boat up with food for the families so that everyone will have plenty to eat. The boat also brings doctors and nurses to help when there are people not feeling well.

The rubber ducks started making their way across the lake just like the boats do to the Island! You may have heard of a walk-a-thon or charity race that was sponsored by donations... these ducks were also sponsored! Many people bought rubber ducks for the race. 1,200 ducks in all! What a big race! The money that people paid for the ducks is helping to feed children. Lots of people noticed the ducks and asked questions, so it was a great time to tell them about Love Link. Businesses also donate crafts and other products to be sold by Love Link. These special (and fun!) events are helping children in the baby house to grow and get healthy, and to send food by boat to children on the island.





### **MEET JOSE**

How much did you weigh when you were born? On average, babies are born weighing around 7 pounds. Jose is five months old and weighs only 6 pounds. He was born with a cleft lip and palate, but he has to gain weight before he can have surgery to repair his lip and mouth. Jose was admitted to the "baby house" at Love Link in September. The doctors and nurses have found a formula to help him gain weight. They are also taking him to see the doctors and surgeons who will treat his cleft lip and palate. He is scheduled to have this surgery on March 6th. It is very hard for Jose's parents to see him so thin and sick, but they brought him to the "baby house" because they knew that Love Link cares for children and help them grow and become healthy which is what they want for Jose.

#### How to Pray:

- Pray for the island children who receive food from Love Link. Ask God to provide the money needed to provide two meals a day. Pray that the food that was packaged and given to Oakseed would get to El Salvador safely.
- Pray for children like Jose who are living at the "baby house." Pray that the doctor's and nurses would be able to find the right formula for each baby and that they would grow to be healthy and strong. Thank God that these babies were brought to Love Link so they can get medical care.
- Jesus says that He is the Bread of Life. This means
  that Jesus feeds the soul. The same way your body
  needs food, your heart needs Jesus. Pray that the
  children and their families at the baby house and on the
  island would come to know Jesus as the Bread of Life
  and trust in Him. Ask God to help them understand and
  believe that they need Jesus even more than they need
  food.
- Pray for the families of the children that Love Link is helping. Ask God to give them comfort while they are separated from their babies. Pray that they would find good jobs so that they can afford enough good and healthy food.

#### HANDS-ON PRAYER CHALLENGE

Jose and other children at Love Link are malnourished and weigh very little. Look in your kitchen. What items add up to weigh 6 pounds? One bag of sugar and two cans of soup? A bag of rice? Add food items until they weigh 6 pounds. As you do this, pray for Jose and the other children who are growing at Love Link's Baby House.

Once you understand how sick these children are, consider having a race with your friends or making a craft or pictures like the ones donated to Love Link. Tell your friends about the work that Love Link is doing and pray together. If you want, sell crafts and pictures. Ask your parents to help you give it to help others learn about Jesus.

## 75,000 MEALS!

That is the number of meals on their way to Love Link! Families at McLean Presbyterian Church in Virginia got together on a Saturday morning last month and packaged 75,000 meals to send to El Salvador for the children and their families. Ask your parents to help you visit Oakseed's website and FaceBook account to see pictures and videos from this service project!

# JOHN 6:35

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Unscramble each of the clue words.

Take the letters that appear in boxes and unscramble them for the final message.