RADIO CHRISTMAS 2026

Stories of Hope

Impact stories, statistics and radio scripts for presenters

"until the last child"

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BEFORE YOU GO ON AIR

How to use this pack

Every story here is true, taken from our partners' 2025–26 reports in Guatemala and Honduras.

Tone	Warm, hopeful, Christmassy. Lead with the child and the change, not the hardship. No graphic detail, no drugs, no violence, no diagnoses on air.
Young readers	Stories use short sentences and simple words, so a child can read them aloud. Words in italics help with pronunciation.
Timings	Each story runs about 30 seconds (roughly 75 words). The gift spots run about 20 seconds (roughly 50 words).
Names	Every child's name has been changed to keep them safe. Use only the names printed here. Never say a child's real name, school or street.

Saying the names

Guatemala	*gwa-teh-MAH-lah*
Honduras	*on-DOO-rass*
Talanga	*tah-LAN-gah*
Proyecto Alas	*pro-YEK-toh AH-lass*
Puerta de Esperanza	*PWAIR-tah deh ess-peh-RAN-sah*

THE ONE LINE TO LAND EVERY TIME

Every penny you give goes straight to the projects in Central America that help over 800 children every week.

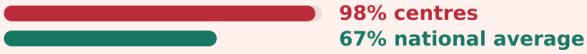
FACTS TO READ ON AIR

Statistics

Big numbers, simple words. Pick two or three per link and read the number and the words under it straight out; don't stack them.

800
vulnerable children supported every week
in the centres we support
in Guatemala and Honduras

98%
school year pass rate in
the mentoring centres this year



220
families helped with food
donations every month

120
vulnerable girls benefit from
medical supplies donated
to their school

140
new children joined the
programmes we support
this year

400
families received clean
drinking water this year

550
at-risk children fed breakfast
or lunch every week this year

100% **of every donation goes straight** to the projects in Guatemala and Honduras

12,000 hot lunches cooked every month

6,000 breakfasts served every month

850 school packs given to children

500 pairs of new school shoes donated

120 families given a water filter for their home

400 drums of clean water a month in Guatemala City

200+ people shared Christmas dinner last year

20 new laptops for computer classes

25 mentors walking with children in Guatemala

25 young people now volunteering to help others

65 children at Proyecto Alas, Honduras

14 scholarships for young adults and mums in Honduras

THE BIGGER PICTURE

42% of children under five in Guatemala don't get enough food to grow properly

2 in 3 children in Guatemala grow up in poverty

52% of children in Guatemala drink water that isn't safe

1 million children and young people out of school in Honduras — 40% of the potential student population

15% of pupils in Honduras arrive at school hungry

5,000 → 0 children once lived on Guatemala's streets; today close to zero

Presenter sources, not for reading aloud: SKD "A Year in Numbers" sheet; partner reports from SKDGuatemala, Go Guatemala, Puerta de Esperanza and Proyecto Alas, 2025–26; ASJ Honduras, September 2026; UNICEF Guatemala Country Programme Document, 2026 (stunting: ENDESA 2025; poverty: ENCOVI 2023; water: ENDESA 2025).

WHAT YOUR GIFT CAN DO

What a gift buys

Real prices from the Street Kids Direct Christmas Gift Guide. After a story, pick the gift that fits it and read the "Say it" line. The last column shows which stories each gift pairs with.

GIFT	SAY IT ON AIR	STORIES
£10	**A week at a mentoring centre for one child** Just ten pounds gives a child a whole week at a mentoring centre: a safe place, help with homework and someone who cares.	01, 04, 09
£15	**A food kit for a family for one week** Fifteen pounds puts a basic food kit on the table for a family, for a whole week.	08, 10, 13
£25	**A starter kit for a child beginning school** Twenty-five pounds gives a child a starter kit, ready for their very first day at school in January.	02, 03, 12
£30	**A water filter: pure water for two years** Thirty pounds buys a family a water filter. That's clean, safe water at home for two whole years.	10
£30	**Counselling support for a child who has had a hard start** Thirty pounds gives a child who has been through hard times counselling with someone trained to help them heal.	01, 14
£50	**A place at summer camp** Fifty pounds sends a child to summer camp: games, friends and a few days just to be a child.	06, 15

GIFT	SAY IT ON AIR	STORIES
£50	**Training and materials for a mentor** Fifty pounds trains and equips a mentor, someone who will stand beside a child for years to come.	04, 09, 14
£75	**Books and learning materials for a safe space** Seventy-five pounds fills a safe space with books and learning materials for the children who come every day.	05, 07

Making the money real

Quick sums to drop into a link. All worked out from the gift prices above.

£40	Forty pounds gives a child a whole month at a mentoring centre.
£520	Ten pounds a week for a year, five hundred and twenty pounds, gives a child a full year of care.
£100	One hundred pounds could give ten children a week at a centre each.
£150	One hundred and fifty pounds puts food on the table for ten families for a week.
£300	Three hundred pounds gives ten families clean water for two years.

RECORDED SPOTS · GIFTS

Gift spots

Three short scripts, about 20 seconds each (roughly 50 words). Good for recording, or for filling a gap between songs.

G1 What can ten pounds do? ≈ 20 sec

What can ten pounds do?

In Guatemala, ten pounds gives a child a whole week at a mentoring centre.

A warm welcome. Help with homework. A grown-up who cares.

This Christmas, give to Street Kids Direct through Radio Christmas. Every penny goes straight to the children.

G2 Clean water for two years ≈ 20 sec

In some parts of Guatemala City, clean water is hard to find.

Thirty pounds buys a family a water filter.

That's pure, safe water at home for two whole years.

This Christmas, give to Street Kids Direct through Radio Christmas. Help a family drink safely.

G3 Ready for school ≈ 20 sec

In January, children in Guatemala start a brand new school year.

But some families can't afford what their child needs for class.

Twenty-five pounds gives a child a starter kit, ready for day one.

This Christmas, give to Street Kids Direct through Radio Christmas. Help a child walk through the school gates ready to learn.

IMPACT STORIES · GUATEMALA CITY

SKDGuatemala

Mentoring, homework clubs and safe places for children in some of the city's toughest neighbourhoods.

01 "Could I have one of those?" ≈ 30 sec

At our mentoring centre in Guatemala City, a little girl came in one day, her first day with us, and hardly spoke. Each time the doorbell rang, she jumped.

Then she saw another child being hugged goodbye.

"Could I have one of those?" she whispered.

[Pause]

She didn't know the word for hug as she had never had one! All she knew is that she wanted one.

This Christmas, please give to Street Kids Direct. Help more vulnerable children find safety, kindness and someone who cares.

02 Rosa learns to read ≈ 30 sec

Rosa is eight years old. Until last year, she had never been to school. Not once. She was spending more and more time in the streets.

Then she started coming to El Centro, one of the four mentoring centres we support in Guatemala City. Every week, a teacher sat beside her with a book and taught Rosa to read. It meant hours of dedication, but the teacher knew what this would mean to Rosa.

Today, Rosa can read and has started school. Now, a whole new world has opened up for her.

Your gift this Christmas can help another child open their very first book.

03 A name on a piece of paper ≈ 30 sec

One piece of paper stood between eight-year-old Pablo and school: a birth certificate.

Without it, he couldn't enrol. The streets were becoming a greater risk.

Our team spent months getting his papers.

Now, Pablo's in school. He's reading, writing, discovering science—and asking tons of questions.

This Christmas, your donation to Street Kids Direct can help remove the barriers holding children back.

Sometimes, changing a life starts with a piece of paper.

04 Top of the class ≈ 30 sec

For more than five years, someone in one of our mentoring centres has been there for Jorge.

Helping with homework. Listening. Cheering him on. Helping him choose school over the streets.

Then Jorge discovered music.

This year, he came first in his whole year at music.

Imagine his pride.

This Christmas, give to Street Kids Direct. Help another child have someone beside them.

Because changing a life takes more than a moment.

It takes staying.

05 Three girls, one big exam ≈ 30 sec

In Santa Faz, Guatemala City, three teenage girls dreamed of reaching secondary school. Many children in their community never do.

At the CasaClub mentoring centre, they studied with our mentors. Day after day. Week after week.

Then came the results. And the tears.

All three had passed.

In January, all three will start secondary school.

This Christmas, please consider a gift to Street Kids Direct.

Help more girls reach the school gates they once only dreamed of.

06 The little Cinderella ≈ 30 sec

Lucia is ten. After school, she collects cardboard to help support her family and cares for three younger siblings.

A school carnival seemed impossible. Her family couldn't afford a costume.

Our team found her a ballerina outfit.

Lucia went—and won first prize.

And the sweets she won? She shared them with her brothers and sisters.

This Christmas, give to Street Kids Direct. Help children like Lucia enjoy being children.

07 Never missed a day ≈ 30 sec

Mateo's school was closed for rebuilding. But he was determined to keep learning.

Every day, he came to our mentoring centre to complete his online schoolwork.

He never missed a day.

When school reopened, Mateo was chosen to carry his class flag because he had done so well. A moment of pride after months of determination.

This Christmas, give to Street Kids Direct. Help keep a child's education going, even when their school doors close.

08 Bread, football and big dreams ≈ 30 sec

Samuel is fourteen, the eldest of five. Every day, his family struggles to find enough food.

At our mentoring centre, he gets help with his schoolwork. The centre has its own bakery and Samuel learned to make bread.

Now, every week, Samuel takes fresh bread home to share with his family.

Your gift this Christmas will help children like Samuel keep learning, discover new skills—and bring something home to be proud of.

09 From helped to helper ≈ 30 sec

Once, Marisol needed help with her learning. She came every day to our mentoring centre.

Now, she's the one sitting beside a younger child, helping with their homework.

She volunteers while finishing school and training for work. And twenty-five others at our centres, just like Marisol, are giving back, too.

The care they received is reaching another generation.

Your gift this Christmas can help a child today—and inspire the kindness they'll pass on tomorrow to others.

10 Christmas dinner in Zone 18 ≈ 30 sec

In Guatemala City's Zone Eighteen, children grow up surrounded by gang violence every day.

But through Go Guatemala, your support brings breakfast, clean drinking water and fresh vegetables to families facing hardship & violence.

Last Christmas, funds raised through Radio Christmas brought more than two hundred people together for Christmas dinner.

This December, help set the table again.

Give to Street Kids Direct. Bring Christmas warmth—and support that lasts beyond the festive season.

11 One hundred percent ≈ 30 sec

At ten, Daniel could hardly read. School was a struggle. The streets seemed a tempting option.

But at Project Alas in Honduras, someone kept helping him. Week after week, Daniel discovered a love of reading.

This year, he raced around the centre, showing everyone his report.

He'd passed every subject. In one, he scored a hundred per cent.

This Christmas, your gift to Street Kids Direct can help many more vulnerable children succeed.

12 The boy with the basket of sweets ≈ 30 sec

Eight-year-old Luis knocked on our centre's door in Honduras, carrying sweets to sell.

His family was struggling to feed him. He couldn't go to school.

That knock brought help.

Today, Luis and his sister, Ana, are in school, learning. Every afternoon, they come to Project Alas, where someone saw their need and responded.

This Christmas, your gift to Street Kids Direct will help us open the door for another child like Luis.

13 A night out for Mum ≈ 30 sec

For twelve years, one mum hadn't left her home because of her disability.

Then Project Alas found her a wheelchair—and welcomed her to its first Mother's Day dinner.

She arrived nervous, but at least she came.

By the evening's end, she was laughing with new friends.

A meal together became a chance to belong.

Your gift this Christmas will not only help a child, but can reach their whole family too.

14 Rita comes home ≈ 30 sec

At eight, Rita was living on the streets with her brothers and sisters after their mum abandoned them.

Your support helped us stand beside them as they rebuilt their lives.

Today, Rita is a teacher.

This year, she joined the Project Alas´ mentoring centre, helping children whose struggles she understands.

She's been there. Now she's there for them.

This Christmas, your gift to Street Kids Direct will help a child build a future beyond survival.

15 Election day ≈ 30 sec

A monthly film day. Older children reading to little ones. Relay races at the town stadium.

These are the plans of the newly elected Student Council at Project Alas mentoring centre.

The children voted. Their friends listened. And now, they're learning to lead.

For children who once had no voice, being heard can mean so much.

This Christmas, your gift to Street Kids Direct will help more children discover that their ideas matter too.

About Street Kids Direct

NOT TO BE READ OUT AS WRITTEN.
Just choose a section and read it out in your own words.

Street Kids Direct is a volunteer-run charity, founded in Amersham in 2001, with a vision to see no more children living on the streets. Its founder, Duncan Dyason, is from Amersham and has worked with street-living children in Guatemala since 1992. Today, the charity supports local projects in Guatemala and Honduras, reaching children already connected to street life and helping prevent others from taking that path.

For a child facing hunger, violence or pressure to leave school, a safe place and a trusted adult can change the direction of life. Street Kids Direct helps fund mentoring centres, school support, street outreach, family support, meals and practical care. The aim is to help children feel safe, remain in education, develop their abilities and build a future with hope.

The need remains enormous. In September 2026, Honduras's Association for a More Just Society reported that **1.07 million children and young people were outside the education system**. It also reported that **15 per cent of pupils arrive at school without having eaten**. These figures show why food and learning support belong together. Violence is another serious risk.

A report published by UNICEF and the Pan American Health Organisation in January 2026 found that **six in ten children under fourteen across Latin America and the Caribbean experience violent discipline at home**. That is a wider regional figure, but it helps explain why protection and support for families are so important in the Central American communities where SKD works.

There is also encouraging news. Using SKD's latest figures for 2026, the charity supports **800 vulnerable children every week** in the centres it helps fund. Children in the mentoring centres achieved a **98 per cent school-year pass rate**, and **140 new children joined the supported programmes** this year.

550 at-risk children receive breakfast or lunch each week, while **220 families receive food donations each month**. This year, clean drinking water reached **400 families**, and

medical supplies donated to a school benefited **120 vulnerable girls**. Behind each number is a child with a better chance to learn, grow, and thrive.

And every donation matters. **One hundred per cent of donations to Street Kids Direct go to the projects it supports**, with volunteers and friends covering charity administration separately. Radio Christmas helps make this work possible. Your gift can provide a meal, help keep a child in school and support the caring relationships that make lasting change possible. Street Kids Direct's commitment is to keep reaching children **until the last child**.

