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"Let the little children come to Me, and don't stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these," Luke 18:16b

COTTON TREE

Christians from the country of Sierra Leone love to sing. One of their songs talks about a cotton tree. We're not talking about cotton plants like you see with fluffy white bolls of cotton. In Freetown, Sierra Leone, there is a huge, majestic cotton tree in the center of this capital city. It's taller than a two-story building. And it's more than a hundred years old!

The tree is called a "kapok," and it stands up straight and tall like a guard. Its trunk is thick and it has huge roots. Many rainy seasons have come and gone—but this cotton tree stands tall.

Oh yes, we were talking about the song. Christians in Sierra Leone sing, "stand up strong inside Jesus, like the big cotton tree that the wind cannot shake. When Satan comes, he will not be able to move you." They have had to stand strong during many "storms" of life. They have had 10 years of conflict in their country. Please pray for the Christians of Sierra Leone to remain strong. Pray that they will continue to sing their songs like this one, "tell Papa God thank you for all the things He has done."

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