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As Father's day draws near, let us remember that there are over 430,000 children in the US right now who are in foster care. These are children who need love, support, and nurturing. These children come from places of hurt and brokenness. But that is only the beginning of their story...God calls us to write a better ending. He modeled it for us in our own lives can we do less in theirs?

-Jeremy Hedges

President, Kings Kids International

Bridging the Gap

In partnership with New Bridge Church, in Lawrenceville, GA (www.prayermissionschurch.com) we have launched the Bridging the Gap initiative. Bridging the Gap seeks to raise up and support foster and adoptive families in the local faith community. We also work through Careportal (www.careportal.org) to help connect the resources of the church to needs identified by the local Department of Children and Family Services (DFACS). Since August of 2017 we have provided for the support of 32 children. These needs fall into 3 broad categories:



1. Children at risk of entering foster-care. Sometimes DFACS notifies of a family that needs some support in order to maintain custody of their children.
2. Supporting foster families as they provide for the needs of the children in their care.
3. Enabling re-unification. Sometimes DFACS notifies us of final barriers that a family must overcome in order for the children to exit the foster-care system and return to their family.

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Did you know:

- That over 400,000 children are currently in foster care in the US?
- That approximately 50% of children in foster care are separated from one or more siblings?
- That more than 23,000 teens will age out of foster care THIS YEAR without a forever family?
- That 77% of Christians believe the church should be involved in foster care?
- But that only 5% of Christians are actually involved?
- And only 3% are currently foster families?

What are you doing to write a better ending to their story?

Celebrate with us!



In April we got to celebrate the completion of an adoption from foster-care of one of the children we have been helping through Kings Kids. After 5 years in foster care she now has an amazing forever family! Congratulations to the Vega family on their new daughter!



That same day we had 6 children present who had been adopted through Kings Kids! These are 6 children who are no longer orphans, but have loving, Godly homes and forever families.

King's Kids El Salvador y Guatemala

1. The Lord gave us victory over the gangs that were troubling and threatening us. Some of them are now in prison and others were killed. Thank you for your prayers about this, things are much calmer and safer now.
2. With the tragedy that has struck our brothers in Guatemala we are sending clothing, blankets, canned food, food staples, soap, and bottled water which we have gathered and are sending with pastor friends who are distributing the supplies. We are preparing for a trip on 28 June to spend 3 days visiting the areas affected by the volcano and to bring more supplies directly to our brothers in Guatemala.
3. In each of the 3 Kings Kids churches we are working with the community we are working in the community to minister to the children of the gang members and to bring them the gospel message-We have currently identified 100 children to whom we wish to minister. This is not an easy task but we are working to get better at taking the message out to the community. We are also continuing our work with the children in the Ahuachapán landfill where we typically we have 80-100 children attend.
4. We are praying to be able to an elementary school with teachers trained not only in pedagogy, but also psychology, and therapy because the majority of the students would be children of gang members.

Thank you for your prayers and your support. God bless you always.
Bernabé Nieto Menjivar, Pastor Hijos del Rey Ministries, El Salvador