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A shared ministry of the Church and Orphan's Lifeline for 22 years

Saving the Hopeless Lives of Orphan Children



•SAVE •EDUCATE •EVANGELIZE an Orphan!

### Can you imagine the fear an orphan feels to be on the street... totally, hopelessly alone?

### **Needless Suffering**

They don't know why they are hungry, alone, scared and without hope... just that they are. Some wander the neighborhood begging for food...



some sit in wretched shacks waiting for love and care that will never come. Some are in the custody of authorities... abandoned by their parents or taken away because of neglect.

Day by day they grow weaker... their stomachs shrinking to the point where even the scraps they are given or they find make them sick. But the emptiness in their stomachs is

nothing compared to the emptiness in their hearts.



I can think of nothing worse than watching a child suffer and starve knowing we can do something to stop it. Without help, less than half will survive long enough to grow up! **Please won't you help us save these suffering children?** Greg Timmons, President

### **Every Orphan Child is a Treasure...**

"There are NO undeserving Orphan Children and EVERYTHING we can do to save or change their precious lives has God's blessing."

"We may never fully know how these orphan children will serve God, how far they will go or what they will achieve... But we do know what will happen to them if we do nothing!" Dave Board, Co-Founder



**Don't miss this chance to glorify God!** We will probably be the *only ones that ever have a chance* to help these children and if we as Christians don't show love and compassion, provide care, teach and disciple them... *who will?* 

- James 1:27 God wants orphans cared for. In fact, He calls helping orphans true and pure religion before the Lord.
- *Matthew 5:16* We are here for a purpose which is to Glorify God through our good work.
- *Matthew 25:34-40* Helping others is an important factor of our salvation.
- *Matthew 6:19-21* Real treasure comes from helping others.



#### It's Very Personal

There is Great Joy in Giving to Save Orphan Children! I guarantee, from 21 years of experience, nothing will touch your heart more than saving a orphan child, supporting and watching them as they grow and develop into healthy

young adults who love God and give their lives to Him in service.

We can do nothing by ourselves, but together we can make a difference in thousands of lives and glorify God. Please won't you join us?

My question to you... Who stepped up in your life when you were at the bottom? Who picked you up, gave you hope and set you on your way? Who invested in your life? Who cared enough?

In His Service for the Children,

Dave Board, Co-Founder



"As the Russian orphan toddler clung to me, my heart was overwhelmed with love, sorrow and sadness." *Alaina Board* 

#### **Every One of These Precious Children Deserve a Chance**

•*First,* we must keep them off the street and away from the hunger, fear, trauma and the state of absolute hopelessness they are living in. •*Second*, we must rebuild their shattered lives, care and provide for them until they are old enough to provide for themselves.

*We can do nothing without you.* This is why we are begging for your help, prayers and financial support.

#### THE TWO WAYS YOU MAY CHOOSE TO GIVE THAT WILL CHANGE THEIR LIVES FOREVER ARE...

**#1** Sponsor a Child or Children through our Keep a Child Off the Street program for a gift of \$100 per month for each child. This gift will provide for all of their needs and a life-changing education as well.

and/or

**#2** Give a gift to this ministry to help pay for the daily needs and education of the thousands of children in our care who do not have a sponsor.

### **#1 Sponsor a Child**

#### We must have sponsors to keep these orphan children off the street.

The greatest gift you can give an orphan child is your love, prayers and support. The gift you will receive is the child's love and endless gratitude. The gift mankind will receive is a world being changed, one child at a time!

## Can you imagine the fear and sense of abandonment a child feels when their parents die or simply leave them to fend for themselves?

The sad fact is... some of these children may have one or more living parents, but in each child's individual case, it has been determined that the living parent or relative is unable to provide even the basic necessities of life due to extreme poverty, illness or other factors, leaving these children unsupervised, unsupported and eventually on the street with no hope or future.



### **Making the Decision to Sponsor**

Some of these children have been saved from the street and reside in one of our children's homes, while others still live in a home with a surviving parent or relative. What they have in common is that they are all suffering without hope and need our support. They all need to be fed and clothed. They all need a warm bed to sleep in. They all need an education. They all need The Word of God and to know the steps to salvation. They all need your love and care to mend their broken hearts and turn their nightmares into dreams of a better tomorrow.

You will be their only sponsor for as long as you wish. Hopefully until they are grown and living a good and full life. You will be the one who is always there for them to depend on. Can you imagine the hope that you can give?

God bless your decision!



#### Your First Step - Beginning Your Support

Fill out your own personal information by using the enclosed envelope. You can also choose to donate online at **orphanslifeline.org**. Still another way is to simply call our office and ask for Tim or Faith. In each case, determine your preferred method of donation and send your first month's support of \$100 to provide everything the child that you are sponsoring will need.

Once your donation has been received, we will contact you to provide you with your child's profile. Based upon the most urgent needs, your child will either be a fatherless child in one of our children's homes or a fatherless child still living with a surviving widow.





### **Your First Gift is Very Special**

Not only will the child be told that they have a sponsor who has chosen to help them in their lives, they will also be told why and will receive **their very own Bible**. Imagine the impact, knowing that someone thousands of miles away has chosen to love and care for them simply because they also love God and are following the example of Jesus. Nothing could be more powerful and life-changing.

You can tell what Mugesh's very own Bible means to him.

### **Children's Updates**

We want you to get to know your child. About every six months you will receive a current 11x17 poster, 5x7 picture and a personal message for you from your child on how they are doing in the home, in school and what their hopes and dreams are for their lives. Online information is always available so you can watch them grow and see what is happening in their life.

### Dear Sponsor,

"I cannot hold my tears in thanking God for using people like you who help me prepare for my future. I have no parents, but God use your lives to take care of me. I Love the Lord above all and I thank Him for Many things. I feel God loves me through you. May the Lord Bless you in all the Blessings that you desire. Thank you."

### **#2 Give a Gift to Save the Orphan Children!**

Help us Provide for Thousands of Children Already in our Homes. It will put joy in your heart and God will be blessed. Providing daily for so many orphans, every month, all year long, is a tremendous undertaking and a huge responsibility. That's why your gift and donation of any amount, big, small, monthly, yearly or just when you can... is so vitally important. Only a portion of our children will ever have their own sponsor and we want every child to benefit the same as those who are sponsored.



# Every donation, no matter the size, is a Gift of Hope for a hungry child.

### A Gift of...

\$10 will feed a child.
\$20 will buy their clothes, medical needs and personal items.
\$30 will provide them with a safe and secure shelter in one of our homes or their own.
\$40 will provide an education, books, tuition and uniforms.

... for an entire month

#### Each and every gift we receive goes to Bless their lives

Throughout the year it takes everything we can raise to ensure every child not only survives but thrives. *Please prayerfully consider joining us in this orphan ministry by helping support these children with any amount that God places on your heart.* 

### **How to Give**

- 1 Fill out the enclosed return envelope, marking how you would like your gift used.
- 2 Call our office at 406-257-0868 or email Tim or Faith. timm@orphanslifeline.org • faitha@orphanslifeline.org
- 3 Donate online anytime at www.orphanslifeline.org.
- 4 Give a gift that will last a lifetime Legacy and Larger gifts We would love to talk with you.

If you have any questions any time, please call **406-257-0868** or email **info@orphanslifeline.org**.

#### Because of you and your financial gifts, every child will have...

#### A Safe Home Filled with Love and Hope

When you keep a child off the streets you are truly changing the world. It would be enough to know that you have likely saved a child's life. But it's more than that. You have changed not only their life, but the lives of every person they will interact with for as long as they live.

#### We care for these children and keep them off the streets in two different ways.

Some will live in one our *Christian Children's Homes* in 9 different countries. These homes provide a loving, **family style atmosphere** with professional, loving Christian caregivers that provide them with all of their daily needs and education and spiritual instruction as well.

Some will be children *living with a surviving widow or other relative*. These children will receive the same level of care as the children in our homes. In addition, **your sponsorship allows their mother to stay home and parent them**. The alternative for them is back-breaking labor, sometimes hundreds of miles from their home, leaving the child unattended to fend for themselves. **You quite literally are giving them back their mother** and saving her from a life of heavy labor and heartbreak! *What a gift.* 

Either way, you are forever changing the life of a child and therein the lives of everyone they will meet as they live and grow in this world. You are the difference between a life of hopelessness and suffering and a life filled with love and care where God's Word literally comes alive as **they experience His love through your selfless act** that has changed their life forever.



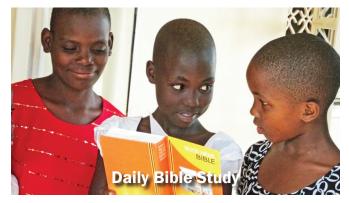
Home becomes a place to not only eat and sleep, but a place of security, a place to play, work, have fun and learn. The orphaned child, now a family member, finds a real home that provides everything they need to grow and thrive.

#### The Opportunity to Know JESUS... Evangelizing the Children

As important as their physical daily care and education are, an even greater need is for the children to **learn about God's love and the true hope that only comes from knowing Him.** In every home we want each child to receive as their first possession and gift from you... a Bible in their own language and dialect which they can easily read and understand. All children need to hear the story of Jesus and learn His love and plan for their lives. The children are taught to depend on God and to develop a close personal relationship with Him.

**Bible study, prayer and thanksgiving** are a daily part of the children's lives. They need to learn God's moral values as they grow and make critical choices in their lives. All of the countries in which the children live have many moral challenges. As they develop, they need the knowledge, support and values in their lives to make the right decisions that only faith in God can supply.

As they grow up we want them to have the knowledge and truth of God's Word to guide them in their decision to follow His plan of salvation, be baptized and live a life of devotion to Him.





All children in our homes spend between two and four hours per day in prayer and worship. They also attend worship services at local congregations and, of course, all have their own personal Bible.

#### **A Good Education and Real Future**

In most countries, quality education is not free. Over one third of our budget for each child goes for education, books, tuition and uniforms... but it also has great value. It is the one major component that can change their lives forever and break the cycle of poverty and dependence they are trapped in. They soon learn how to rise above their situation and begin to dream of what they might become. **They learn the value of hard work and develop life skills that will help them to become productive members of their own society, workforce and culture.** 





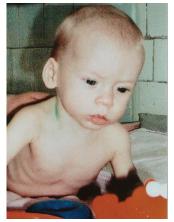
We make sure every child receives an adequate education and has a college opportunity. A good education gives the orphans a healthy self-esteem, the ability to pursue their dreams and a real future.

### **Our History and Vision**

Our dream became reality in February 2000, more than 22 years ago, when four Christian couples went to Far East Russia to take part in the adoption

of 4 orphan children. Never had any of us seen such poverty and suffering as we witnessed in the overcrowded, under-staffed Russian orphanages. We watched so many children suffer from the simple lack of food and medicine and no one seemed to care. Our compassion and Christianity demanded that we do whatever it took to save those precious lives.

Upon our return from Russia we shared what we had seen and our plan to help with several Church of Christ congregations across the northwest. Seeing their eagerness to help, Orphan's Lifeline was born.



Over the years Orphan's Lifeline has continued to grow and develop. Hundreds of congregations of the church and countless members have joined us in this labor of love for the orphans. God continues to bless this ministry with compassionate individuals and congregations eager to do this good work of pure religion (James 1:27).

Every year as God continues to place more needy orphanages before us, we continue to need your support even more. Please pray for the orphans and help financially if you can.

Today Orphan's Lifeline continues to develop and operate its successful, efficient and sustainable program to rescue and care for thousands of orphans in 9 countries including **Haiti, India, Kenya, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Liberia and Uganda**. With God as our example and the Bible as our guide, our focus is always the children and always will be. Thank you.

### **A Shared Ministry**

• With God's help and each other we will be able to save and change the lives of thousands of suffering orphan children and gorify God around the world (*James 1:27*).

• This is a Christ-centered orphan ministry funded by involved congregations and individual Christian members.

• We report to each involved congregation, the elders and leadership on a regular basis outlining where and how their gifts are used to best change the orphan's lives. Our Annual Report and year-end records are always open for review by leadership and individual members.

• For referrals and recommendations, simply call or email and we will forward a list of references and involved congregations within your state or region.

The Children Always Come First!

Administrative Fundraising Program Expense Administrative • INTEGRITY • EFFICIENCY • ACCOUNTABILITY • TRANSPARENCY

Our mission and promise to God is to deliver as much of every dollar as possible in direct aid to the children by using in-country supervisors, limited travel, strict budgets and minimal staff. More than 89 cents of every dollar goes to programs that positively impact the children's welfare. Strict standards for food, care and education are maintained in each home to provide a level of care that is adequate in the country and society where they live. We are careful not to "Americanize" these homes so when the children leave, they fit in and become an asset within their own culture.

#### **Voice of the Orphans Newsletter**

We always want you to see and know how and where your gift is used. **Each month you will receive a detailed monthly newsletter** and at year's end, our **Annual Report**. You will also receive a **calendar** filled with pictures and stories of the children you have helped. If you ever have any questions, simply call or email.

Orphan's Lifeline International is a Christ-centered 501(c)3 Non Profit Organization. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

**Contact Information:** Any questions, please call or email one of us in **Advocacy & Church Relations** at the personal number or email address listed below. You may also call the office at 406-257-0868.

We would be honored to come to your congregation and present this work to your members at any convenient time.



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