

KIDS ALIVE INTERNATIONAL  
2016 ANNUAL MINISTRY REPORT: A NEW SEASON OF HOPE

“There is a time  
for everything,  
and a season for  
every activity  
under the  
heavens...”

Eccl. 3:1 (NIV)



## From the desk of Matt Parker...

Every year is stitched together with seasons, one blending into the next but each leaving its mark in history and in our memories. The seasons of 2016 are now behind us, but the children rescued in those seasons walked into this year and into their futures with fresh hope and the opportunity to know and serve the God who loves them.

It's hard to share in just a few pages the impact that your gifts are making globally, especially when the changes are happening one life at a time. But I hope that in this Annual Report you'll catch a glimpse of what your partnership with Kids Alive means in real lives.

Together, in 2016, we:

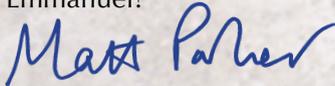
- Ministered in 14 countries
- Sponsored 2,455 children
- Raised \$12,920,490 to serve vulnerable kids

Our children were rescued and cared for by:

- 85 missionaries and 38 interns
- Approximately 700 global staff
- 100 Service Teams (1,165 volunteers) to our fields

And for the 15th year in a row, Kids Alive has earned Charity Navigator's highest 4-Star rating, giving our supporters confidence in our financial transparency and efficiency. God is keeping His promise to make "everything beautiful in its time" in the lives of vulnerable children.

Emmanuel!



Matt Parker, President





## Quality Christian education catapults at-risk kids into bright futures

It's clear today, just as it was over 100 years ago when Kids Alive began ministering to orphans and vulnerable children: *the most reliable path out of poverty is through quality education.*

That's why we focus so much effort and so many resources on schools, tutoring programs, scholarships, and mentoring programs. We want to get kids in school early, catch them up quickly if they're behind, encourage them to stay engaged academically, and assist them in obtaining and excelling in advanced education – including university or vocational training.

**We never leave the “Christian” out of education.** Scripture reminds us that “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding.” Proverbs 111:10 (NIV). Children in our schools receive daily instruction in God's Word and in Biblical precepts for living. They are presented with the message of the Gospel and given rich opportunities for discipleship and mentoring by Christian teachers and other role models.

Kids Alive schools vary in many ways depending on the country and community, but we are committed to the very highest standards in each school. This means having the most modern facilities and technology wherever possible, consistent teacher certification and ongoing teacher training, the most up-to-date and relevant curriculum, and stringent safety and security measures to protect our children.

**The children who come to us from traumatic situations have many needs, but every single one needs a quality education in order to walk into a promising future!**



## Holistic care means meeting the entire range of a vulnerable child's needs

We can never predict the exact nature or extent of the needs of the next child who cries out for rescue. So we must be ready with the widest range of services possible, in settings that build trust with both the child and the community.

Care centers are key features of our ministries in many countries – with programs that provide quality supervision, stimulating activities, healthy role models, nutritious meals and snacks, help with homework, and counseling or other referrals when necessary. **All this is saturated with the teaching and living out of the Gospel and opportunities to respond to God's call on each child's life.**

Our staff are carefully screened through personal interviews and thorough background checks to ensure they possess the competence and moral character that will best serve our children and keep them safe. It's important to us to provide our kids with healthy role models, both male and female, as many of them come from backgrounds with little expression of God's design for the family and loving relationships.

No matter how successful our other programs, many children come to us sick and/or malnourished and would be unable to make normal progress without our medical clinics and programs. We provide vaccinations, medical screenings, nutritional evaluations, basic first aid care, and referrals to community medical facilities for advanced cases of disease or disability.

**Healthy children are far more likely to reach their goals and potential in all areas of life!**





## Kids Alive believes in the power of family – for all children

Children were created to live and thrive in families. Because Kids Alive believes whole-heartedly in God's design, we make every attempt to keep children at home, with their biological (or adopted) families when possible.

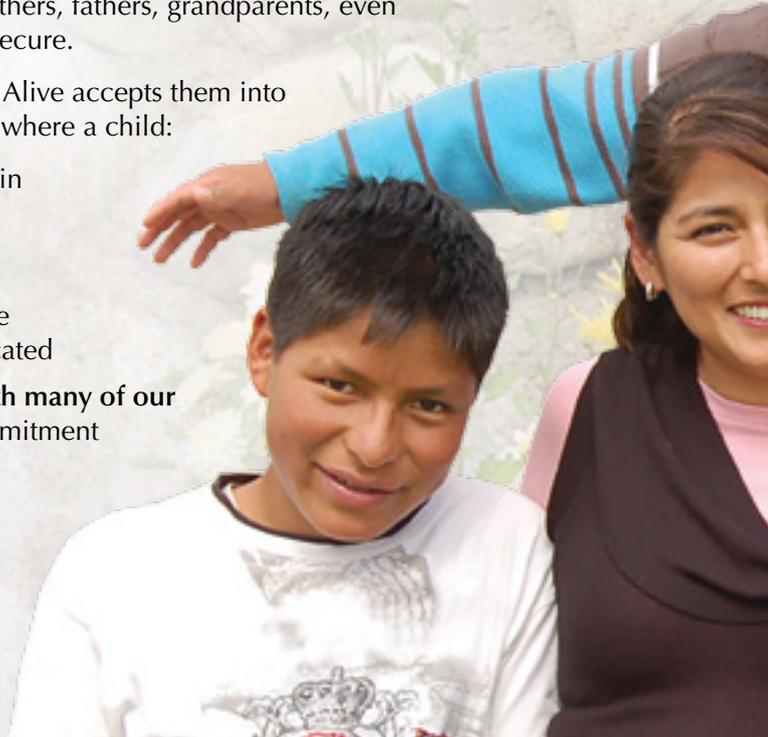
Sometimes this means providing medical, educational, nutritional, and other kinds of help when there are family members willing to provide a loving home but who don't have the resources to keep the child healthy, safe, and in school. Our "Keeping Families Together" programs give mothers, fathers, grandparents, even extended family members the chance to keep families intact and secure.

When a child has no home, or is not safe in their own home, Kids Alive accepts them into our family-style residential care. Circumstances include situations where a child:

- Has no living parents and no family members who can step in
- Loses one parent and the other parent refuses or is unable to continue care
- Is not safe at home because of physical or sexual abuse
- Has been ordered by the court to be removed from the home
- Is rescued from the streets and parents have not yet been located

**Residential care for orphans and other homeless children, as with many of our ministries, is supported by child sponsorship.** For a monthly commitment of \$39, sponsors are matched with children who receive shelter, loving nurture by Christian caregivers, a healthy diet, and constant exposure to the life-giving message of Jesus Christ.

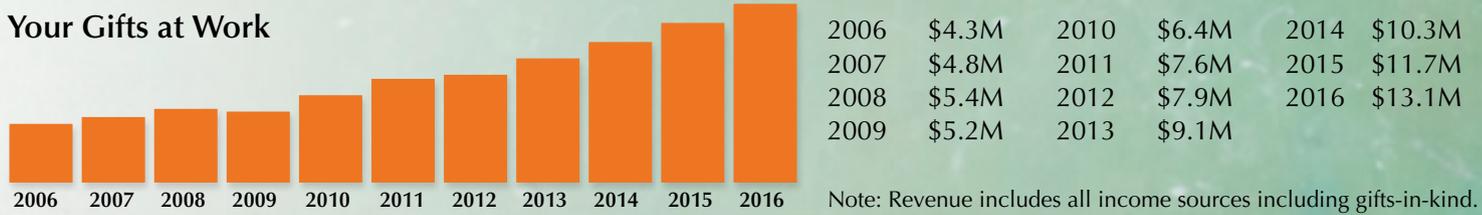
**Sponsorship is the way Kids Alive "sets the lonely in families"!**





# Numbers help tell the story of how your gifts transform vulnerable children

## Your Gifts at Work



## 2016 Revenues and Expenses

### Revenues

Private contributions	\$11,365,873
Gifts-in-kind (non-cash contributions)	\$1,406,244
Other revenue	\$148,373

**Total Revenues** **\$12,920,490**

### Expenses

Ministry Program Services	\$9,785,964
Management and General	\$891,043
Fundraising	\$804,500

**Total Expenses** **\$11,481,507**

**2016 End of Year Total Net Assets** **\$13,094,214**

## Stewardship

- Program Services for Children – 85%
- Management and General – 8%
- Fundraising – 7%





Kids Alive International has earned Charity Navigator's 15th consecutive 4-star rating, a rating received by less than 1% of charities evaluated. On Charity Navigator's "Top 10 Charities with the Most Consecutive 4-Star Ratings", Kids Alive is the only one in its category (International Development and Relief Services) with an overall score of 100.



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**Thank you for your partnership in rescuing orphans  
and other vulnerable children in Christ's name.**

**“He has made everything beautiful in its time.  
He has also set eternity in the human heart;  
yet no one can fathom what God has done  
from beginning to end.”**

*Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)*



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