

ALIVE!

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THE NEWSLETTER OF KIDS ALIVE® INTERNATIONAL



Quietly transforming lives... inside and outside Kids Alive

Kids Alive is a Christ-centered organization that believes every child deserves to live free from the horror of abuse and exploitation and the bondage of hunger and poverty. We rescue and provide for orphaned and forgotten children, and we empower families and communities by sharing the faith, knowledge, and infrastructure that create self-sustaining legacies of transformation.

As KAI continues to grow and mature as an organization, the results of our work have caught the attention of government leaders and other agencies, enlarging our influence and creating paths of transformation that extend into the communities, cities, and countries we serve.

Kids Alive ministers daily in a "one child at a time" approach to changing kids' lives, and we're also experiencing increasing opportunities to be change-makers in ways that will benefit children far beyond our own homes, care centers, and schools.

On several of our fields, God has recently provided channels for us to help create important structural and policy changes – in education, in child protection, in family reunification, in the pursuit of justice for child abusers, and in micro-enterprise development.

Many of the programs developed by our field directors, missionaries, and national staff have proven to be so successful in restoring the hopes and dreams of traumatized children that government agencies and other ministries are seeking us out for training and collaboration. It's an honor, but also a sobering responsibility, to be allowed these platforms to widen our influence and advocate for precious kids who have been voiceless for so long.

Please pray with us, that we will be faithful in every opportunity, that we will use every resource wisely, and that God will continue to transform young lives through the ripples that flow from your support of Kids Alive's work.



Kids Alive Guatemala Field Director Corbey Dukes, left, advocating for progressive child protection policy before the Guatemalan legislature. Kids Alive's Oasis ministry is an innovator in children's rights, holistic care for vulnerable children, and practical implementation of policies that reunite families and pursue justice on behalf of child sexual abuse victims.

The Oasis model – therapeutic residential care followed by family-based or, in the near future, foster care as KAI works out details with the Guatemalan government – has garnered much attention from the Guatemalan government as well as other ministries as we develop innovative solutions for children who have been exploited and abused.



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Each year at this time, our Annual Ministry Report tells another story of God’s faithfulness – and yours. This year, the Report bears fresh evidence of lives transformed and vulnerable children experiencing new seasons of hope.

In the past year, Kids Alive has been faced with unexpected challenges and we’ve watched God provide answers only He could have orchestrated. But even as we were facing unanticipated crises, we rejoiced in great steps forward.

In the past year, Kids Alive:

- Opened new schools and expanded existing schools
- Completed several new family-style homes
- Added new missionaries, dedicated to making lasting differences in the lives of children
- Increased partnerships with local governments and community leaders
- Continued to pioneer and refine programs that care for girls broken by sexual abuse

Kids Alive educates children in mind and spirit

It’s clear today, just as it was over 100 years ago when Kids Alive began ministering to vulnerable children: **there is no reliable path out of poverty other than through quality education.**

That’s why we focus so much effort on schools, tutoring programs, and scholarships. 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 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...” Psalm 111:10 (NIV). Children in our schools receive daily instruction in God’s Word and its precepts for living and are given rich opportunities for discipleship and mentoring by Christian teachers.

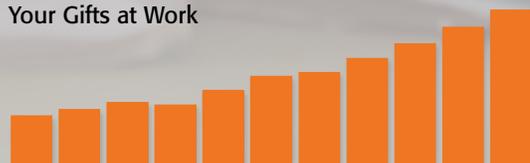


Your partnership in 2016 allowed us to make life-changing differences for thousands of children who, without intervention, would be left without hope and without a voice.

Thank you for supporting the ministries of Kids Alive around the world!

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

Your Gifts at Work



2006	\$4.3M	2010	\$6.4M	2014	\$10.3M
2007	\$4.8M	2011	\$7.6M	2015	\$11.7M
2008	\$5.4M	2012	\$7.9M	2016	\$13.1M
2009	\$5.2M	2013	\$9.1M		

2016 Revenues

Revenues

- Private contributions
- Gifts-in-kind (non-cash)
- Other revenue

Total Revenues

2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016

Note: Revenue includes all income sources including gifts-in-kind.

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Ecd. 3:1 (NIV)

Kids Alive nurtures and heals

Care centers are key features of our ministries – providing quality supervision, healthy role models, nutritious food, help with homework, and counseling when necessary.

All this is saturated with the teaching of the Gospel and opportunities to respond in faith.

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 services. We provide vaccinations, medical screenings, nutritional evaluations, and referrals to community medical facilities for advanced cases of disease or disability.



Kids Alive keeps families together

Because Kids Alive believes whole-heartedly in God’s design for the family, we make every attempt to keep children at home, with their biological (or adopted) families.

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 parents or extended family members the chance to keep families intact and secure.

Kids Alive provides homes for the homeless

When a child has no home, or is not safe in their own home, Kids Alive accepts them into 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 is unable to continue care
- Is not safe at home because of physical or sexual abuse
- Has been 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.



and Expenses

contributions) \$11,365,873
 \$1,406,244
 \$148,373
\$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%





We know it seems early...

...but why wait until the last minute to get those last few packages wrapped and under the tree!

As the Christmas season approaches, you might be wondering how you can make this year's giving even more meaningful. Well, we can help you! In just a few days you'll be receiving your **2017 Kids Alive Christmas Gift Catalog** – your resource for sharing Christmas light and life with the orphans and vulnerable children we serve. It's full of ways you can help change their lives – take a look at just a few of this year's choices:

- **Backpack with school supplies and a Bible**
"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge," (Prov. 1:7) so this gift starts with a child's very own Bible and includes a backpack full of school supplies to help them discover the joy of learning! **\$60**
- **Mattresses**
It's easy to take a good night's sleep for granted, but many of our kids look at their own mattress as a treasure! Help a child dream of a bright future while sleeping on a comfy new mattress. **\$100**

And for a gift that will not just change but save lives...

- **Food for Syrian refugees**
Millions of Syrian children and families have fled for their lives into tiny Lebanon, and resources to feed them are stretched precariously thin. Help us provide life-saving meals for Syrian refugee families. **\$75 feeds a family of 5 for one month**

And when you choose to honor your loved ones by giving gifts in their names, we'll even send a (free!) greeting card to let them know.

Make sure everyone you know gets a KAI Gift Catalog. If you need extras, call us at 1-800-KIDS-330, or go online to www.kidsalive.org/christmascatalog and let us know how many you need.



**Spread the light of Christmas
with gifts that make a difference!**