

Global Ministry Update



Greetings from Kids Alive around the world!

It hardly seems possible that the year is more than half over, until we look back and see all that God has already accomplished around the world through your gifts in 2018!

Hope is truly taking hold in all of our fields. From new facilities and renovations of existing ones, to increasing capacity for ministry to young victims of sexual abuse, to new approaches to training and therapy for traumatized children, to modern new computer labs and recreational spaces – our kids are reaping the benefits of your investments in them in every area of their lives.

It's been a year of intense attention to the protection of children in our care, both in our policies and in the training of staff, Service Teams, and other volunteers, even visitors to our fields. The physical and emotional safety of our kids comes before anything else we do, and we are continually examining and refining our procedures to make sure that each child is – and feels – secure and protected.

We've also devoted a lot of planning and thought to streamlining our processes for information-sharing, record-keeping, and reporting. We want to ensure that our dedicated staff on the field have maximum time to devote to the actual care of children – because no piece of paper is as important as a child's life and eternal future.

There's not enough space here to tell you about all the differences you're helping to make for orphans and vulnerable children across the globe. But be sure to read the "capsules" on the reverse side of this letter and rejoice with us at how hope is taking hold in the lives of precious kids – one life at a time!

With gratitude on behalf of all our Country Directors,

Matt Parker

Matt Parker, President
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Hope is taking hold in mighty ways – all around the world!

Dominican Republic

We finished converting all of our care centers to full-day, accredited schools. We had another record number of high school graduates, university scholarship recipients, and university graduates this year. And we began incorporating high-level trauma training at several sites in order to minister better to children with deep emotional wounds.

Guatemala

KAG signed an agreement with the Guatemalan government to begin placing children who are ready into loving, trained, accountable Christian families. And we're now working with International Justice Mission to open a care center in the high-crime city of Escuintla, ministering to girls who have been sexually abused.

Haiti

Our new school building was dedicated in January and is already making huge differences for students, for teachers, and in our ties with the community. This summer our teachers went to Dominican Republic for trauma training, helping them as they minister to victims of abuse and other emotional wounds.

Kenya

Our KAK family has been participating in an 18-month discipleship training program that continues to equip both staff and children with God's Word, prayer, doctrine, service opportunities, and training in building godly relationships. This year, we graduated 46 children into high school and vocational colleges and 35 students into universities. Two of our students graduated from college, one with a degree in mechanical engineering and the other with a diploma in social work.

Lebanon

Our outreaches to refugee children and to marginalized kids in poor communities have increased in capacity this year, helping increase literacy and encourage peace-making and conflict resolution. We are making major facility improvements this year to increase the safety, efficiency, and aesthetics of our ministry sites.

Myanmar

The Dawai Care Center serves 45 children from very poor backgrounds, both Buddhist and Christian. The focus of the program is to support children in their school work, provide school uniforms and supplies, offer opportunities to enjoy social activities, help them learn English, and – first and foremost – share God's Word with them.

Peru

Our kids at Juniper Tree, Orchard, and Andahuaylas are benefiting from improvements in our facilities, new classes and enrichment activities, and guidance in educational and vocational decisions. Juniper Tree is also temporary home to House of Glory, a shelter for young teenage girls who are pregnant as a result of abuse. We look forward to moving into the facility and accepting the first new girls by the end of the year.

Romania

13 new students have registered at Denisa Care Center for the new year, and we are developing new programs for for younger kids. We now have five of our former House of Hope students in university, and we recently hosted the wedding of one of our girls and helped the new couple purchase a small home to begin their new life together.

Sudan/South Sudan

Kids Alive South Sudan now has a new office in Juba, which will increase our ability to network with other NGOs. We are increasing our ministry in the nearby UN refugee compound, providing milk to babies who have lost their mothers. In Sudan, we graduated five boys from high school and are working with them on skills training, job searches, and continued spiritual development.

Taiwan

Students are on vacation but continuing some academics for the summer, as well as attending camps and workshops. We are acquiring new land for the Nantou Home in Puli, which will be used for computer classroom space, a basketball court, and staff office space. Our students from Onesiphorus are exhibiting their photography this summer at the National Museum of Prehistory of Taiwan, and older students are working on building a youth worship team.

Zambia

We have a new Country Director and several new staff members and teachers, bringing fresh energy to our ministries and to our efforts to enrich the care of our children. We have upgraded the facilities at our homes and at the Academy, and we've seen wonderful academic progress as our kids have written their end-of-year exams.

"Like cold water to a weary soul, so is good news from a distant land." Prov. 25:25 (NASB)

