

KIDS ALIVE INTERNATIONAL

THRIVE!

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Bringing “Justice That Heals” to the Children

Your support of Kids Alive’s programs enables us to meet children’s physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and other developmental needs through our holistic education and residential programs as we strive toward one goal: to bring **His** justice to all the children; the **Justice that Heals!** A justice that raises literacy, provides a secure and nurturing environment to move children from surviving to thriving while knitting them closer to their families and communities to live in harmony. Thank you for your unrelenting generosity!

Today, with your support, we serve 4,915 children globally: 3,223 in Latin America, and 1,692 in Africa and the Middle East.

Our four Global Goals express our commitment, regardless of any challenges, to provide children in our care with a present and future where they:

- Enjoy a vibrant, life-changing relationship with God
- Experience emotional and physical well-being
- Are equipped for a life of independence and service
- Live life in family and community, free of fear and violence

We accomplish these goals by providing **holistic, Christ-centered care** to the children we serve from the courtroom and from residential care to meeting their physical, emotional, spiritual, and developmental needs while facilitating their placement in families.

Thank you for bringing hope to their futures!



How Your Support is **Changing Lives...**

Zambia: Raising Literacy, Fostering a Safe and Nurturing Environment.

In sharp contrast to the lack of access to education and their challenging living conditions, **students at Kids Alive's Academy achieved a 70% literacy rate.** We are proud and grateful to celebrate these students' distinction with you.



Education is a bulwark against violence. The children in the academy feel safe because they are off the streets. **Without the academy,** most of these children would be stuck in under-resourced and overcrowded public schools with little individual care.

Our educational programs include meals so children can focus on their studies. Besides nutritious meals, we provide safe drinking water and other services to ensure their physical, mental, and spiritual growth.

Kids Alive Zambia serves 613 children across all its programs. Eight teachers from Kids Alive Academy attended a three-day training in trauma-informed teaching, an essential component of our holistic, Christ-centered education.

You make this happen!

Lebanon: Building Healthy Relationships in the Refugee Camp.

Life in a refugee camp is tough. Everything is in acute short supply, including space and privacy, but there is no shortage of religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity which sometimes leads to conflict. **Kids Alive Lebanon's** New Horizons Care Center, located in Zaharani, South Lebanon, serves this diverse community by fostering harmonious relationships between children to overcome challenges and to find a common ground.

Their efforts are paying off. By patiently teaching and demonstrating God's unconditional love for everyone, the children began to reflect that love toward each other. Our staff rejoiced in the fruits of their labors at a recent day trip to a local playground where they witnessed **kids who once disliked each other playing peacefully and establishing friendships.**

They practiced the virtues we live by and teach at the New Horizons Center: love, care, tolerance, compassion, and more. These groups are developing life skills and friendships at the Center. They are working together to build an environment where they can heal, learn, and prepare to live a fruitful life.

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Peru: Siblings Find Christ. A Family is Reconciled.

In April 2022, we welcomed 6 and 12-year-old siblings to the Friends of Peru Children's Home in Andahuaylas. They had suffered physical abuse and neglect from their parents. At first, they gave their caregivers the brush-off and were violent and aggressive. However, through God's grace and patience, our team won them over with affection and care. They began to communicate positively with their caregiver and other children, treating them with the respect and consideration they experienced themselves. The older brother said, "I have learned to respect others and love my neighbor; it's difficult, but I keep trying."

Meanwhile, we visited their mother numerous times, helping her improve her parenting skills. Today, the two brothers are safely back with their mom, having experienced a life-changing relationship with God. We follow up with them, encouraging them to continue in God's grace.

Kids Alive Peru children's homes provide around-the-clock holistic care to 32 children, which includes education, life-skills training, health services, discipleship, and family reintegration.

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Become a Student Champion

Do you want to support a student as they walk through their holistic, Christ-centered educational journey? Scan the QR code to become a Student Champion: www.kidsalive.org/student-champions/



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Kids Alive Needs Ambassadors

Building Lasting Relationships.

A Kids Alive Ambassador is a person with a passion for children who advocates for the children and the work of Kids Alive as a volunteer for a few hours per month. They leverage their experience and network to build and maintain strong ties of friendships to expand help to more children.

"As an Ambassador, I want to be a light to my family, friends, co-workers, and clients, telling them what I do for Kids Alive. I meet with church leaders and attend mission events to spread the word among faith communities. If you are reading this, and your heart is touched, this may be God telling you to act." – **David Peterson, Kids Alive Ambassador**

To find out more about the Ambassador program, contact Danielle Wooden at ambassador@kidsalive.org

Update on the Education Match

There's still time to double your gift.

Help provide Holistic Christ-centered Education. We still have \$142K left in our Education Match. **Thank you** to those who have already donated.



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**Double
Your Impact**



Prayer Requests

Please remember these countries in your prayers.

- Pray for the launch of the Nairobi Hope Center in the Kibera slum in Nairobi, Kenya. Pray that God would help us build strong relationships with families and the community to support family strengthening.
- Pray for the successful launch of three new justice centers in Peru, which will allow child abuse survivors to access justice, therapy, protective custody, and social services.
- Grateful to God for Kids Alive Lebanon's legacy in serving children for over 75 years. Pray for continued healing in this country.