

A partnership to serve some of the world's most vulnerable children

"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me..." Mark 9:37

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." John 14:18

"A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families..."

Psalm 68:5-6

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done."

Proverbs 19:17

Hope for Kids International (www.hopeforkids.co.uk) is a Christian organisation that responds to God's calling to serve some of the world's most vulnerable children. We invite churches to partner with us in projects that will have a long-term impact on the lives of children. These partnerships provide:

1. Programmes that can be tailored to be a key part of the church's mission focus.
2. An integration of activity for all of the different audiences within the church: small groups, youth and children's programmes, etc.
3. A focus that reinforces the Biblical mandate to *"seek justice, encourage the oppressed; defend the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow"* (Isaiah 1:17).
4. A programme that includes hands-on participation and overseas experiences for members of the church family.



The practical benefits to the church include:

1. An opportunity to increase the awareness and compassion of the church family for the physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs of children and their families in the world's poorest countries.
2. A focused outreach that will stimulate and increase the prayer life of individuals and groups in the church.
3. An engaging and inspiring response to the missiological needs of the world.

Hope for Kids International is equipped to offer churches a partnership that enables it to play an active role in fulfilling the Biblical command to care for the needs of widows and orphans. Starting with the care and restoration of abused, neglected and orphaned children, this programme also reaches out to the families of other needy children who still can live at home with loving, though impoverished, parents, and to other community members who live just outside the gates of our residential children's homes, schools and care centres. It will also help to strengthen and encourage the local, indigenous church.



Partnering with Kids Alive International (www.kidsalive.org), who have been caring for children since 1916, *Hope for Kids* has much experience in addressing the critical needs of children and their families. This includes:

1. **Operating residential homes**, with loving house parents that care for abandoned and orphaned children.
2. **Meeting children's holistic needs** - providing food, medical care, a good education, preparation for independent living, and an introduction to Jesus, and helping children to grow up to become all that God intends for them.
3. A **"Families Together" programme** that helps parents in the community better care for their children and provide a stable home environment.
4. **Involvement and support for the local church** to ensure that everyone we connect with has opportunities to experience the love of Jesus in their lives and respond to the Gospel message.

***Hope for Kids International* already has a range of proven strategies to involve all church age groups by offering:**

1. **Site Sponsorship.** This is an opportunity to make a significant impact by funding a Kids Alive Children's Home, Classroom, or Care Centre. The level of a typical Site Sponsorship ranges from £100 a month to £500 a month.
2. **Child Sponsorship:** Sponsors help to change a child's life through our child sponsorship programme, which costs £24 a month. The church can impact the lives of these children by encouraging members of the congregation to become child sponsors.
3. **Opportunities for Short-Term Teams:** *Hope for Kids* will help get the team to the field to use their time, talents and energy to bless our children and their communities. Teams often help with construction projects or activity programmes for children.

4. **Vision Team Trips:** Members of the church can join a group traveling to see our ministry firsthand – or schedule to take their own team to visit our children’s homes, care centres and schools and spend time with our children and staff.

5. **Providing speakers** for worship services, fundraising activities and other events. The church can hear about our children and amazing stories about our young adults and how God is using them to bring hope to their communities.



6. **Providing resources:** Information, Bible Studies and other resources related to poverty, justice, and our ministry working with orphans and vulnerable children.



Working with more than 50 project sites around the world, *Hope for Kids International* has multiple opportunities and locations that can challenge UK churches and their members and create meaningful, congregation-wide outreaches that will strengthen their world view, prayer life, compassion, generosity and commitment to active, hand-on involvement in fulfilling the Great Commission.

We will be pleased to discuss this further with churches and work to develop a customized project partnership that meets the programme and location interests of the church’s mission objectives.

Thank you for your interest in the work of *Hope for Kids International*! For more information, please contact us at the address below, or by email at info@hopeforkids.co.uk.