

ABOUT THE OFFERING

God's heart beats hard for His children. 160 million children are without homes or families. This year's God's Heart for the World Offering focuses on these.

- Local orphans with no voice and little hope.
- Global orphans served by our partner churches.
- Displaced (refugee) children coming to the west with or without their families.

WHY THIS OFFERING?

- Christ-followers are empowered to lead the way in caring for local orphans. A special fund will help foster children and their families with clothing, childcare, respite, advocates, and urgent needs.
- Sabuli Children's Center (Congo) is giving 100 global orphans hope! Our offering provides sustainable vocational training so they have a future as adults.
- The number of displaced children is growing, and they live in some of the most unsafe places, often without the gospel. Families fleeing for survival are opening hearts to Jesus. Our offering builds playgrounds and sports outreach programs for local believers to engage with these new friends.

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NEXT STEPS

Money multiplies time and talents but everything starts with a relationship. Prayerfully consider how you might serve needy children.

FOSTER CHILDREN

- Come to an interest meeting to learn more.
 - > October 22 - 7:00 pm
 - > November 9 - 7:00 pm
- Serve foster children (and parents) at Parents' Night Out.
 - > November 11 - 3:00-8:30 pm
- Learn how caring for foster children can help decrease human trafficking.
 - > November 12 Lunch - 12:30-2:00 pm
- Attend the launch meeting November 30, 7:00 pm:
 - > Become a support friend for foster parents.
 - > Learn how to be a foster parent.
 - > Mentor an older foster youth.

GLOBAL ORPHANS

Sabuli Sanguma will be at PCC in November. Visit pccaroundtheworld.com to come to an event meeting her the week of November 12 Consider visiting Congo or Malawi in 2018 to better advocate for global orphaned children and grow your heart.

REFUGEE FAMILIES

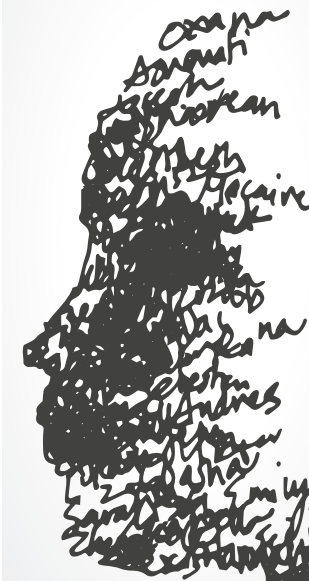
Join an intercultural discipleship team in 2018 serving refugee families.

STAY CONNECTED

- Visit www.pccaroundtheworld.com: Teams are serving vulnerable children in Congo, Malawi, North Africa, Spain, Italy, Greece.
- Subscribe to www.pccaroundtheworld.com for the latest stories and news how God's heart is present all over the world. Visit www.wearepcc.com for details on events.
- Visit the Glocal Hub today to discover real life stories.



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HOPE
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FOR THE
160
MILLION

any of these little ones should perish
HOPE for the 160 million
is not willing that
your Father
in the same way
will that they
perish but that
every one of them
should be saved
and that little
one that is lost
shall be found
and brought back
to the Father
and that he will
gladly receive
him

WHAT IS A FOSTER CHILD?

foster child: noun. a child without parental support and protection, placed with a person or family to be cared for, usually by local welfare services or by court order. part of a vulnerable population at risk.

On any given day, there are nearly 428,000 children in foster care in the U.S. Each year, more than 27,000 youth age out of foster care without the emotional and financial support necessary to succeed.

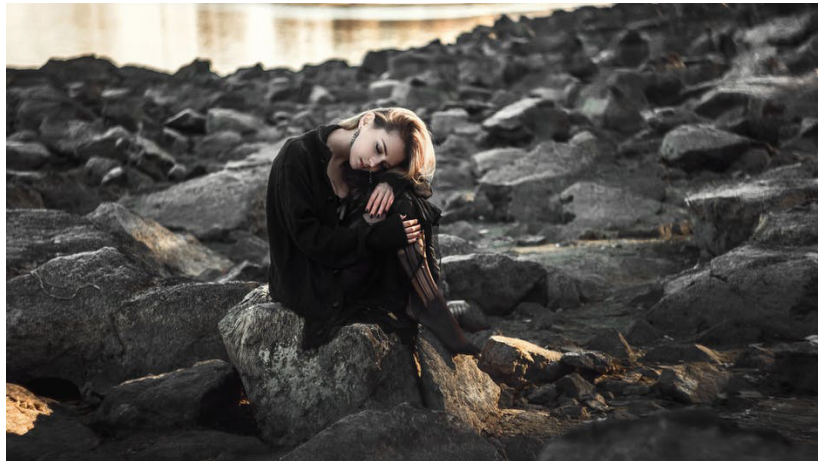
WHAT DID JESUS SAY?

Mark 9:37

“Whoever welcomes one little child such as this in my name welcomes me.”

Matthew 25:35b-36a;40

“When I was a stranger, you welcomed me, and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear... Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed to you, you did it for me.” (CEV)



READ

welcome: verb. Receive with pleasure and hospitality into one’s company or home.

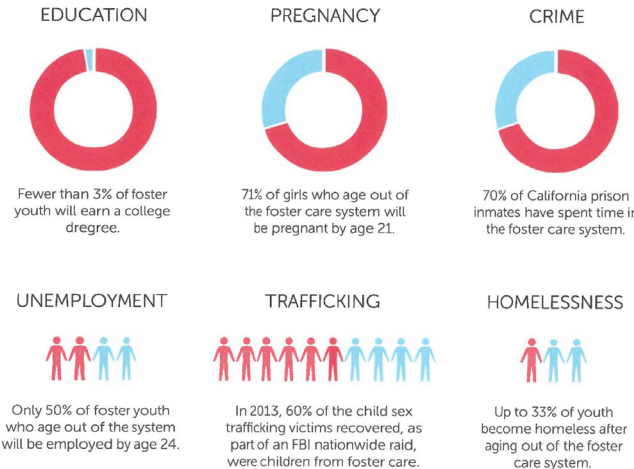
Feeling welcome with a sense of belonging is something for which all humans long. Many of us are born and raised in households where this feeling is the norm so it’s easy to forget that so many others rarely have that feeling. Think about children. Some are born into loving homes, but unforeseen circumstances dictate they be moved out of that home into foster care. And we know many are removed from abusive, neglectful situations. But whatever their roots, these children all have feelings of confusion, fear, loss, sadness, anxiety, and stress as they transition into the unknown. What if they were welcomed in a loving environment?

Welcoming a foster child into our homes is welcoming Jesus. Coming alongside those who are able to provide those homes protects them and empowers them to continue for the long term.

San Mateo County needs 25 new foster homes.

- 297 foster children are in SMC but only 97 foster homes.
- Those without homes go to other counties and move frequently.
- Could Christ-followers help prevent the challenges below?

The long-term effects of children growing up without a loving and stable family are tragic:



The best way to see a transformed Bay Area **tomorrow** is to care for a vulnerable child **today**.

PRAY FOR:

MONDAY

Children entering foster care, that each might ultimately find an appropriate and loving foster family to care for them until their birth families or relatives are able to do so or until they are grown as healthy adults ... a family who commits to them no matter what baggage and issues they bring to the table ... that the table is wide enough for each.

TUESDAY

The people who came Sunday night (October 22nd) to the Foster Children Interest Meeting at PCC. Pray each will hear God’s voice speaking about what to do, and commit to that role in caring for foster children.

WEDNESDAY

God to show YOU what your role could be in supporting foster children or foster families. There will be another interest meeting at PCC November 9. Pray for people who will attend that evening to hear God’s call.

THURSDAY

The foster children in San Mateo County to receive everything they need: emotional connection, academic support, love, and a deep sense of value and belonging. Pray that God will use this offering and these prayers to help make that possible.

FRIDAY

PCC in its role of becoming a “wrap around church” partnering with Foster the Bay, modeling for other believers how God can use each of us to allow every foster child to have a Christ-centered family that cares deeply about his or her life. Pray there will be no foster child in San Mateo County lacking a way to experience Jesus’ love and care.

CONSIDER

You might be temporary in their lives.
They might be temporary in yours.
But there is nothing temporary about the love or the lesson.

---Tonia Christle