

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

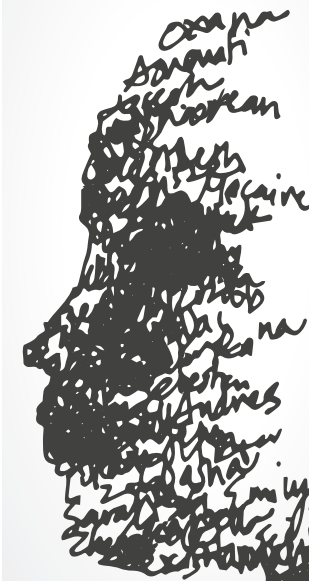
Join an intercultural discipleship team in 2018 serving refugee families.

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
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WHAT IS A GLOBAL ORPHAN?

- An orphan is defined as a child who has lost one or both parents.
- In most very poor countries in the world, a single parent does not have the resources or capacity to raise children alone, especially if there are more than one. So at least some of them will be sent to institutions, if for no other reason, so the others can remain with Mom.
- Once institutionalized, a child has lost both parents, even though one may still be physically alive.
- In traditional Africa, “orphaned” children lived with extended family. However, there are growing incidences of abandonment and neglect in these situations in sub-Saharan Africa, largely due to poverty.

WHAT DID JESUS SAY?

John 14:18,21 “I will not leave you orphaned. I’m coming back ... The person who knows my commandments and keeps them, that’s who loves me. And the person who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and make myself plain to him.”

James reinforced Jesus’ heart for orphans.

James 1:27 “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”



READ

FAMILY - that’s how Sabuli Sanguma in the Democratic Republic of Congo wants her children to think of themselves. The word “orphan” will never fall from her lips. Her call is certain - to give family to children who have lost parents. To give a heavenly Father to children with no father. To give hope to children in this precious population.

When Sabuli returned to the DRC after her husband Mossai completed his doctoral studies, she knew God was calling her to “hold His children in her heart”. She never imagined when she heard that call 14 years ago that today she would be Mom to nearly a hundred children, nor could she imagine how much they could thrive. When a terrific storm destroyed the roof of the children’s center a few years ago, and the children slept in whatever places were made available to them in the community, they asked continually, “Mom, when can our family come back together in our home?” What a time of great joy when the roof was complete! While PCC has been backstage support making that place into a home, through building, supplies, teams, and even giving each child his own hand quilted blanket made by PCC quilters, it is Sabuli’s love and call that has given those children security in knowing they have a mom and many aunties and uncles who love them.

Now those children who came young are grown. Like all youth finishing school and looking for next steps, they know it is time to go out as adults. But how can they leave prepared to lead their own small nuclear family, that not being a part of their own heritage? Through a unique partnership between PCC, Congo Voice, and Hope Unlimited, we have opportunity to develop a vocational training center for them. Specialized curriculum will train staff to prepare youth for types of work proven to be profitable in the local town (Gemena); experienced trainers and a physical center will make this reality. While orphan institutions around the world are beset with the challenge of children aging out only to later send their own children back to the institution because that’s all they ever knew, we can send these God-loving children into their community as responsible thriving adults.



PRAY FOR:

MONDAY

Sabuli as she models the Father’s love and care for her staff, and empowers them to do the same for each child.

TUESDAY

94 children (currently) residing at the Center. 5 new babies have been brought there in just the last month. Pray they experience love from the community in spite of the fact they have no blood parents able to give them love.

WEDNESDAY

94 children to experience the Father’s love in their lives, to know they are here in this family because God loves them, and to find community, acceptance, and ways to give within this special place.

THURSDAY

The high school and college students to develop passion for learning and work, that they might find a place to serve and give in the Congo that will reward them with capacity to live independently and responsibly build a family.

FRIDAY

Sabuli’s staff who will be the key people in training youth for vocational opportunity, skills and excellence. Pray for all the material resources to be available for ongoing training.

CONSIDER

130 million orphans in the developing world.
15 million have neither parent living.
45% live in sub-Saharan Africa.