

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 about befriending and parenting foster children.
> November 9 - 7:00 pm
- Serve foster children (and parents) at Parents' Night Out.
> November 11 - 3:15-8:30 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:
> Learn what is required to be a foster parent.
> Discover support you will have from PCC in the process.

GLOBAL ORPHANS

Sabuli Sanguma will be at PCC this winter. Visit pccaroundtheworld.com to learn when you can meet her at a local event. 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.

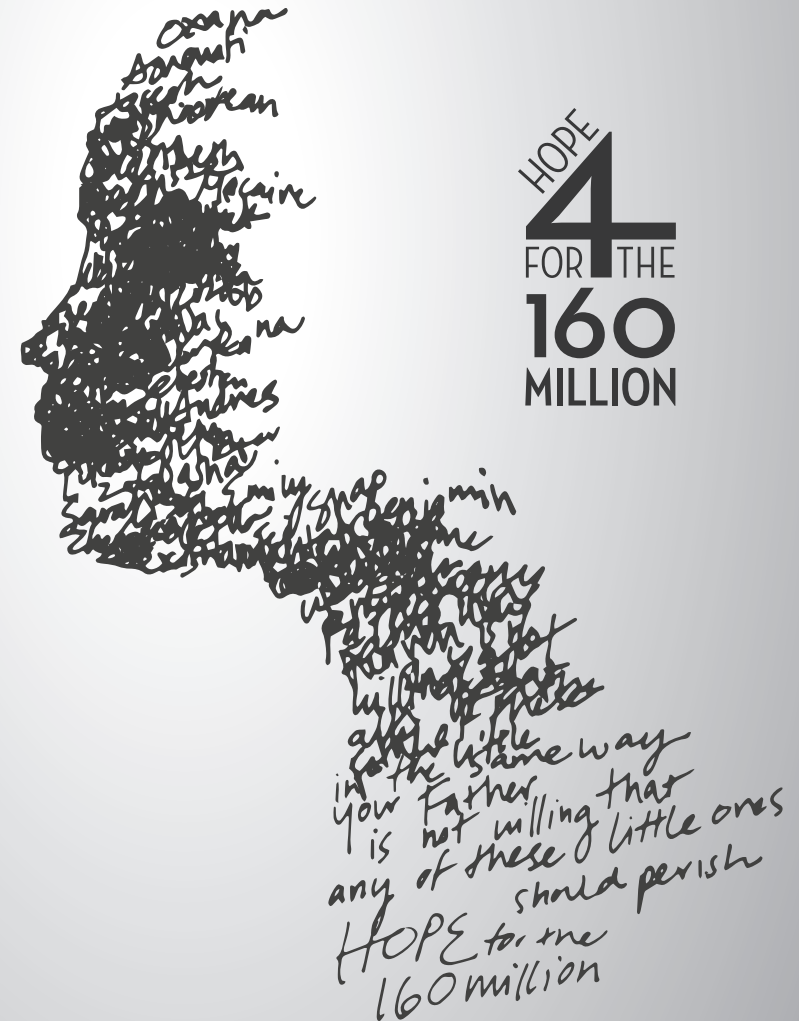
STAY CONNECTED

- 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 Global Hub today to discover real life stories.

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CAN I HELP YOU?

--by Dain Jenson

I've often noted that the first people to offer help are usually those who have experienced the same kind of challenges and felt the same kind of pain. Receiving from the heart "I know and I care" brings peace and soul-felt comfort. When I hear "Be healed while you participate in the healing of others," it causes in me a readiness to hear and participate in God's healing presence.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

2 Corinthians 1: 3-4

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

Mark 6:38, 41, 42

"How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish." ... "Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, He gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then He gave them to His disciples to distribute to the [5000] people. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied."

CHILDREN PLAY AT CASA HOGAR DOUGLAS



HOW DO YOU TOUCH A HURTING HEART?

God has given all of us unique stories and life experiences. Many times it's through our story that God is able to touch others and open hearts to a closer understanding of His love and grace. Here is a true story of how compassion poured out on a young girl blossomed into healing for her and others.

Marilyn, a professional teacher in Mexico, was at an orphanage called Casa Hogar Douglas helping kids with their homework. Elexie, the young girl she was serving, was not cooperating. She was restless and upset. Marilyn paused the lesson and began to gently inquire into Elexie's frustration. Marilyn listened with compassion as Elexie poured out her story and pain, then blurted out that Marilyn had no idea how hard it was to live at Casa Hogar Douglas.

Marilyn gently shared that she too had grown up at the home. Elexie began to sob as she fell into her arms. In the darkness of her situation Elexie received the comfort of Marilyn "being with her" in her sorrow, a gift that started the healing process.

The beginning of this story started 15 years earlier, when Todd and Beth, friends of mine, moved to another country to give their time to those children in a home called Casa Hogar Douglas. It was at Casa Hogar Douglas that they met and poured their time and care into a young teen girl named Marilyn. As Marilyn grew, she became interested in teaching. She completed high school, a first in her family, then went on to college and earned a degree as a teacher. With a desire to give back, she would tutor at Casa Hogar Douglas, the home in which she was raised.

CASA HOGAR DOUGLAS



REFLECT AND PRAY

MONDAY

Reflect on your life story and experiences. What might God use to help someone else experience His grace and compassion? Write those stories down and ask God to well up in you compassion for others experiencing life challenges.

TUESDAY

Reflect on times when you have been able to comfort others because of your experiences. Pray over those with whom you connected. Ask God to give you a listening ear to recognize when He desires to work through you for others' care.

WEDNESDAY

With over 160 million vulnerable (orphaned and displaced) children in the world, it can be daunting to consider how to help and make a difference. Making a difference starts with one child and one home at a time. As you feel compassion for vulnerable children, pray that God guides you with what action steps He has for you.

THURSDAY

The research on vulnerable children is heartbreaking. A high percentage of orphaned children end up in black market trades and prostitution. Investing in a child's life has the potential to change generations. Consider Marilyn's story: you too can support life-changing efforts through the God's Heart offering. Pray that this offering, partnering with others, will break for many the cycle of generational poverty.

FRIDAY

Read Mark 6:34-44. In the face of so big a need (160 million vulnerable children), how does this story inform your willingness to offer up what you have, even if it feels like only 5 fish and 2 loaves?

CONSIDER

What do I have that God can use to touch others' lives? Many say wealth is built by saving over time. Applying this concept to relationships, what long-term deposits can you make in people's lives that could impact generations?