

INTERNATIONAL PROJECT PROPOSAL

PROJECT 9003



Cross International

Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope in the Name of Jesus

Orphans and Vulnerable Children

— Worldwide —



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

Psalm 68:5



We are a ministry

that serves the poorest of the poor internationally by channeling aid through existing churches or church-based ministries, cost-effectively helping the poor while advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rather than create new institutions to distribute aid, we support existing ministries and churches already serving the poor. In addition to being the most cost-effective way of helping the poor, empowering these ministries allows us to support the Church's spiritual mission and its important position of leadership in poor communities.

We consider every gift we receive as a precious resource from God. We direct every donation to its intended project, provide honest and accurate reports to our donors, and keep overhead costs to an industry low. We handle funds with utmost integrity and hold our ministry partners in the field to the same high standards by asking them to document costs and the impact of their outreach.

We invite you to join with us as we seek to transform the lives of the poor materially and spiritually — ways that please the Father and glorify him in Heaven and on earth.





Project Synopsis

Description

This project will equip Christian ministries in developing countries to rescue orphans and vulnerable children from unimaginable suffering and tell them about Jesus.

Purpose

To share the Gospel through words and actions, and give children hope for a better future.

Our Partners

Christian orphanages and ministries that share our vision of Christ-centered outreach that nurtures the whole person, body and soul.

Location

Developing countries around the world.

Highlights

- In developing countries, children suffering from neglect, abandonment, abuse or the loss of their parents often end up fending for themselves or falling through the cracks of an inadequate social support system.
- Cross International partners with local Christian ministries that have a passion to rescue these children, provide for their needs, teach them God's Word and prepare them for a better future.
- By reaching these children while they are young, we can prevent the long-term negative effects of extreme deprivation.



Your generous gift is needed to fund these lifesaving and transformative programs that hundreds of vulnerable children are depending on.



The Need

No orphan is invisible to our God — the “Father to the fatherless” — but it is up to us Christians to see that His compassion and mercy are brought to those who need special care. When we act on behalf of the desperate child, we serve him or her on our Lord’s behalf.

This role is expressed in Scripture too, where James 1:27 explains, “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.”



To our mind, the orphans Scripture describes are not just the 140 million children around the world who have lost parents to AIDS, famine, war and other tragedies. They are also the countless boys and girls who suffer the fatherlessness represented by rejection, neglect and abuse. In fact, such children are doubly victimized because their plight is made all the worse by the fear that their parents do not love them.

In Guatemala, Pablo* was one of these traumatized children. Born to a mother and father consumed by drug and alcohol addiction, his parents were oblivious to their family responsibilities and would vanish for extended periods of time, leaving him and his four siblings to fend for themselves. By the time the authorities arrived to remove the children from the home, 14-year-old Pablo’s father was so broken by substance abuse that he was confined to a wheelchair, as his health continued its downward spiral to a premature death.

In Guyana, 7-year-old Paul* was born HIV-positive to a struggling single mother. In contrast to Pablo’s parents,

Paul’s mother did the best she could to raise him, but she was simply too poor to give him the healthy diet and advanced medical care he needed. While Paul deteriorated physically and contracted tuberculosis, his mother’s own health failed and she tragically passed away, leaving him traumatized and alone.

Although the life stories of these suffering children are heartbreaking, there is hope. God has been calling Christians in developing countries around the world to reach out to orphans and vulnerable children with love, material aid and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By standing with them and empowering the outreaches they are trying to establish, we can have an incredible impact on the lives of children in need!

**Names have been changed to protect the children’s privacy.*



Ministry Description

Cross International partners with Christian ministries around the world that are passionate about fulfilling the James 1:27 call to “look after orphans... in their distress.” These ministry partners are intimately acquainted with the needs of their communities, they are excited to tell children about Jesus’ love for them, and they have made many sacrifices to save vulnerable boys and girls from falling through society’s cracks.

For example, in Guatemala, the Casa Bernabe orphanage is now providing Pablo and his siblings with a stable, Christian home, where they are being loved, nurtured, educated, surrounded in prayer and prepared for a bright future. And in Guyana, Paul has found safe refuge at the Ruimveldt Children’s Home & Care Center, a Christian shelter for children infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS. Now, these boys have caretakers they can depend on to meet their needs, and they are learning to put their hope and trust in Jesus Christ, who can heal the scars of their troubled pasts and give them the desires of their hearts.

Thanks to ministries such as these, children like Pablo and Paul have a chance to live fulfilling, prosperous lives. But these critically needed programs can only keep their doors open so long as they receive support from compassionate Christian benefactors like you. Cross International has committed to raising that support, and we are hoping and praying that with your help, today’s orphans and vulnerable children will become tomorrow’s mighty men and women of God. For “God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong” (1 Corinthians 1:27).



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Help Now!

God is grieved by the tears of orphans — and today, He is calling on us to wipe those tears away!

Please pray for these suffering children and join us in our worldwide mission to rescue orphans and vulnerable children from the clutches of poverty, neglect, abuse and despair. Your generous gift is needed to give these precious children the loving care they so desperately crave. Through your gift, they will be nurtured both physically and spiritually by compassionate Christians who treasure them as sons and daughters of God, created in His image.

Don't wait a day longer to answer the children's cries! They need food, clothes, medicine and safe shelter, and they need to see that, despite their humble pasts, they are valued in God's sight. By stepping forward with generous support, you will change lives!

“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

Mark 9:37

Our Promise to You!

Proceeds from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred through June 30, 2018, the close of our ministry's new fiscal year. In the event that more funds are raised than needed to fully fund the project, the excess funds, if any, will be used to meet the most urgent needs of the ministry.