



Global Update 2017

Fields are ripe for harvest!

Our God has been at work in amazing ways in the past year, as Kids Alive has continued the work of rescuing orphans and vulnerable children at nearly 50 sites around the world.

The wide variety of geographies, age groups, and cultural settings we serve creates a colorful “patchwork quilt” of diversity. In Latin America, Africa, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and the Pacific Rim, our services and ministries to vulnerable children take on many flavors and meet many kinds of needs. **And yet the important work of changing lives is accomplished one life at a time.**

Kids Alive is committed to respecting and working with local communities, governments, churches, and families, helping them to become part of the solutions for at-risk kids. In many cases, our work has become a model for other organizations and governments in the countries where we work, and the trust we have built is bridging divides and creating new opportunities for ministry.

We are currently exploring options for new avenues of ministry, seeking God’s direction and guidance to help the most children while being wise stewards of every dollar you give.

I invite you to read what God has done on our many fields this year and join me in praying that He will send even more workers into the harvest. **The fields are ripe – and precious children are waiting!**

With gratitude on behalf of all our dedicated Field Directors,



Matt Parker, President
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Dominican Republic

We're well on our way to converting all our care centers to full-day, accredited schools giving all our kids a great foundation for the future. And we had a record number of high school graduates, university scholarship recipients, and university graduates this year.

Guatemala

We opened a new La Arquilla house and it's already full of child-moms. Opportunities are increasing to work with the government and other agencies to bring justice to these girls' aggressors and change existing laws. In Zapote we established an economic empowerment program, helping impoverished families grow corn and building ties with the community.

Haiti

At Haiti Children's Village we've completed several construction projects, and our new school will be ready to move into in January, giving our kids a modern, well-equipped facility in which to start the January trimester. We're also growing our independence program and making plans to open a trade school in our old school building.

Kenya

Along with increasing our focus and emphasis on education, we rolled out a four-year cycle of intense concentration on discipleship, Bible memory, and spiritual mentoring. And we continue refining our "Transition Training", helping those reaching the age of independence to move into adulthood with confidence and competence.

Myanmar

Our new children's home near Dawei is providing loving, family-style care to vulnerable children in Myanmar and offering them hope through education, language training, and the life-giving message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Papua New Guinea

We now have all twelve grades in our school after successfully registering grades 11 and 12, and we received soft-copy curriculum for grades 7-12, giving us all we need for all grades. We completed another Bible school trimester, strengthening Gospel outreach in Hauna.

Peru

New children's homes opened at Juniper Tree and the Orchard; we increased our focus on ministry to the families of our kids at Oasis Care Center in Manchay; we incorporated House of Glory, a home for young moms pregnant as a result of rape; and we added another grade level to the Oasis School in Lima.

Romania

Three of our oldest girls finished their first year in university and two more have graduated and are also enrolled in university. It is exciting to see these girls growing up! Our care center program continues to grow. New staff members helped share the load, and both House of Hope and Denisa Care Center were awarded five-year accreditation after a long, complex process.

Sudan/South Sudan

Through one of the most dangerous periods in this region's history, our boys and staff have been protected from violence and we thank God for sufficient food; we've been able to share food with the surrounding community as many children are close to starvation as a result of severe food insecurity in South Sudan.

Taiwan

Our children's homes and graduate programs are ministering to children with disabilities and kids from dysfunctional families, the children that even an advanced society can leave behind. We continue growing healthy, confident children who know and believe in Jesus.

Zambia

We opened a third children's house with the help of Kottages4Kids. We are offering hope through the recruitment of quality teachers and staff members, and we continue expanding our educational and care programs, including providing opportunities in business training to our older kids.

**Thank you for being part of His harvest,
redeeming and restoring the lives and hopes
of children who, without you, would have
no one to believe in them!**

"Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matt. 9:38 (NIV)

