



Loving Our Neighbor as Ourselves

MARK 12:31

Refugees are our neighbors—they may live close to us or on the other side of the world. Right now more than 65 million people are displaced from their homes, and more than half of the 22.5 million refugees are under the age of 18. This year Kids Helping Kids hopes to bring children closer to this global issue and illuminate ways they can make a difference.

Kids Helping Kids enables us to partner with children on their spiritual journey to:

- fulfill Christ's commandment to love God and our neighbor,
- foster a larger kingdom view,
- offer an opportunity to serve and obey God,
- provide a shared faith experience to build community,
- learn from the faith stories of other children around the world, and
- reflect and share their own stories of faith and what it means to respond thoughtfully and responsibly to the refugee crisis.

How can the children in your church help?

This booklet contains the stories of twelve children, each struggling to cope in the aftermath of fleeing their home and becoming a refugee or internally displaced person. It is our hope that these voices—representing millions of children facing the challenge of rebuilding their lives—will help shape the children in your care as they become sensitive to other's needs, inspiring them to respond thoughtfully and generously.

Examples of ways your gift will make a difference:

- immediate relief: food and water
- medical care
- peacebuilding training
- long-term investment in sustainable livelihood (e.g. agriculture, tailoring)

Before taking an offering with the children each week, please read one of the stories, explore where it takes place in the world, engage in the cooperative game, reflect on how Christ responded to those in need, and pray for those who have had to flee because of war or conflict. In this way, your children will connect with the bigger picture of God's kingdom and provide a tangible reflection of Christ's light in the world.

Gifts should be made out to Kids Helping Kids: Refugees Around the World

Mail to: The Evangelical Covenant Church, attn: Covenant World Relief, 8303 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631

Thank you for joining us this year in providing children hope for a brighter future.

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