

# Understanding Our Mission

An explanation of our terms, methods, and more stuff that seems to confuse people.

**The basic idea of Child Help International:** We start what we believe to be effective and God-honoring children's homes and help maintain them. The goal of every children's home is to provide a loving Christian Home to the neediest of orphaned or abandoned children, so that they can grow to have faith in Jesus Christ that is as solid as a rock. We see that the church is the ordained organism to care for the orphans and widows.

## How We Start Children's Homes

- Find an Indigenous Church or Churches who are passionate about caring for orphans and want a longterm ministry to care for orphans and widows. (We establish these partnerships through previous relationships with these churches - knowing them from our past or through others, through cold calls- they reach out to us or we reach out to them and then we verify their legitimacy and ability.)
- We visit one or more times to set up our project initiation (getting set for moving on-site, preparing them for the work we will be doing, and starting them on raising funds or supplies within their church or churches).
- Move on site to oversee the construction of the children's home, train the workers, and coach the leaders.

## Our Work

We work within "Assignments:" We have "Field Assignment" and "Home Assignment."

### Field Assignment

We go to the country where the new ministry is starting and spend up to 6 months teaching, training, coaching the leaders, workers, and churches. We also oversee the construction of the home that the orphaned children will be moving into.

### Home Assignment

During this time we work toward our next field assignment by raising funds and awareness. We also continue to work with the CHI organization to further the vision of the organization. Home assignment can be as short as 1 month to as long as over a year depending on the projects to be completed during this time.

# Child Help International is. . .

- **An organization that helps children. But we have our priorities- the soul is eternal, the body is temporary. Therefore, the soul receives more help than the body. Here are the priorities.**
  - Help with salvation. We help children understand their purpose in life, regardless of their background or circumstances. We help them know why the world is the way it is. . .sin. We help them learn how to be reconciled to God. And we help them achieve a faith that is as solid as a rock, unswerving in the face of controversy and adversity. At the children's home level , street child outreach level, and child evangelism events it is all about teaching God's Word, exemplifying God's work in our own lives, and helping them to heal from the hurts a sinful world has put upon them. At a training level it is instructing ministers, children's workers, and children's homes how to make a positive Christian impact on the children under their watch.
  - Help with survival. Fatherless, helpless, hopeless children receive a home, loving family, safety, security, nutrition, clothing, medical care, and emotional care.
  - Help with successful living. Children living in a CHI home receive education in school and at home. They learn life skills taking care of the home, doing chores, and doing projects that assist their communities. Older teens begin working in areas that brings income to the home to help cover the costs of the home. On the street child outreach level, they pertinent skills: life skills, reading skills, mathematical skills, and coping skills.
- **An organization that is Christian.**

CHI is in no way sorry for our emphasis on salvation and developing a rock-solid faith that glorifies God. We desire for every child who comes to us for help to leave us a solid, Christ-loving, Christ-serving follower.
- **An organization that is inter-church, not parachurch.**

A church ministry is a ministry that a particular congregation of Christ's church is doing. A parachurch ministry is a ministry that works outside churches and seeks the support of their community and a number of churches. CHI sees itself as an interchurch ministry. We are a ministry supported and commissioned by Christ's Church to partner with and empower local congregations around the globe to care for their orphans and street children and bring them into their fold. We partner in training, resourcing, and assisting churches and parachurch organizations in the States and abroad to achieve their full potential at reaching children for Christ and raising them up to have rock-solid faith.
- **An organization that helps the Church.**

The Church has a 3 fold mission- Preach the Gospel (Matt. 28:18-19), Help the Needy (James 2, Galatians 6), Build up those in the Body of Christ (Hebrews 2:12-14). We are simply an empowering organization. We help churches understand their calling to defend the fatherless and care for the widows, we give them the training and resources, and then we stand beside them to help them succeed.