

# **Ministry Mindset and Approach**

*The How of Reaching the Fatherless*

Remember our Purpose:

## **Ministry Mindset: Choosing the More Excellent Way**

*HOW?*

*Perspective*

*God's Character*

*A Better Way*

*Five Pattern Scriptures*

- Romans 12-14
- 1 Corinthians 13
- Matthew 25:34-40
- James 1:27-2:1
- 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

*Common Denominators*

# **Ministry Approach: Walking in the More Excellent Way**

***1. Act in Love***

***2. Attitude of Service***

***3. Discretion***

***4. Discernment***

***5. Discipleship***

***6. Keep It Simple***

*“Unless there is an element of risk in our exploits for God there is no need for faith.”*

*– Hudson Taylor*

## **What God can do on less than \$850/month:**

*From November of 2016 to the present date, Forbid Them Not has had a committed monthly income of less than \$850/month. Our rent, insurance, and other general operating expenses come out of this amount. Which leaves things pretty tight. And yet in that timeframe THE LORD used this ministry to:*

- Give more than \$1500 to other orphan ministries through the Green Bean Project
- Provide food and clothing for 3 families in need
- Maintain Weekly Bible Studies
- Hold a Christmas open house to spread the word about the burden and ministry.
- Organize and host the Forum on Fatherlessness.

*Now, maybe you're saying, "I don't have \$850/month. I'm not convinced. Here's the thing, Forbid Them Not only had that income from November, 2016 to the present date. Before that, our average committed income for 2016 was between \$225 and \$580. The average in the years previous to that was anywhere from \$25 a month to that \$225. So let's look at what God can do through a ministry with a "budget" of less than \$300/month.*

## **What God can do on less than \$300/month:**

- Green Bean Project – Text books, clothing, school supplies, fabric, and small financial gifts since 2012\* to ministries in Kenya, Nepal, and Kyrgyzstan

### **2016**

- Help make minor vehicles repairs
- Help multiple families through the clothing exchange
- Help two fatherless families with moving/expenses
- Provided AC/Unit for single mom and her children
- Maintain Weekly Bible Studies

### **Previous Years:**

- Provide transportation to multiple women and their children
- Provide personal hygiene products and prescriptions
- A work project to help provide rent.

- Provide Biblical counsel

*But maybe you're saying, "I DON'T HAVE \$300 a month." That's okay. I understand that. So let's look at what God can do on NOTHING.*

## **What God Can Do When You Have Nothing:**

(During this time, we had approximately \$200 in the ministry fund from the previous years, our support had dropped to \$40/month, and my personal income was between \$200-\$300/month. Humanly speaking there is no way this should have happened.)

### ***The Job 31 Project – Uniforms for Ministry in Ngererit, Kenya***

- God provided the fabric, thread, elastic, patterns, needles, and a sewing machine.
- God raised up ladies from 4 churches around Montana to help with the sewing.
- God provided (through the loss of a computer hard drive) for the tickets
- All 165 uniforms fit; we held sewing lessons, Bible studies, ladies' meetings, and much more. (SEE ATTACHED REPORT FOR FULL STORY)

**"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it!" – 1 Thessalonians 5:24**

\*In 2015, we were unable to hold the Green Bean Project due to logistics, however, God still provided in another way, and we were able to send school supplies to the ministry in Kenya for Christmas.