

The goal of Forbid Them Not Baptist Ministries is to help churches and missionaries start, strengthen and maintain ministries to the fatherless in order to see them saved, trained in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and eventually serving Him wholeheartedly.

According to a survey of more than 100 Independent Baptist churches and 30 mission agencies conducted in 2009, we are falling sadly short of the need for the gospel message to be taught among the fatherless.



of American churches have ministries to single parents.  
1%  
of American children are born to unwed mothers.  
40%



### WHAT IS BEING DONE?

Yes. The Bible mentions the fatherless 43 times. We have a responsibility to take the gospel to them just as to any other people group. Unfortunately, many avoid this type of ministry because of the expense and social issues that come with it. God had many reasons for telling His people to care for the poor, the fatherless, the widows and the strangers. Not the least of these was to picture His perfect plan for redemption. The same opportunities exist for us today if we will be obedient and follow Him in seeking to reach the fatherless for Christ.

### IS IT REALLY OUR RESPONSIBILITY?



# THE PLIGHT

## OF THE FATHERLESS

\*\*\* HIDDEN SOULS IN A DARK WORLD \*\*\*



Reaching the orphan is a complicated task. Unlike a city or a nation to which you can send a missionary, they are not in one place, but are woven among us – sometimes hidden from us – found in every town and nation. Many people and organizations seek to meet their physical needs alone, but what is bread without the Bread of Life? And what is shelter without Him whose name is a strong tower?

**In truth, these children have a Father, but someone must introduce them to Him.**



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## What If This Was Your Child?

### STATISTICS

**The fatherless make up 2.4% of the world's population.** This is a greater percentage than Russia, Mexico, or the United Kingdom.

The majority of the world's **143,000,000** orphans are in single guardian homes, government run facilities, government run programs such as foster care or group homes, in shelters, or on the streets.

Most government programs have an age at which the children "age out" of the system. For some this age is eighteen (18), for others it may be as young as fifteen (15). From this point on they are left to find their way in the world with no guide or counselor, except perhaps for a caseworker whose load with the children still in the system is already heavier than they can handle.

Governmentalized institutional living and the instability of multiple foster homes, leave the children unprepared for what lies ahead—they find themselves alone, lost, and hopeless.

Among orphans in general there is a great tendency toward drug and alcohol abuse, crime, and prostitution as they look for a way to escape and a means to survive. Take Russia, for example:

Within three (3) years of "aging out" of the system approximately

20% will be in prison,

40% will be homeless and

33% will be unemployed.

60% of girls become prostitutes

70% of boys become criminals

15% (approx 1,000 per year) will commit suicide before age 18. With such knowledge it is commonly understood that orphans in the Russian Federation generally end up in one of two places—prison or the morgue.

Orphans have increasingly become the targets of human traffickers, increasing the risks of beatings, rape, murder, disease, and suicide.

The United States: Studies among the fatherless of the United States do not give any brighter picture than those found in other countries:

80% of rapists

71% of teen pregnancies

63% of youth suicides

85% of children with behavioral disorders

90% of adolescent repeat arsonists

71% of high school drop-outs

75% of adolescents in chemical abuse centers

70% of juveniles in state operated institutions

85% of youths in prison

ARE FROM FATHERLESS HOMES

The average life expectancy of an orphan is 30 years.

For these reasons, we must reach them while they are young.