

Green Bean Project

Helping You Reach the Fatherless Around the World.



What is the Green Bean Project?

When I share about the GBP everything in my heart wells up and a TON of information pours out. Which sometimes leaves people in a dither. So hopefully this will simplify all that heart gushing in one clear, concise place.

The Short Answer

The Green Bean Project is a fundraiser. That's the ugly truth. Ministries have needs and often those needs can only be met by funds. But, there's a vision behind the fundraising.

The Vision

The Green Bean Project is to give God's people an opportunity to "visit the fatherless in their affliction" (James 1:27) as we bless ministries working with the fatherless by meeting specific needs through the love, giving, and action of those who participate in the project.

Why?

Why is this so important? The answer is multi-faceted. Caring for the Fatherless:

Is God's Command – God mentions the fatherless more than 40 times in the Bible. He repeats the commands to visit them, defend them, and judge their cause throughout those passages. He also passes severe judgment upon His people when they neglect the fatherless and the widow. For a complete list of references dealing with the fatherless, [click here](#).

Is a God-ordained form of Worship – In James 1:27, God defines pure religion (the carrying out of our faith, worship) as visiting the fatherless and the widow in their affliction and keeping oneself unspotted from the world. The second one often receives greater attention because it can easily be thrown into a checklist, but visiting the fatherless and the widows is equally important in God's eyes.

Allows us to demonstrate God's love and His plan for Redemption – In nearly every reference to adoption in the New Testament, God is speaking of redemption. Caring for the fatherless whether through projects like this one, praying, mentoring, fostering, or adoption provides amazing opportunity for God's people to become living pictures of redemption.

The Green Bean Project gives us the opportunity to either take the first steps in caring for the fatherless or to grow in the care we are already giving. It allows us to come alongside of those caring for the fatherless through their ministries in the U.S., Africa, and Asia.

The How

You might be wondering how the Green Bean Project Works. Here's a quick step-by-step account of how it normally goes:

- 1** Each year, the ministries involved provide a list of specific needs. These needs touch the lives of 500-600 children.
- 2** When the Green Bean Project launches, usually on November 1st, Forbid Them Not shares those needs through our website, blog, emails, and social media accounts.
- 3** Throughout the project, we ask you to prayerfully consider how God would have you help meet these needs.
- 4** God's people pray and give.
- 5** At the end of the Green Bean Project, December 31st, the total amount received is tallied, and we praise the Lord together for His wonderful works!
- 6** After the New Year, we divide the funds evenly between the ministries. Sometimes, the needed items can be purchased in country. In those situations, the funds are sent to their mission agency and applied to their account. At other times, the items need to be purchased in the States and shipped. In those situations, we do the shopping for the missionaries and then package and ship the purchases. Any remaining funds are then sent to their mission agency and applied to the missionaries' account.
- 7** A Final Update. Often things happen during the period of point number 6 that further display God's provision. We always try to share those events with you, so you can see the full picture of what God has done—at least as full as we can give you this side of eternity!

So, to sum it all up, the Green Bean Project is an opportunity for us to put our faith into action. It's an opportunity to meet the needs of children in desperate physical need, while at the same time living out for them the love Christ demonstrated to us on the cross. It's a place to begin, a place to grow, and a way to help ministries to the fatherless thrive.

Won't you join us!

Rachel Miller - Founder/Director

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1

AFRICA

4 Schools
Serving Approx.
500 children
and housing
38 orphans.

2

S.E. ASIA

Children's Home with
12 Children, needs to
expand to be able to
take in the children of
children caught up in
sex trade.

3

CENTRAL ASIA

Children's Home
housing 16 children.

4

BILLINGS, MT

Outreach to Single
Moms and their
children through Bible
Study, Clothing
Exchange, School
Supplies, etc.

GBP - INCOME AND PROJECTS BY YEAR

'12

Raised - \$834

SE Asia - Textbooks

Africa - Building Project

Central Asia - Clothing
Items (Purchased and
Shipped)

'13

Raised - \$575

SE Asia - School Supplies

Africa - School Supplies

Central Asia - School
Supplies

'14

Raised - \$350

SE Asia: Their Discretion

Africa: Their Discretion

Central Asia: Their
Discretion

Since I had just lost my
own father, we were not
able to do as much as
hoped.

'15

Due to the continued
changes from 2014, the
project was canceled.

'16

Raised \$2190

SE Asia - School Supplies

Africa - School Supplies

Central Asia - Furniture

Billings, MT - School
Supplies and Single
Moms Fund

The first year to include
the local ministry.

'17

Raised \$2696

SE Asia - Toward
Expansion

Central Asia - Shoes;
Kitchen repairs; Grounds,
equipment, roof repairs.

Africa - Laptop

Billings, MT - Single
Moms Fund

2018 Needs & Goal

The Green Bean Project

NEEDS

South East Asia

This ministry in S.E. Asia has repeatedly had to turn children away because there is no room for them. In the surrounding area, children are sold as slaves. These children eventually have children of their own as a result of their slavery. **But no one wants those children, and no one wants to care for them. This ministry longs to give them a home** that will not only meet their physical and emotional needs but also lead them to Christ and a knowledge of the Father of the Fatherless.

We have a chance to help make room! **All funds given to the SE Asia ministry will go toward purchasing more property and building space so they can take in these precious children.**

Africa

This ministry continues to grow and grow. They are ministering to a large number of people on a very tight budget. Some of their needs include: **A school bus and funds for food, clothing, and school books for the orphans in their care.**

Central Asia

The children's home in Central Asia has faced numerous, heavy trials this year. My hope is that we'll be able to send an enormous blessing to them through the Green Bean Project. Some of their needs include: **Winter shoes for 16 children, garage roof needs to be replaced, new fence for boy's dorm, coal for heating, winter potatoes, \$1000/month in school fees.**

Local Ministry

Every year, Forbid Them Not assists single moms, non-parental guardians, and the children in their care. **The funds provided through the Green Bean Project go to specific, individual needs.** Often the relationships built through these small investments open the door to Bible studies and long-term, discipleship relationships.

GOAL

We've set a minimum goal this year of **\$5,000**, but as you can see the need is much greater, so don't be shy! Give as the Lord leads!