



THE
GLOBal
orphan
PROJECT

2018 Impact Report

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“When a loving presence enters a child’s life,
it changes everything.”

JAKE BARRETH
Director of International Ministry



Breaking the orphan cycle

Our mission is to break the orphan cycle through the power of community, commerce and the love of Jesus.

What began with one couple saying “yes” to supporting a small group of children in Southeast Asia, has grown into a global family investing in the lives of kids and communities across the U.S., and around the world. As we actively pursue creative solutions to persistent problems, our “why” will always be firmly centered on the face of a single child who needs love and family.

To all who have joined us:
Thank you.

To all who will give your first yes in the months and years ahead:
You are needed, and you are welcome.

From Joe’s desk

Dear friends,

What we do matters. How we do it matters even more.

Our assignment is to serve local churches to care for local children in crisis, with a healthy approach for kids and community. What’s best for kids is a wholistic continuum of care, from Prevention (family preservation for kids on the brink of family breakdown), through Permanence (family provision for kids who have experienced catastrophic family breakdown), through Transition (equipping youth aging-out to thrive as adults).

Through this Impact Report, we celebrate the diverse work of our local church partners all around the world in 2018. They are the heroes of the ministry. As are you. None of this could happen without you.

Through it all, we have a shared heart anthem: Every child deserves family. Opportunity. Love. Not some kids. Not most kids. There should be care for every child.

While we may not see such an outcome this side of heaven, we will doggedly pursue it together.

#careforeverychild

In Jesus’ name,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joe H. Harty".



#careforeverychild

7,810

children benefited directly from orphan prevention programs each month in 2018.



Keeping families together

Orphan Prevention Initiatives

Over time, we have learned the best form of orphan care starts with orphan prevention: stepping into a child or parent’s story before a family breaks down. From Kafunjo, Uganda, to Schenectady, New York, our local church partners are working passionately and strategically to prevent family disintegration through education, community support and job creation.

Education

Our most significant education initiative is found in Haiti, a nation where less than 60% of the population is formally employed and public education is largely inaccessible. In Haiti, something as simple as a government-mandated school uniform could prevent a family from being able to send their child to school. When a single mother living in poverty is given the choice between keeping her child or giving them an education, she will often make the desperate, love-motivated decision to give her children up.

We believe parents should never have to make that choice. In 2018, 6,280 children received education through partners of The Global Orphan Project around the world. Many of those children still live with their families.

Community support

While they continue to care for orphaned and vulnerable children in their communities, our local church partners have become fierce advocates for families.

Our initiatives in India, Uganda and Haiti, continue to expand family-strengthening programs within their communities. In the United States, Lebanon, Haiti, Jordan and Egypt, our CarePortal platform allows churches to see and meet real-time needs, often to support a family in the height of a crisis. We hear stories every single day of families being held together through the timely and loving response of local churches.

Job creation

We believe that every willing parent should be able to care for their own children through the dignity of their own work. (Continue to page 8 for more information.)

2018

Children received education through GO Project partners	6,280
Children served each month through Father’s Family in Uganda	987
Children served through HIV clinic in Hyderabad, India	900
Individuals served through medical camp in Hyderabad, India	500
Children served through CarePortal in the United States	14,877

Meet Charity

Charity is a single mother. She and her three children live in Kabale, Uganda. In the last year, their lives changed dramatically through Father’s Family, our local church partner’s family-strengthening program.

Father’s Family, now active in GO Africa equips families with financial management skills, job skills and spiritual healing. In addition to teaching her farming techniques, the church gave Charity a garden hoe.

She owns a seemingly insignificant plot of land, but she learned how to farm it and use every square yard to grow vegetables. Charity is now not only able to feed her children and send them to school, but with the profits she sold in the market, she is now able to purchase her HIV medication! God used this local church’s seemingly humble contribution of a hoe to create tremendous life-change for this family.





One Strong Job

Orphan prevention and the dignity of work

In the 15 years since GO Project's founding, we have learned a lot. One of the most significant lessons we have learned is that poverty is not just an economic issue. It is a dignity issue. We've learned that one of the most effective forms of orphan prevention is one strong job.

We believe every willing person should have the opportunity to provide for his or her family. That's why employees of our Haiti and Kansas City-based apparel company, GOEX Print + Apparel, earn a fair wage that strengthens families and reinstates dignity and hope.

Even with a recently increased legal minimum wage in Haiti, most workers in the apparel sector work six days per week for a minimum wage that barely covers their daily expenses. Daily wages at LIFE, our partner manufacturing facility, are 65% higher than the sector minimum and our employees have the ability to earn 140%+ of minimum based on production. In 2018, LIFE produced more than a million garments, creating more than 200 living wage jobs and empowering parents to care for their kids!

“Commerce has the potential, when purpose really aligns with the power of purchase, to completely unleash the greatest resource we have on earth: the family.”

JOE KNITTIG
CEO

222

jobs supporting an estimated
1,332+ children and family
members in Haiti and the U.S.

July 2018

GOEX accepted into the Fair Trade Federation

After two years of rigorous screening, GOEX was accepted as a verified member of the Fair Trade Federation! With fewer than 200 members worldwide, the Fair Trade Federation's (FTF) acceptance of GOEX reflects our deep commitment to the highest standards of fair trade and the pursuit of a more just and sustainable world.



September 2018

Now training young adults from Kansas City's urban core

Our custom screenprinting and fulfillment facility now partners with the Full Employment Council in Kansas City, MO., to provide internships for disadvantaged young adults in the urban core. We then work to connect qualified candidates with job opportunities within our network or hire them ourselves if we have openings.



1MIL

garments produced by our
partner facility, LIFE S.A. in 2018

Care for every child

Orphan Care Initiatives

We believe that every child deserves a future that is safe, full of love and offers a chance for kids to just be kids! It is our privilege to connect people from all around the world, to care for the most vulnerable kids through the local church.

Setting traditional institutional orphan care models aside, our local church partners care for vulnerable children in a way that’s sustainable and attentive to the heart and potential of each individual child. The Global Orphan Project community covers gaps in 24-hour foster or family-style residential care, to help these children grow up happy and healthy. When possible, our partners are increasingly working to place and then support children with extended family members or loving families in their congregations.



“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

AFRICAN PROVERB

February 2018 36 children evacuated from the Congo

Rising ethnic conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo, led to an emergency evacuation of 36 children in the care of our local church partner in the village of Bunia. Thanks to the dedication of local leaders and the GO Africa team, those children and their caregivers safely traveled 621 miles from Bunia, to another welcoming partner in Kabale, Uganda. Thank you to our donor community for giving generously, so that in a moment of crisis, we’re able to act quickly, support local leaders and keep children safe.



Equipped for a healthy adulthood

Orphan Transition Initiatives

Helping transition children into healthy, contributing adults is a vital part of caring for the orphaned and vulnerable child. The GO Transition Academy is our two-year discipleship, life skills and vocational technical program. The academy equips teenagers who have aged out of orphan care for successful transition to adulthood.

Expanding the GO Haiti Transition Academy facility
This was a big year for the GO Haiti Transition Academy! Thanks to a grant from the Stacey Foundation, we were able to build a new school and reimagine our dormitory to accommodate a 40% increase in capacity. In September 2019, we are expecting our largest-ever incoming class, putting our total student body over 100 full-time residential students.

Introducing, GO India Transition Academy
In 2018, we launched the GO India Transition Academy with 12 students enrolled. While this number is small, the support and potential behind this program is not. Students in the program learning farming and life skills. In addition to farming a small piece of land, they are also tasked with general maintenance and upkeep of our local partner’s guesthouse.



Graduates from GO Haiti Transition Academy class of 2018	31
Total enrolled in Transition Academy - Haiti (78) + India (12)	90

More than enough

Sharing the CarePortal platform to maximize impact for kids

Every day, children and families in every community live in crisis. What would their lives look like if, instead of need, there was “more than enough”?

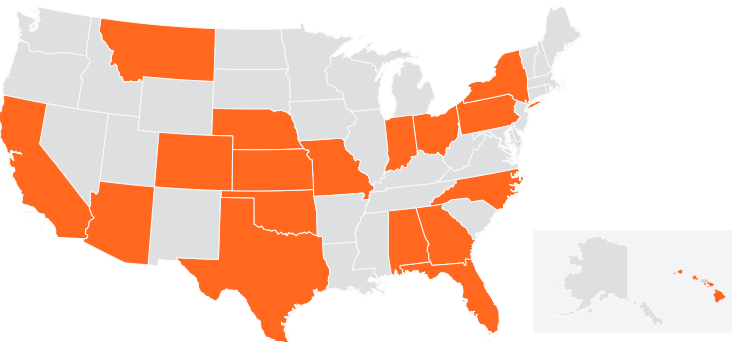
More than enough adoptive families for waiting children. More than enough foster families to stand in the gap. More than enough wrap around support for families on the brink. This is GO Project’s assignment, and no one can organization do it alone. So, we spent much of 2018 forming partnerships with other ministries who are also working to bring about a more than enough world. Specifically, we decided to proactively share CarePortal with other ministries who would use the platform to form catalytic, church-state connections in their own communities.

Implementing Partners

These ministries, our Implementing Partners, are local experts with local knowledge and relationships. We focus on making CarePortal a world-class ministry platform. They operate it with the goal of engaging the most churches to care for the most children and families in crisis. More than enough– will only be achieved through this type of committed, kids-first collaboration.

By year end, we were working with 20 other ministries across 18 states connecting 1,800 churches to care for 14,877 children (over 38,000 since the platform’s March 2015 inception at the printing of this report).

We give thanks, but every day children and families in every community still live in crisis. So, we lean into 2019, in partnership with others who, like us and like you, are crazy enough to believe that the Church can do it and that children and families are worth it.



	2018	2017	2016	2015
CarePortal Requests	9,941	8,350	2,319	512
Children Served	14,877	12,108	5,556	1,209
Economic Impact	\$4,730,157	\$4,189,914	\$2,584,896	\$769,623
Total Activated Churches	1,723	1,334	845	545

Note: the quantity and quality of data collected in 2018 allowed for improved analytics which we made retroactive in past years’ impact calculations.



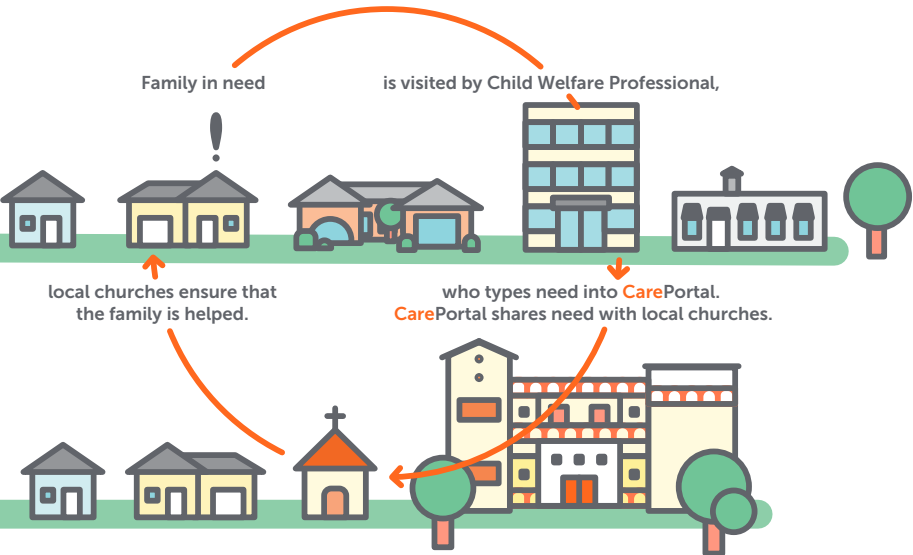
December 2018
KC mayor declares
“CarePortal Day”
Mayor Sly James, Kansas City, Mo., declared December 9, 2018 “CarePortal Day”. This high endorsement spoke volumes about the impact and testimony of local churches serving the community — Kansas City.



How it works

CarePortal connects children and families affected by the child welfare system to churches, business and individuals who want to help.

See how you can be part of this movement at careportal.org/get-involved.



“When we came to this church, we started feeling we were humans with value. If they see a stranger who needs help, they would offer help without expecting anything in return. Not like the other people that abused us before, for their personal desires. Here they just practice kindness for the Lord. I saw that with my own eyes....”

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Syrian refugee and single mother supported through CarePortal International

More than enough for every refugee

South of Beirut, Lebanon, Tyre Church provides education, medical care, counseling, emergency care, homes, family and spiritual hope to orphans, widows and refugees in their communities. Through CarePortal technology, individuals anywhere in the world can now donate and help this church meet specific needs — like food, shelter and emergency medical care — to support vulnerable children in a nation now home to more than 1.5 million refugees. Other international partner locations who have submitted requests via CarePortal include Haiti, Jordan, Egypt and Syria.

See current needs at careportal.org/meet-international-needs.





Join the community

Give

It's amazing what can happen when we all give a little.

goproject.org/give

Go

Come on an adventure with us.

goproject.org/go

Shop

Because T-shirts can be life changers.

goproject.org/shop

Learn

Get to know the stories, places and people of GO Project.

goproject.org/learn

Share

Be the first to hear news and spread the word to help kids around the world.



Our 100% Commitment

100% of what's given to care for kids goes to care for kids.

Founders' Circle

100% of your donations to our orphan care, transition and prevention programs go exactly where you intended them. How? Because a generous group of dedicated donors, our Founders' Circle, cover our administrative overhead and fundraising expenses, so you can give freely to the kids and families you care about.



In 2018, your donations to GO Project helped local leaders provide children and families with:

24-hour loving care
Nutritious food
Clean water
Safe places to live
Medical care

Primary and secondary education
Vocational training
Family-strengthening programs
Foster family support
Living wage jobs

THANK YOU!



2018 Advocates of the Year: Jeff & Michelle Murphy

Whether you find them at GO Project board meetings, playing with children in Haiti, cleaning up after an event, or inviting others to join this community, Jeff and Michelle Murphy are servants. Their journey into the world of orphan care began in 2014 over a quiet dinner in Parkville, Mo., with GO Project founders, Mike and Beth Fox. They've been saying "yes" to God's invitations to experience and expand His love for His children ever since. They've spoken. They've gone. They have given of themselves and made this ministry their own. Their heart and their impact honors God, cares for others and inspires us all. Thank you, Jeff and Michelle!



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