BECAUSE CHILDREN
NEED FAMILIES



2020 IMPACT REPORT

What if? Those two simple words form one profound question. But we can hear it two drastically different ways. It can lead our mind toward a worst case scenario or it can ignite our heart with big dreams. You know the difference. Perhaps you tend to lean one way over the other when you ask yourself, "What if?"

When it comes to orphan care, the "what ifs" are seemingly endless. For most people it's a new space and for most pastors it's an entirely new ministry. The initial excitement can be followed up quickly with worry.

What if our church got involved in orphan care?

But what if no one is interested?
But what if it negatively affects our kids?
But what if we don't know where to start? Or what if we do start and fail?
But what if we can't find leaders?
But what if, what if, what if…?

In Allison Park, Pennsylvania, Pastor Jeff Leake was awakened with that exact question, "What if our church got involved in orphan care?" He probably could have come up with a solid list of worst case scenarios, but instead he chose to dream.

What if hurting children find healing homes?
What if broken families are restored?
What if it positively affects our kids by teaching them love, compassion, and grace?
What if lives are changed for eternity?
What if, what if, what if…

The dream was so alive in Pastor Jeff that not even a global pandemic could stop what he knew God was calling their church to do. All it took was an experienced team like Backyard Orphans to lay groundwork for the vision, and a team of passionate leaders from Allison Park to carry it out! On September 27, 2020 (their first Sunday back in person), we celebrated the launch of a brand new orphan care ministry, Treasured Kids!

In the history of Backyard Orphans, we have never seen such a response on a launch Sunday. A grand total of 35 families signed up to go to battle for hurting children! That's 35 families saying **yes** to orphan care and starting the journey to foster or adopt. Not only that, but even more families signed up to support through the meals, childcare, prayer, and family advocacy teams!

It takes boldness to begin, to see the "what ifs" as beautiful possibilities, and just do it. If there was one piece of advice from the team at Allison Park Church it would be that. Just do it! When you say yes to orphan care, God will make a way for you to make an impact.



IMPACT OVERVIEW

OVER 131 KIDS FOUND HEALING HOMES

114,085
MINUTES SPENT ON ZOOM CALLS

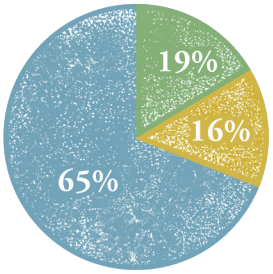
22
STATES IMPACTED

49,260
TOTAL MILES TRAVELED

34
ORPHAN CARE TALKS

6
NETWORKS ENGAGED

LAUNCHED
BACKYARDORPHANS.ORG 2.0 WITH NEW AND UPDATED CONTENT



PROGRAM	$185,589.23
FUNDRAISING	$53,128.36
ADMINISTRATION	$45,818.50
TOTAL	$284,536.09

6
CHURCHES TRAINED

MULTIPLYING MULTIPLIERS



"When the world looks back at the year 2020 they will remember the difficulties that were within it. When *you* look back at 2020, you will remember *this* moment. The moment you were able to multiply when so many other organizations were dying."

Our team was astonished when we heard these words so boldly spoken over us by Pastor Chris Railey of Oaks Church. While we hadn't thought about it like that, his words were true. In the summer of one of the most difficult years in recent history, God led us to launch **Train the Trainer Summit**, our new program designed to help us reach more children at an exponential rate. Addition helps us grow, but **exponential impact only happens when we multiply ourselves.**

One Backyard Orphans trainer, on average, is able to equip 10 churches per year in orphan care. One church, on average, will recruit 8 families to foster or adopt. One family, on average, will care for 2-3 kids. **With God's help, one trainer in one year is able to impact 170 kids' lives.** We are all about "the one." One child, one family, one church is enough to make it all worth it. But by developing one more trainer, we know we can impact many more.

So, like many of you, we didn't let this year stop us! In the midst of a pandemic, our team proudly commissioned 4 new trainers and what a great return we expect to see! The potential impact is incredible!

4 NEW TRAINERS
40 MORE CHURCHES
320 MORE FAMILIES
680 MORE KIDS

This projection is only a glimpse of what we know God can do in the coming years! We will not soon forget 2020 and the greatness that began at our first-ever Train the Trainer Summit--just a small room full of faith-filled leaders who were brave enough to multiply in the face of great uncertainty.

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184
FAMILIES INTERESTED IN FOSTERING/ADOPTING

4
ORPHAN CARE MINISTRIES LAUNCHED



INITIATIVES

TELL THE STORY
With a strong internet presence, engagement on social media, and attendance at key events, we can bring awareness and voice to the over 400,000 children in U.S. foster care.

TRAIN THE CHURCH
The best place to find families for kids is in the local church. The more churches we train, the more healing homes are found for hurting children.

EQUIP NETWORKS
Networks are communities of churches working in collaboration together. To equip a network is to reach a multitude of churches.

RAISE UP TRAINERS
Additional trainers allow us to expand our reach; exponential growth can only happen when we multiply ourselves.

DEVELOP FINANCIAL PARTNERSHIPS
Financial partners fuel our mission by helping us reach more churches, who will recruit more families, who will welcome more hurting children home.

ENGAGE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
By engaging university campuses, we can influence the next generation of orphan care leaders!

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