

## WHO WE SERVE

Back2Back Ministries works with orphaned and vulnerable children around the world. There are many misconceptions about orphaned and vulnerable children, the problems they face, and the circumstances that led to their situations. Every child is unique, and every child's situation is different.

### Worldwide Orphan Statistics



#### Double Orphans

Children who have lost both parents

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There are an estimated  
**17.6 Million**  
double orphans worldwide



#### Single Orphans

Children who have lost one parent

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There are an estimated  
**135 Million**  
single orphans worldwide



#### Social Orphans

Children with biological parent(s) but living in institutions or on the streets

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Most orphan statistics don't account for social orphans.

### Risk Factors Orphans Face



**59 Million**

An estimated 59 million children of primary-school age are not in school.



**3 Months**

Development is delayed by 3 months for every year spent in an institution.



**20 IQ Points**

Children raised in orphanages have an IQ 20 points lower than their peers in foster care.



**1.2 Million**

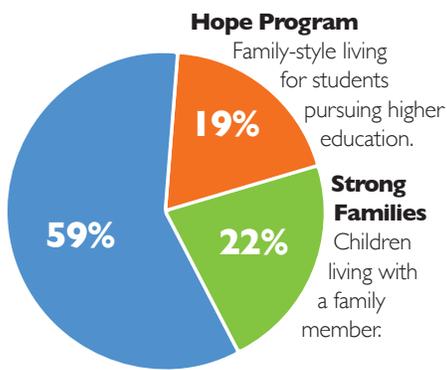
1.2 million children are trafficked each year. Orphans are 'easy targets'



Research shows the best place for a child is in a healthy home with their biological family. To help families stay together, Back2Back comes alongside parents in our Strong Families Program to provide resources and training to help keep children with their biological parents. Back2Back also works to reunify children in institutions with their families whenever possible. For a variety of reasons, and because each situation is different, sometimes an institution is the best place for a child.

### Children Back2Back Serves

Back2Back serves children using one of the following three programs:



#### Children's Home

Children living at partner children's homes.

#### Hope Program

Family-style living for students pursuing higher education.

#### Strong Families

Children living with a family member.

### What does holistic care look like?

There are many experiences that occur naturally in family life that orphaned and vulnerable children miss out on. To reduce this gap, Back2Back strives to provide deep, holistic care and family-style living at the children's homes we serve, and programs to empower parents with the hope of reuniting families. This is achieved in part, through Child Sponsorship by providing things like:



#### Consistency

Consistent caregivers trained to help children heal from past trauma show children they are seen and known.



#### Field Trips

Field trips to local landmarks, restaurants, and parks expand worldviews and teach social skills.



#### Education

Sponsorship dollars help afford a tutor at each home to ensure children are provided a well-rounded education.



#### Encouragement

Relationship and letters from sponsors show children they are loved and not forgotten, and encourage them as they grow and mature.

### Be the difference for one.

God tells the best stories. When you sponsor a child, you're not just giving money or putting a picture on your fridge (although those aren't bad things). You are stepping into his or her life, becoming a supporting character in the child's God-given storyline. You become a cheerleader, a guide, a helper. God can use you uniquely to bring change into a child's life.

Sponsor a child today.

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**1** Number of caring adults it takes to make a difference in the life of a child