



THE HOPE EFFECT

# FAMILY IS BETTER

Why we aim to promote a better way for orphan care to places of worship.



# THE PROBLEM

## WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO SOLVE...AND WHY

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**Good-hearted churches and individuals are unknowingly supporting and funding an orphan care structure that is damaging children and breaking up families.**

### **Orphanages are not the best place for kids.**

Institutional care leads to developmental delays, societal impact, and a repeated cycle of brokenness. For example, a recent study showed that almost 50% of parents in Ukraine who had their babies placed in orphanages had grown up in institutions themselves.<sup>1</sup>

### **Most of the children in orphanages are not orphans.**

Approximately 80% of children in institutions have at least one living parent.<sup>2</sup> The main cause for family separation is poverty. In addition, orphanages have become their own industry...and more children means more money for the institutions.

### **Christians are the primary funders of privately run orphanages worldwide.**

A recent study shows that U.S. Christians give approximately \$2.5 billion a year to orphanages around the world.<sup>3</sup> For example, in Sonora, Mexico, there are 26 private orphanages, primarily funded from U.S. Christian churches. However, it's more cost-effective to care for children in families. On average, family care costs 5-8 times less than institutional care.<sup>4</sup> In addition, church mission trips and orphanage visitations promote orphanage growth.

**The research is clear: family is better. Our vision is to promote a better way of orphan care to churches and people of faith...because every child deserves a family.**



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