

Report to the Associations 2011



Pictured are some of the wonderful kids on our Lakeland campus!

Our Ministry Locations

Campus Locations

Cantonment (Pensacola)
Fort Myers
Jacksonville
Lakeland
Miami
Tallahassee

Community Ministry Locations

Bradenton
Broward County
Clearwater
Gainesville
Marianna
Milton
New Smyrna Beach
Orlando
Panama City

Our Ministries

Residential Care
Emergency Shelter Care
Adult Developmental Services
Foster Care
Adoption Services
Safe Families
Sanctity of Human Life
Orphan's Heart, *international
childcare missions*

Miracles in the Making!

Melissa arrived at our shelter in Lakeland last year just a few days before Christmas. It was a very difficult situation. Our hearts were really broken for this sweet child.

We soon learned that she had not been attending much of the first semester of school and in fact was failing the ninth grade. She had become so discouraged that she was resistant to school and made excuses as to why she had to stay home.

You see, many children in our care come to us behind in school due to the many difficulties in their previous home life situations. Sometimes kids have not been in school for several months before being placed in our care.

However, her house parents put their heart into helping Melissa. They prayed for her and encouraged her daily as well as provided loving accountability for her school work. She soon made a few friends and her outlook on school began to change. She surprised herself when she started to receive passing grades. God has done an incredible miracle in her life!

Melissa never thought success in school was possible. Until she came to the Children's Homes, no one ever encouraged her or helped her along the way. She now believes in herself and is becoming more confident every day because she now knows she can succeed in school.

Florida Baptists Are Making Miracles Possible

The miracles that happen in the lives of the many abused, neglected, and orphaned children that come into our care would not be possible without the generous support of God's people. Thank you for making the miracle in Melissa's life possible!

Melissa has a new hope in Christ as well as a new confidence in her ability to work hard and succeed in school. Your generous support is helping us reach more orphaned and disadvantaged children in Florida and in some of the poorest nations of the world.

Thank you for helping to make the Florida Baptist Children's Homes a miracle for so many precious children!

Children and Families Served from August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011

- † Served more than 14,167 children and families with our domestic and international childcare programs (not including our compassion ministries program).
- † Provided Christian foster homes for 402 displaced children.
- † Maintained 230 foster homes.
- † Provided 42 Safe Families homes.
- † Served 2,507 people in our Sanctity of Human Life program.
- † Witnessed 478 professions of belief and faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in our domestic and international childcare programs.
- † Served 21,250 children and families through our compassion ministries program.

Orphan's Heart

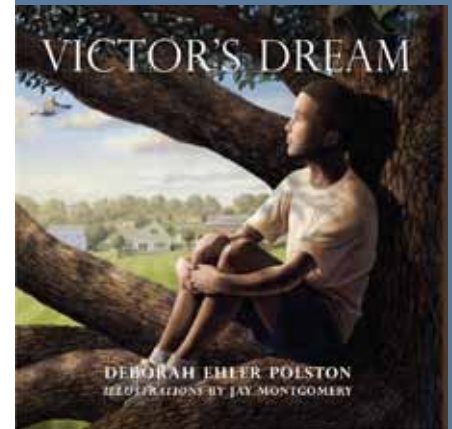
- † Led 35 international childcare mission trips with 618 volunteers serving orphans and other neglected children in Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Uganda.
- † International childcare services were provided to 5,600 children. In addition, 2,589 adults were also served along with 223 professions of faith in Christ being made on these trips.
- † Constructed 44 new homes for families in Guatemala.
- † Launched new ministry sites in Uganda and Nicaragua and developed plans to help construct a new orphanage in Haiti and Tanzania.

Serving Churches and Community

- † More than 1,637 individuals, churches, and other organizations volunteered time in support of the Children's Homes' ministry. In all, these individuals contributed nearly 48,052 hours of volunteer time.
- † Children's Homes' staff participated in 684 speaking and preaching opportunities across the state reaching 166,017 people with the story about our ministry to disadvantaged children.

Impact Activities

- † Launched and conducted the first annual *40 Days for the Fatherless* campaign. This campaign helped raise awareness of the plight of orphaned and disadvantaged children in Florida and across America. The 40 Days campaign started on September 27 and commenced on November 7 -- Orphan Sunday.
- † Opened a family foster home in Miami that is used to serve maternity care clients in partnership with Christ Fellowship Church in Miami.
- † Launched the Safe Families program in Panama City and Pensacola.
- † Established a new community ministry site in New Smyrna Beach with the newly remodeled office to open soon.
- † Due to generous support from donors, we were able to provide new bedroom and living room furniture for all of the cottages on the Lakeland Campus.
- † Developed a mobile pregnancy resource center that is equipped with a new ultrasound machine. This unit will be used to provide pregnancy resource services to underserved communities and in areas affected by disaster. The mobile center was made possible by the generous donation of a travel trailer and ultrasound machine. This mobile center has already been used to serve underserved communities in the Orlando area.
- † Many of our kids in residential care participated in a mission trip to Chattanooga, while some select students were also able to participate in a mission trip to Guatemala.
- † Established a college internship program for Orphan's Heart. Students may choose to serve at the Children's Malnutrition Center in Guatemala or stateside at our international headquarters in Miami.
- † Launched the *Victor's Dream* book project. The Children's Homes is providing a free copy of the book to each of the nearly 18,000 children in the Florida foster care system.



All of the nearly 18,000 children in the Florida foster care system will receive a free copy of the book Victor's Dream. This beautifully illustrated book is sure to bring hope to the hearts of many orphaned and disadvantaged children.

These books are available for purchase from the Florida Baptist Children's Homes. When a book is purchased an additional book will be gifted free of charge to a child in foster care. Our goal is to reach foster children throughout the country with a copy of this wonderful book.



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