

**FOR GOD'S CHILDREN**  
INTERNATIONAL



**Statement of Faith  
and  
Ministry Goals**

## **Ministry Goals of FGC**

For God's Children International is a Christ-centered benevolent ministry. Above all, we desire to serve God and to share the Good News of His Son Jesus Christ with others.

## **What We Believe**

What we believe may best be summarized in the following verse from the Bible: "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12 (NIV)

We offer the following statement as a means of further clarifying this general statement of faith.

## **Statement of Faith**

*We believe* that there is only one, eternal, all-powerful God, existing in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

*We believe* the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God; that these Scriptures are Truth and constitute our complete and final authority; and that they contain God's plan for the salvation of mankind through faith in Jesus Christ.

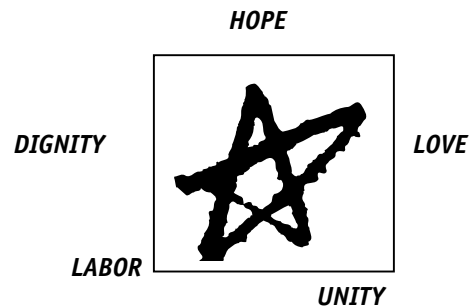
*We believe* in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in his virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles; that He died for the sins of mankind; that He was buried and, after three days, was resurrected bodily; that He ascended to the Father and sits at God's right hand in Glory, making intercession for the saints; that He will return to judge the just and the unjust; that salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

*We believe* that the salvation of lost and sinful man is by the grace of God through faith in His Son and regeneration by the Holy Spirit; that the terms of salvation are clearly set forth in the New Testament Scriptures; that the terms of salvation and church membership are one and the same; that

the Great Commission of Jesus to preach, baptize and teach applies to us today.

*We believe* in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

[While the foregoing statement does not encompass all of our beliefs, these are the foundational elements of our faith that frame and guide our organization and ministry style. Anyone considering inclusion on one of our ministry teams should understand what we at For God's Children International believe. Those who do not find themselves to be in agreement with our basic core beliefs should reconsider their decision to join one of our teams.]



### **FGCI Team Ministry Goal Star**

For tens of thousands of abandoned children in Romania life is a joyless, lonely existence. Confined within the cribs, walls and fences of state-run orphanages, the minds and souls of these children can easily be lost.

It is For God's Children International's mission to replace despair with hope, humiliation with dignity, and indifference with the love of Jesus Christ.

Our ministry teams strive to accomplish the following five goals.

#### **Point 1... To bring HOPE: *an emphasis on evangelism***

We believe the ultimate purpose in living is knowing God, receiving the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ and daily glorifying God with our lives.

FGCI provides many materials and programs to provide relief, comfort and health for the children and adults to whom we minister, but our greatest task and privilege is to share the hope of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Point 2... To provide DIGNITY:**  
*an affirmation of worth*

Jesus came to seek and save the spiritually lost, but His ministry was characterized by an unquestionable compassion for those whose lives He touched.

We at FGCI believe that evangelism without compassion for humanity is empty and cruel. Our clothing, feeding, medical and educational programs give our ministry credibility and help us create opportunities to share our hope and faith in Christ. The old saying is true: "They don't care what you know unless they know that you care."

**Point 3... To share Christ's LOVE:**  
*an example of compassion*

God created each one of us with a need for human touch and interaction. Recent studies have confirmed the need for positive physical and mental "connections" within the first few years of a child's life. In fact, portions of the brain have been scientifically shown to exhibit signs of deterioration and decay in children who did not experience early interaction with parents or people in parental roles.

Sadly, institutionalized children often do not receive the care and personal attention they need to develop physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. For God's Children International team members can introduce the healing love of Jesus to those whose lives they touch. An FGCI team member may, actually, be saving a life just by spending one-on-one time with a child.

**Point 4... To LABOR with our hands:**  
*a mark of authenticity*

FGCI teams can accomplish work projects that orphanage administrators and workers with limited time and budgets cannot. Most orphanage directors

have a wish list of projects they would like to see completed at their facilities. For God's Children International teams work in conjunction with orphanage directors to assess building needs and to complete tasks (especially those directly affecting the health and well being of the children) that may otherwise go undone.

This aspect of ministry sets our teams apart from many other organizations' ministry teams. When orphanage directors and staff members see our genuine desire to improve the physical conditions of their facilities, it lends an even greater credibility to our message of hope and dignity in Christ.

**Point 5... To develop UNITY among believers:  
*a commitment to Truth***

Jesus prayed that His followers would become unified that the world would know that God had sent His Son into the world to demonstrate God's love for everyone (John 17:20 ff.). It is our prayer that the ministry of For God's Children International will glorify God by striving to bring about unity within the body (church) of Jesus Christ.

It is our policy to work with those who depend upon the Bible as their only authority and standard of faith; who believe in the One, Almighty and Eternal God; and who believe that salvation from sin and death is found only in Christ Jesus.

For God's Children International is looking for people who believe God is calling them to help us achieve our ministry goals. If you are one of them, please contact us by mail:

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