

2019

ANNUAL REPORT



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A WORD FROM HERBIE NEWELL

our president & executive director

Being 2020, I am afraid this year will prove to be the year of the cliché, but in contrast, the prayer of Lifeline is that our ministry will be consistent and true. The Lord built this ministry over 38 years ago to defend the fatherless, the vulnerable, the woman in crisis, the orphan, and the family. The Lord has shown us countless opportunities not only for this next year of ministry, but also for the next 15 to 20 years. Lifeline is growing and will continue to be a stalwart in our nation and around the world for the dignity of life and the proclamation of the gospel of Christ Jesus.



As we look back through these pages on all the Lord accomplished through Lifeline in 2019, we also look forward with anticipation to the future. Since there will be no shortage of vulnerable children and families to disciple and impact, we definitely need partners who are willing to invest their talent, gifts, and treasure into the lives of the vulnerable image bearers of God.

2020 STRATEGY



Mobilize and resource more churches to care for vulnerable children, women in unexpected pregnancies, foster families, and at-risk families that are facing or experiencing separation in the foster care system.



Partner with a growing network of Pregnancy Resource Centers, attorneys, and other community resource centers to serve more women in unexpected pregnancies.



Provide educational assessments and tutoring services to an increasing number of children across the United States and to expand the services of Lifeline Counseling to reach more children and families with trauma-competent counseling services.



Launch a Global Orphan Care Network to train, encourage, and resource an expanding association of gospel-centered orphan care partners and to arm an alliance of indigenous ministries to equip caregivers within their countries.



Strengthen and expand a collection of international churches to foster and adopt orphans and to care for vulnerable children within their own countries.



Expand access to pre- and post-adoption adoption educational opportunities through hosting regional conferences across the United States.

“Lifeline is on the front lines of helping the church care for vulnerable children, every single one whom is wonderfully made in the image of God.”

- *David Platt*

*Lead Pastor, McLean Bible Church
& Best-Selling Author*

2019 IN REVIEW



New Offices Opened
in Mississippi
January

Lifeline began serving churches and families in Mississippi with two offices opening in Jackson and Hattiesburg.



Began Partnership with STEPS Home in Chennai, India
February

STEPS Home currently cares for 18 orphaned or vulnerable girls. At the home, the girls receive love, care, an education, healthy nutrition, and most importantly, they hear the Word of the Lord.

fostering hope

A MINISTRY OF LIFELINE CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Launched Fostering Hope
May

With over 400,000 children in U.S. state care, Fostering Hope exists as a set of free resources developed to help churches get involved with combating the foster care crisis.



Florida Began
Their Pregnancy
Counseling Ministry
January

Lifeline Florida added a pregnancy counselor to their team and began ministering to women facing unplanned pregnancy in their state.



Family Reunion
June

150 adoptive families gathered in Birmingham to celebrate as one big Lifeline family. This year's Olympic theme brought lots of fun games and incorporated the many birth-countries of the kids present.



Broke Ground on New Girls'
Home in Pakistan
February

(un)adopted partners broke ground on construction of a new home for vulnerable girls in Pakistan, which was completed by the end of the year. The new home can house 60 girls and also has an office space and a church building.



Families Count Increased
from 8 to 13 States
September

Families Count expanded its reach to five new states, giving even more local churches a platform to minister to the parents of children who have been placed into foster care or at risk of entering it.



50th Child Came
Home from India
November

Lifeline India celebrated the 50th child coming home since the program began in 2014.



Hosted a Pastor's
Conference in Colombia
August

Lifeline held its second annual Orphan Care Conference in Colombia, ministering specifically to local pastors and their congregations and empowering them with practical tools to lead their country in the orphan care crisis.



Launched Bridge
Educational Services
August

Bridge Educational Services equips families who may have children with learning differences by providing services that help them navigate their child's educational journey.



Launched The Well
October

The Well is a fund created to provide for the physical needs of women in crisis pregnancy; the ultimate goal being to also meet their spiritual needs.



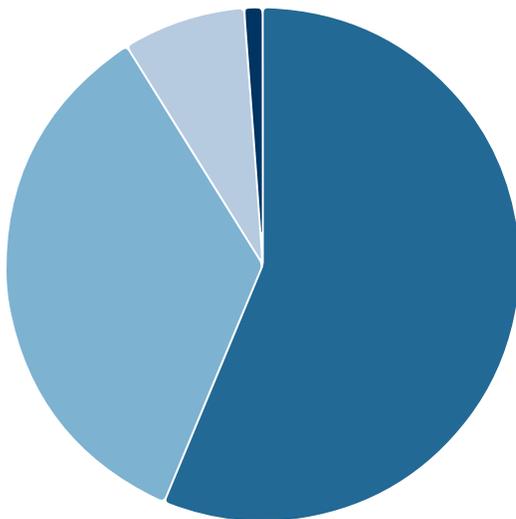
China Hosting
November

Lifeline China welcomed 14 children into the U.S. from China for our Lifeline Hosting Program. Since being hosted, six of the children are currently being pursued for adoption while we continue to advocate for the rest.

FINANCIALS

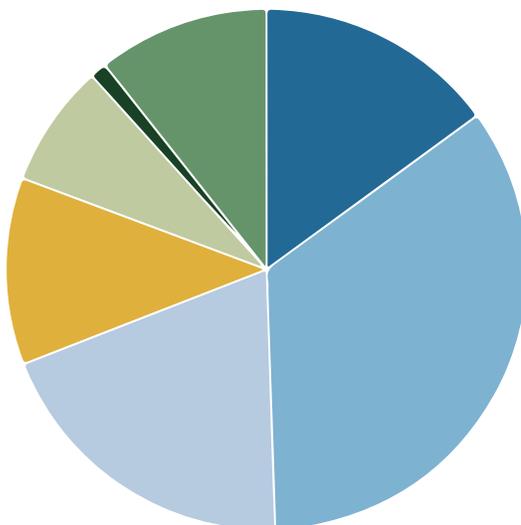
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- Development
- Domestic Adoption
- Education & Counseling
- Family Restoration
- International Adoption
- (un)adopted



INCOME

	<i>2019 Income</i>	<i>2020 Budget</i>
International Adoption	3,132,414.70	3,032,827.00
Domestic Adoption	691,542.42	1,074,668.00
Counseling & Education	0.00	225,000.00
Development	5,053,935.73	5,434,500.00
Capital Campaign	104,216.75	107,500.00
Total	\$8,982,109.60	\$9,874,495.00



EXPENSES

	<i>2019 Expenses</i>	<i>2020 Budget</i>
International Adoption	3,040,817.06	3,525,436.10
Domestic Adoption	1,727,406.69	1,684,233.84
(un)adopted	1,022,548.12	972,309.88
Family Restoration	671,898.72	703,524.83
Education & Counseling	90,742.25	535,520.36
Administrative	937,490.71	953,859.00
Development	1,316,360.23	1,454,519.00
Total	\$8,807,263.77	\$9,829,403.00
Fund Balance	\$174,845.83	\$45,092.00



26 DOMESTIC
ADOPTIONS

186 INTERNATIONAL
ADOPTIONS

5 BIRTHPARENT
REUNIONS

ADOPTION

Lifeline believes that all children are valuable and deserve a permanent, loving family who displays and shares the hope of the gospel with them. Therefore, our international and domestic adoption ministries seek to find strong, Christian families for children who are eligible for adoption. We have celebrated finding Christ-centered families for small and large sibling groups, older children, children with mild, moderate, and severe special needs, and healthy younger children. Our families have long and challenging journeys in the adoption process, and we are committed to walking with them—discipling, encouraging, training, preparing, and counseling—before, during, and after welcoming their child(ren) into their home.

“Adoption gives me the opportunity to die to myself every day – which is such a blessing because God’s Word tells us we have been crucified with Christ and we no longer live but Jesus Himself lives in us.” - Jaqui C.



“While life may have stolen a lot of stuff away from you, adoption is a viable and beautiful option. Adoption gave me my voice back.” - A Lifeline Birthmother

538 EXPECTANT
MOTHER REFERRALS

69 RESOURCE CENTERS
TRAINED

8 STATES
SERVED

PREGNANCY MINISTRY

Lifeline believes that women in unexpected pregnancies and their children are made in the image of God. Our desire is to engage these women with the gospel and show them the amazing truth that they and their children are valued by their Creator. Subsequently, we want to empower them to choose life for their unborn child and to make an informed decision about both of their futures. To accomplish these goals, we provide 24/7 support, counseling, connections to needed tangible resources, adoption planning, and post-placement support. Additionally, a woman can receive housing, physical care, life skills education, and support at The Village before, during, and after the birth of her child.

82 TRAINED FOSTER
FAMILIES

309 FAMILIES COUNT
GRADUATES

292 PEOPLE TRAINED
THROUGH CEUs

FAMILY RESTORATION

Lifeline believes that Christ makes restoration possible for broken families. We have had tremendous opportunities to equip local churches to provide education and ongoing support for both birth families and foster families through three programs: traditional Foster Care, Harbor Families™, and Families Count™. All of these ministries serve as a bridge between the Church and child protective services of the State by assisting at-risk families as they pursue reunification with their child(ren). Through these partnerships with local churches, we are able to recruit, train, and resource Christian families to care for vulnerable children and disciple multiple generations with the gospel.

“Walls were broken down as they received the care and community they needed. Then they began attending on Sundays. As their time meeting with Families Count began to conclude, the couple regained full custody of the children.” - Freedom Church, South Carolina



“I am grateful for the Lifeline team, for (un)adopted, and for the opportunity to witness God caring, through His church, for the children deemed untouchable, the orphan.”
- Toria P., Trip Participant

936 CHILDREN
IMPACTED

601 KEY INFLUENCERS
TRAINED

12 COUNTRIES
SERVED

(UN)ADOPTED

Lifeline believes that children deserve families. However, the hard reality is that of the more than 153 million orphaned and vulnerable children around the globe, fewer than 1% will be adopted. (un)adopted exists to extend the biblical call to care for orphans beyond adoption. By training caregivers, teaching life skills, providing education, and partnering with local bodies of Christ, these children hear the gospel and can transform their future and their community.





900 COUNSELING HOURS
PROVIDED

196 FAMILIES ATTENDED
ROOTED IN LOVE

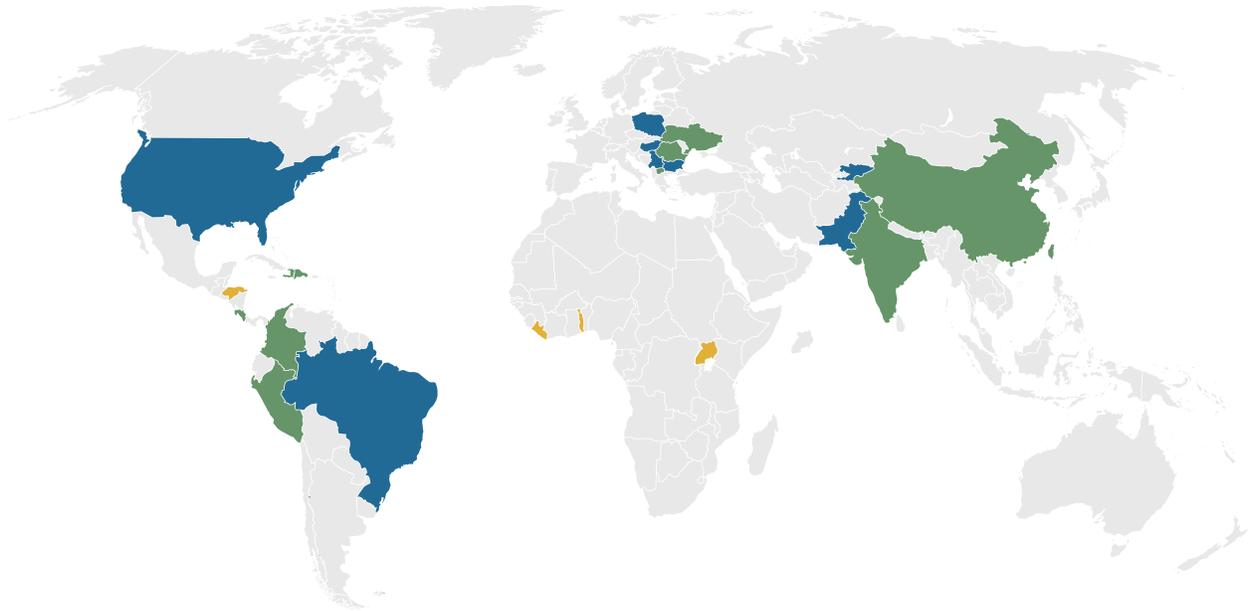
13 CHILDREN TUTORED
THROUGH BRIDGE

EDUCATION & COUNSELING

Lifeline believes families need to be prepared and supported in their journey to care for children from hard places. We understand the unique challenges that our families face and desire to provide them with vital knowledge and resources to nurture and disciple their children. Our Education and Counseling ministry equips children and families through teaching, training, counseling, and support services. These services are invaluable for the holistic health of the children and families who come through our doors and give us amazing opportunities to share hope and healing through God's truths.

“After trying countless therapies, educational programs, etc, our eight-year-old has benefited most from our time with Bridge Educational Services. The integration of emotional, physical, and cognitive therapies have been amazingly powerful for our daughter.” - Carolina S.

WHERE WE SERVE



INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION

Brazil
 Bulgaria
 Honduras
 Hong Kong
 Hungary

Kyrgyzstan
 Latvia
 Macedonia
 Poland
 Taiwan

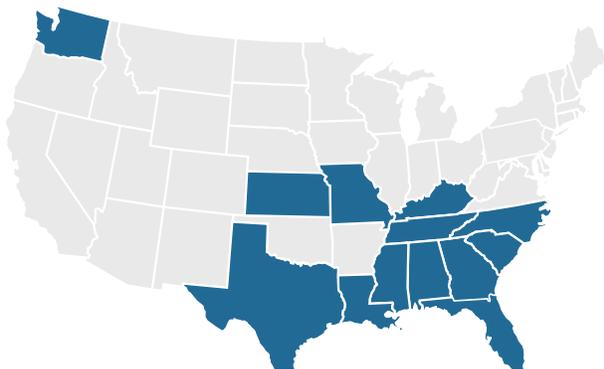
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