

September 1, 2019



AN OPEN DOOR FOR KIDS

MARK 10:13-16 (NASB)

### I. JESUS' VIEW OF CHILDREN

**INSIGHT:** In Bible days there were no defenders of children.

**INSIGHT:** In the Greco-Roman world if you didn't want a child you simply put them out on the street.

**INSIGHT:** History records that six out of ten children died before the age of sixteen.

**INSIGHT:** There are only two times that Christ got angry:

1. John 2:15, at the Temple
2. Mark 10:13, the barring of children from Christ

**TRUTH:** Jesus took the most vulnerable class of people of His day, children, and elevated them before all.

**TRUTH:** Every child matters to Jesus.

### II. LETTING CHILDREN COME

Development History of Children's Ministry:

**QUESTION:** What's the #1 barrier for children having a chance to learn about Jesus?

**ANSWER:** Brick and mortar

**TRUTH:** Shelter, a place for kids to sleep, eat, and grow is the greatest need worldwide.

**REALITY:** There has to be “a place” before you can “Let the Children Come”!

**TRUTH:** Kids on the Hill is serving more kids today than ever in our church history. Last Sunday's stats from Kids on the Hill:

TOTAL: 444

Preschool: 216

1st-5th Grade: 228

**TRUTH:** Every Sunday we draw children who need Christ, and it's our job to make sure they have a place.

### **III. CAMPAIGN**

**TRUTH:** We are at a pivotal moment in our church's history.

**OUR CHALLENGE:** 6.5 million dollars

#### **THREE CHALLENGES FROM PASTOR JOHN:**

1. Pray.
2. Make a pledge by September 29. Our official giving period begins October 1.
3. Take a step of faith!

**INSIGHT:** Biblically what you give should be based on revelation not reason.