



Families on mission in the small things

By Brian Haynes

On mission families likely belong to *on mission* churches. As pastors and church leaders we work hard to involve families in the Great Commission. Families need our help to participate in *on mission* experiences. We are learning to develop intentional partnerships between family ministry and missions ministry in the local church.

Kingsland Baptist Church in Katy, Texas, where I serve as associate pastor is discovering the beauty of this strategic partnership. At Kingsland our mission is to “Love God, Love People, and Equip the Generations... one home at a time.”

“One home at a time” conjures up pictures in our minds of suburban families seeking to lead the next generation biblically. We think of our children and our homes as we walk the path of Legacy Milestones. In order for the world to know the justice of God we must also think of other children and other homes.

Kingsland’s Go Beyond Missions Ministry has established a partnership with a safe house in Kolkata, India. This safe house is a place where girls who have been rescued from forced commercial sex are taken to live. The girls receive counseling, are provided help to get off the drugs given to them by their oppressors to make them compliant, and are given education and taught a vocational trade. The staff of this home works to return girls to the families from whom they were kidnapped and to find new homes for girls sold into slavery by their own parents.

Kingsland’s Legacy Milestones Ministry (family ministry) is partnering with our Go Beyond Missions Ministry to raise the monies needed each month to provide for the safety and needs of these young girls. If every family gives “just change” each week we will be able to fully support these victims of injustice.

Legacy Milestones will provide a bank for each family to use during their weekly faith talk. At each faith talk parents encourage their children to bring change to help the girls in India. Included is a series of faith talks parents can use to help their family understand the issue in an age-appropriate way and to teach the Scriptures concerning our role as promoters of God’s justice in the world today. In this way we will teach our families to think of others who so desperately need our help.

The children at Kingsland are learning at an early age to think about global missions and how they can make a difference with the love of Christ.

As parents we do not have to be perfect to raise *on mission* children. We just have to be intentional about what we teach them. Consider taking intentional steps to lead your child to experience missions in daily life before he or she ever leaves home!

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