

## BIBLE FUND ORPHAN FUND

**A**S a humanitarian organization, the Bible Fund is deeply concerned about the conditions –physical and spiritual – of the needy in the developing world, especially in countries like Pakistan, where the Bible Fund is actively involved. According to the latest UNICEF figures, “every day, more than 22,000 children die [worldwide] – and they don’t have to. They die from causes most people in the U.S. rarely worry about. Malnutrition. Unsafe drinking water. Lack of an affordable vaccine.”

While UNICEF’s efforts are certainly commendable, they are among the first to admit that their reach does not cover every area of the world. It is for this reason that we in the Bible Fund have established this new fund, which will focus its aim on the desperately needy orphans in under developed nations, beginning with the household of faith, that is, orphans associated with the Church of God (Gal. 6:9-10). As is often the case, the Creator God uses human instruments to demonstrate His love and care for the needy: “A father of the fatherless, and a judge of [for] the widows, is God in his holy habitation” (Psalm 68:5. See also Psalm 10:14).

Many scriptures declare God’s concern for the fatherless, as we read in Moses’ instructions to the children of Israel: “You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless [orphan] child. If you afflict them in any way, and they cry at all to Me, I will surely hear their cry” (Exodus 22:22-23, New King James Bible). Again, in Deuteronomy 24:19, we read: “When you gather your crops and fail to bring in some of the grain that you have cut, do not go back for it; it is to be left for the foreigners, *orphans, and widows*, so that the LORD your God will bless you in everything you do” (Good News Bible).

Conditions in the developing world are so deplorable that it is difficult to fully appreciate the plight of the orphans in those areas. Some of the basic necessities of life, such as clean drinking water, regular (daily) nutritious food, and adequate shelter and clothing are almost totally lacking. Of course, disease often takes its toll on orphans since they are at greatest risk due to malnutrition and poor living conditions. Various wars left up to hundreds of thousands dead and many thousands wounded and disfigured. Among these were thousands of orphans, some without either parent to support them, also known as “double orphans.”

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Thank you in advance for joining us in this humanitarian effort to help the needy orphans, whose suffering will be lessened through your support.

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