Faith to Action

Questionnaire – Residential Care
November 12, 2020

Project Objectives

- What is the total annual dollar amount American Christians donate to residential care programs?
- How do Christians engage in short-term missions as it relates to children in residential care programs?
- As a secondary priority, in what ways might Christians be likely to engage in the near future, given the impact and constraints of Covid?

Project Details

- **Audience:** Self-id Christians (minus Mormons, Jehovah's Witness, Christian Science)
- **Sample size (n=):** 3,000
- **Data Collection:** online, mobile friendly
- **Length of Interview:** 15 minutes

Survey Questions

Audience Screener

S1. To start with, what is your age?
[numeric response, valid range 18-99]

S2. Do you consider yourself to be any of the following? *Select all that apply.*

1. White
2. Black / African American
3. Hispanic / Latino(a)
4. Asian / Asian American
5. Native American or Pacific Islander
6. Another ethnic group
7. Prefer not to say

S3. [**B11**] What is the highest level of education you have completed?

1. Attended grade school or part of high school
2. Graduated from high school
3. Technical or vocational training
4. Attended college but did not graduate
5. Associate's degree
6. Bachelor's degree
7. Graduate degree or higher

S4. **[B19a]** Which of the following best describes your religious faith?

1. Agnostic [NOT QUALIFIED]
2. Atheist [NOT QUALIFIED]
3. Buddhist [NOT QUALIFIED]
4. Christian
5. Hindu [NOT QUALIFIED]
6. Jewish [NOT QUALIFIED]
7. Muslim [NOT QUALIFIED]
8. No faith [NOT QUALIFIED]
9. Other Faith

S5. **[B20] [**ask if S4=4,12**]** Which one of the following faith groups do you ***most*** identify with? *Select one.*

1. Adventist (7th Day or other)
2. AME / African Methodist Episcopal
3. Assembly of God
4. Baptist – other
5. Baptist – Southern
6. Baptist American
7. Catholic / Roman Catholic
8. Christian Science [NOT QUALIFIED]
9. Church of Christ – other
10. Church of Christ – United Church of Christ
11. Church of Christ / Christian Church (independent)
12. Church of God – any
13. Disciples of Christ
14. Episcopal
15. Evangelical (Free, Covenant)
16. Foursquare
17. Jehovah's Witness [NOT QUALIFIED]
18. Lutheran – Evangelical
19. Lutheran – Missouri Synod
20. Lutheran – other
21. Mennonite
22. Methodist – United
23. Methodist - other
24. Mormon / Latter Day Saints [NOT QUALIFIED]
25. Nazarene
26. non-denominational / independent
27. Orthodox

28. Pentecostal
29. Presbyterian – other
30. Presbyterian – PCUSA
31. Protestant - other
32. Reformed (any type)
33. Unitarian / Universalist [NOT QUALIFIED]
34. Wesleyan
35. Other Christian
36. Please specify other [**open response**]
37. No affiliation [NOT QUALIFIED]
38. Don't know [NOT QUALIFIED]

S6. Are you…?
1. Male
2. Female

S7. Where do you currently live?
[list states alphabetically, including DC]

[TERMINATE ALL NOT QUALIFIED]

General Giving

Q1. When you think about growing or nurturing your faith, which of these things do you believe helps a Christian grow in their faith?
Select the top 5 most important to you
1. Regular prayer
2. Reading the Bible
3. Being part of a church community
4. Worshipping God through songs
5. Sharing your faith/beliefs with others
6. Helping the poor
7. Giving to a church (tithing/offering)
8. Advocating for those in need
9. Caring for orphans, widows and strangers
10. Showing love to people who are different from me
11. Fasting
12. None of these [EXCLUSIVE]

Q2. Which of the following do you believe the Bible teaches?
Select the top 5 most important to you

1. I should help those in need
2. I should give money to help those in need
3. I should sacrifice my own personal comfort to help others
4. I should love and care for those in need in person
5. I should help restore those in need to a stable, thriving life
6. I should work to address inequalities, locally and globally
7. I should give money to support the needs of orphans and vulnerable children around the world
8. None of these [ANCHOR; EXCLUSIVE]

Q3. Thinking back to the year 2018.

In 2018, did you donate money to any of the following types of charities or non-profit organizations? Select "Yes" for each item that accurately describes a charity or non-profit organization you donated money to in 2018. For example, one organization could be both international and Christian. So, you would indicate yes at both items.
[Grid options]

1. Yes
2. No
3. Cannot recall

[Grid statements]

a. Local
b. National / USA-focused
c. International
d. A local church
e. Christian (not including churches)
f. Non-Christian / Not faith affiliated

Q4. Approximately how much money did you donate to each of the following in **2018**?

1. [IF Q3d=1] Church $**[**NUMBER BOX**]**
2. [IF Q3e=1] Christian charity $**[**NUMBER BOX**]**
3. [IF Q3f=1] Non-Christian / Non-faith affiliated charity $**[**NUMBER BOX**]**

Q5. Now think about the year 2019.

In 2019, did you donate money to any of the following types of charities or non-profit organizations? Select "Yes" for each item that accurately describes a charity or non-profit organization you donated money to in 2019.
[Grid options]

1. Yes
2. No
3. Cannot recall

[Grid statements]

a. Local
b. National / USA-focused
c. International
d. A local church

e. Christian (not including churches)
f. Non-Christian / Non-faith affiliated

Q6. Approximately how much money did you donate to each of the following in **2019**?
1. [IF Q5d=1] Church $**[**NUMBER BOX**]**
2. [IF Q5e=1] Christian charity $**[**NUMBER BOX**]**
3. [IF Q5f=1] Non-Religious charity $**[**NUMBER BOX**]**

Q7. By the end of this year, 2020, do you think you will have donated more, less or about the same amount as you did in 2019?
1. More
2. Less
3. About the same
4. Not sure

Q8. In the past 2 years (since 2018) have you financially supported orphanages or children's homes or other residential care programs for children? *This may be a child in an orphanage / children's home that you are sponsoring, a missionary you support, a short-term mission trip or your church's partnerships that are funding orphanages.*
1. Yes
2. No

Q9. [if yes to above] In 2018, 2019 and 2020, approximately how much money did you donate to orphanages, children's homes or other residential care programs for children?
This may be a child in an orphanage / children's home that you are sponsoring, a missionary you support or your church's partnerships that are funding orphanages.
1. **2018** $[number box]
2. **2019** $[number box]
3. **2020 $**[number box]

Q10. [residential care supporters] Of the money you have donated to these programs over the last few years, what proportion has been to organizations that primarily serve internationally, domestically or both?
[percentages, must sum to 100%]
1. Domestic (within the US) [number box]
2. International [number box]
3. Both [number box]

Q11. [if both or international > $0] Thinking about the money you gave internationally to orphanages, children's homes or other residential care programs for children, in which countries where these programs serving?
1. [exhaustive country list, allow multiple selections]

Q12. [residential care supporters] Which of the following best describes how you have donated money to orphanages, children's homes, or other residential care programs for children?

1. Most of my donations are given as regular, ongoing donations.
2. My donations are split between regular, ongoing donations and one-time gifts.
3. Most of my donations are given as one-time gifts.
4. Not sure

Q13. Generally, when it comes to donating money, which of the following causes do you consider to be most important for you, personally, to support? *Select up to 5.*

1. Helping poor people in the US
2. Helping poor people in other countries
3. Addressing racial injustice issues here in the USA
4. Healing conflict
5. Addressing domestic violence and abuse
6. Addressing trafficking
7. Environmental issues
8. Animal rights and rescue
9. Preventing child abuse
10. Disaster relief
11. Supporting pro-life events or activities
12. Ongoing medical research
13. Helping the sick or disabled
14. The church you attend
15. Children in foster care
16. Orphans and vulnerable children around the world
17. Strengthening or supporting families
18. None of these [EXCLUSIVE]

Q14. Internationally, which of these initiatives would you be *most* interested in financially supporting when it comes to helping children? *Select up to 5.* [randomize]

1. Reuniting children in orphanages with parents or extended family members
2. Supporting faith-based, community organizations
3. Education for disadvantaged children
4. Economic development for impoverished communities
5. Job skill training for disadvantaged adults
6. Assistance for families living in extreme poverty
7. Daycare for families in need
8. After-school or youth programs
9. Education programs to support parents regarding family care
10. Temporary family shelters
11. Orphanages, children's homes or other residential care programs for children
12. Foster care in their own country
13. Adoptions in their own country
14. International adoption
15. Preventing or responding to violence against children
16. Inclusive services for children with disabilities and their families
17. None of these [EXCLUSIVE]

Short-term Missions

Q15. Have you ever been on a mission or service trip?

1. Yes
2. No, but I have considered it
3. No

Q16. [HAVE BEEN ON A TRIP] What type of trip(s) have you been on?
Select all that apply.

1. International
2. Within the US, but outside my local community
3. Local

Q17. [if international] Where did you go on your international trip(s)?

1. [exhaustive country list, allow multiple selections]

Q18. [HAVE BEEN ON A TRIP] What was the longest amount of time you spent on a mission or service trip?

1. 1 to 6 days
2. One to two weeks
3. Two weeks to one month
4. More than one month to less than 3 months
5. Three months to less than 6 months
6. 6 months to less than one year
7. One year or more

Q19. [HAVE BEEN ON A TRIP] Which, if any, of the following activities have you participated in while on a mission trip? [randomize] *Select all that apply.*

1. Visited an orphanage or children's home
2. Built homes / construction work
3. Church repair or improvement
4. Home improvements (e.g., painting, cleaning gutters)
5. Disaster relief aid / clean-up
6. Shared the gospel with non-Christians
7. Cared for the sick
8. Prepared / provided meals
9. Taught English to non-English speakers
10. Planted churches
11. Helped run VBS
12. Worked with children in an after-school programs
13. Visited a homeless shelter
14. Visited with the homeless
15. Prayed with someone I just met one-on-one
16. Worked with children who have disabilities
17. Led a Bible study
18. Other
19. Cannot recall

Q20. [HAVE BEEN ON A TRIP] How many missions or service trips have you been on in the **past 5 years** where you have *visited an orphanage, children's home or other residential care program for children?* [**numeric response**]

Q21. [HAVE BEEN ON A TRIP TO RESIDENTIAL CARE] With whom have you gone on a mission or service trip when you have visited a children's home?
Select all that apply.

1. My church / church group
2. Youth group / Student or campus ministry
3. A Christian charity or non-profit organization
4. An organization not affiliated with a religious group
5. My school / university
6. Friends
7. Family
8. On my own
9. Other

Q22. [HAVE BEEN ON A TRIP TO RESIDENTIAL CARE] Where did you visit a children's home?
[exhaustive country list, allow multiple selections]

Q23. [HAVE BEEN ON A TRIP TO RESIDENTIAL CARE] What was the reason you decided to visit an orphanage, children's home or other residential care program for children on your mission trip?
Select all that apply
[randomize]

1. It was a planned as part of a trip
2. I decided to visit on my own
3. I have a passion for children in need
4. It seems like an easy way I could make a difference
5. To perform maintenance or build a new building
6. To visit with the children
7. None of the above [exclusive, anchored]

Q24. How likely are you to participate in mission trip in the future?

1. Very likely
2. Somewhat likely
3. Not very likely
4. Not at all likely

Q25. [ask if Q24=1,2] **In the future** which, if any, of the following activities *might* you be interested in participating in during a mission trip?
Select all that apply.
[randomize]

1. Visiting orphanages, children's homes or other residential care programs for children
2. Church repair / improvement
3. Building homes / construction work
4. Home improvements (e.g., painting, cleaning gutters)
5. Disaster relief aid / clean-up
6. Sharing the gospel with non-Christians
7. Caring for the sick
8. Preparing / providing meals
9. Teaching English to non-English speakers
10. Planting churches
11. Helping run VBS
12. Working with children in an after-school programs
13. Visiting a homeless shelter
14. Visiting with the homeless
15. Praying with someone I just met one-on-one
16. Working with children who have disabilities
17. Leading a Bible study
18. Other

Orphanage / Residential Care

Q26. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
[Grid options]

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree somewhat
3. Disagree somewhat
4. Disagree strongly
5. [grid statement; RANDOMIZE]
    a. Children's well-being and development are best supported in families.
    b. Stable family environments are essential for a child's healthy development.
    c. Christians have a responsibility to help care for orphans and vulnerable children around the world
    d. Orphanages, children's homes or other residential care programs for children provide essential care for the most in need
    e. Orphanages, children's homes or other residential care programs for children provide a positive place for children

Q27. *Most children in residential care such as an orphanage are not orphans; about 80 percent of children in institutions worldwide have at least one living parent.* ***Family separation****—the separating of a child from his or her family—happens for many different reasons.*

Please read the statement above before answering the following question.
How effective or ineffective do you think each of the following are at addressing the issue of family separation?
[Grid options]

1. Very ineffective
2. Somewhat ineffective
3. Somewhat effective
4. Very effective

[grid statements]

a. Economic or employment support
b. Special services for children with disabilities
c. Special services for parents with disabilities
d. Education or after-school programs
e. Specialized healthcare
f. Mental and emotional support
g. Christian education / Bible studies
h. Emergency disaster relief aid
i. Addressing the parent's drug or alcohol abuse (sobriety programs, drug testing, etc.)
j. Classes or counseling for parents suspected of abuse
k. Resolving family conflicts

Q28. Poverty is often cited as the reason for placing children in orphanages, not lack of caregivers.

Before participating in this survey, were you aware of this fact?

1. Yes, I was aware
2. No, I was not aware

[new page] *5.4 million children in the world live in orphanages. This number is considered by many to be a significant underestimate ~~and appears to be rising~~. Children living in orphanages are at greater risk for long-term negative impact on their social, emotional, and cognitive development.*

Q29. [on same page as above] **Do you believe it is true** that children living in orphanages are at greater risk for long-term negative impact on their social, emotional, and cognitive development than children living in families?

1. Yes
2. No
3. I am not sure

Q30. [on same page as above] **Please read the statement above before answering the following questions.**
To me, ending the need for orphanages around the world is…?
[5-point scale]

a. Inspiring //// Uninspiring
b. Possible //// Not possible
c. My responsibility //// Someone else's responsibility
d. A Christian responsibility //// Someone else's responsibility
e. A worthwhile goal //// Not a worthwhile goal

Q31. Overall, who do you think should be responsible for addressing the situation of children living in orphanages around the world?
Select all that apply
[randomize]

1. Local governments—each is responsible for their own country
2. US government
3. Local churches
4. US churches
5. Individuals
6. Non-profit organizations / charities
7. Not sure **[anchor, exclusive]**

Q32. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
[grid options]

1. Disagree strongly
2. Disagree somewhat
3. Agree somewhat
4. Agree strongly

[Grid statements]

a. If more people cared, we could solve the global issue of children living in orphanages instead of families.
b. National governments should take more responsibility to see children around the world are cared for in families
c. The US government should take more responsibility to see children around the world are cared for in families
d. Christians and Christian churches in the US should take more responsibility to see children around the world are cared for in families
e. Local Christian churches should take more responsibility to see children around the world are cared for in families

COVID Concerns

Q33. [if give to charities] How has the current global pandemic affected your financial giving, if at all?
Select all that apply.

1. I have given more one-time donations to charities. [exclusive to 2]
2. I have given fewer one-time donations to charities. [exclusive to 1]
3. I have reduced my regular giving. [exclusive to 4]
4. I have increased my regular giving. [exclusive to 5]
5. I have started giving to new charities or non-profit organizations
6. My giving has remained the same [exclusive]

Q34. [if reduced or stopped giving] Do you think the amount of money you give to non-profit organizations will return to pre-COVID 19 levels once the pandemic has ended?

1. Yes, definitely
2. Probably
3. Probably not
4. Definitely not

Messaging and Information

Q35. Please indicate whether each of the following statements makes you more or less interested in learning more.

[grid options]

1. More interested
2. No difference
3. Less interested

[grid statements] [randomize; respondent only sees 6 of 12 total]

a. 140 million children worldwide, are considered orphans, having lost at least one parent. Of these, over 15 million Children have lost both parents. Yet, most of these children live with their surviving parent, grandparents, or other relatives.
b. Families living in poverty often struggle to provide for their children. Many are placed in orphanages by their parents or relatives just to meet their children's basic material needs.
c. Most children in orphanages are not orphans. The vast majority (80%) of children we call "orphans" have a surviving family or extended member.
d. Can you imagine knowing that the only way to provide your child with an education, food, and shelter was to place him or her in an orphanage?
e. Studies show that living in an orphanage, especially for a long time or at a young age, negatively impacts children's development, social relationships, and increases risks later in life.
f. The cost of supporting a child in an orphanage is 5-10 times higher than supporting a child in a family, either in their own family or in foster care.
g. All children need love, a sense of belonging, the experience of family, and connection to community in order to thrive into adulthood [or] Regardless of the quality of care in orphanages and children's homes, children often face isolation, loss of a sense of belonging, identity struggles, and difficulty living independently in society after they have to leave.
h. Christians who want to help vulnerable children have unknowingly played a role in the separation of children from families each time they build, financially support, or volunteer in an orphanage.
i. Children with disabilities can be cared for and thrive in their family, instead of an orphanage, if given the proper access to inclusive services and support.
j. Scripture, life experience, and years of academic research all agree…Children grow best in families.
k. Strengthening families is the best way to support orphans and vulnerable children by investing in things like economic support, access to education and daycare, or parent support groups. [or] The best ways to help children access education, food and shelter are within families instead of in an orphanage.
l. Scripture recognizes that family is God's intention for the care and protection of children. "God sets the lonely in families." (Psalm 68:6 NIV)

Q36. Thinking about your church, when was the last time you recall hearing a sermon at your church on the topic of caring for orphans and vulnerable children?

1. Past month
2. Within the past 2-3 months
3. Within the past 6 months
4. Within the past year
5. More than a year ago
6. Never heard this at church
7. Cannot recall

Q37. Still thinking about your church, has it ever supported…
Select all that apply

1. An orphanage, children's home or other residential care program for children
2. Sponsored children
3. Family care for separated children
4. I am not sure [**anchor, exclusive**]
5. None of the above [**anchor, exclusive**]

Theolographic

Q38. In 2019, on average, how often did you attend a church worship service, including an online church service?

1. Never
2. Once or twice a year
3. Once every 6 months
4. Once every 2 - 3 months
5. One time per month
6. Two or three times a month
7. Weekly

Q39. [SKIP IF NEVER IN Q38] In 2019 about how many adults, in total, would you estimate attended the services at the church you go to most often, on a typical weekend?

1. fewer than 50
2. 50 – 99
3. 100 – 199
4. 200 – 499
5. 500 – 999
6. 1,000 to 1,999
7. 2,000 or more
8. Don't know

Q40. Below are some statements about people's beliefs. Please indicate whether you, personally, agree or disagree with each statement.
[Grid options]

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree somewhat
3. Disagree somewhat
4. Disagree strongly

[Grid Statements]

a. The Bible is totally accurate in all of the principles it teaches
b. You, personally, have a responsibility to tell other people your religious beliefs
c. Your religious faith is very important in your life today
d. The devil, or Satan, is not a living being but is a symbol of evil
e. If a person is generally good, or does enough good things for others, they can earn a place in Heaven.
f. When he lived on earth, Jesus was human and committed sins

Q41. [**B24**] There are many different beliefs about God or a higher power. Please choose which one of the following descriptions comes closest to what you, personally, believe about God.

1. Everyone is god
2. God is the all-powerful, all-knowing, perfect creator of the universe who rules the world today.
3. God refers to the total realization of personal, human potential
4. There are many gods, each with different power and authority
5. God represents a state of higher consciousness that a person may reach
6. There is no such thing as God

Q42. [**B22**] Have you ever made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ that is still important in your life today?

1. Yes
2. No

Q43. [B22=1] [**B25**] Which one of these statements best describes your own belief about what will happen to you after you die?

1. When I die I will go to Heaven because I have tried to obey the 10 Commandments
2. When I die I will go to Heaven because I am basically a good person.
3. When I die I will go to Heaven because I have confessed my sins and have accepted Jesus Christ as my savior
4. When I die I will go to Heaven because God loves all people and will not let them perish.
5. When I die I will not go to Heaven
6. I do not know what will happen after I die

Final Demographics

[instruction text on same page] Now we have just a few final questions about you.

Q44. Do you have any children? *Select all that apply.*

1. Yes, under 18
2. Yes, 18 and older
3. No [EXCLUSIVE]

Q45. Which of the following best describes you?

1. Married
2. Single, have never been married
3. Divorced
4. Separated
5. Widowed

Q46. **[B7]** Are you currently employed…?

1. Full-time
2. Part-time
3. Not employed outside the home

Q47. What is your zip code?

Q48. Please mark which category that best describes your household's total annual income, before taxes.

1. $25,000 or less
2. $25,000 to less than $30,000
3. $30,000 to less than $40,000
4. $40,000 to less than $45,000
5. $45,000 to less than $50,000
6. $50,000 to less than $60,000
7. $60,000 to less than $75,000
8. $75,000 to less than $100,000
9. $100,000 to less than $150,000
10. $150,000 to less than $200,000
11. $200,000 or more
12. Prefer not to answer

That completes this survey. Thank you for your time.

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