



# Jesus's response to orphans

Vulnerable Children and Women



# The Orphans



There are around  
153 million orphans  
in the world.

With 60 million orphans, **Asia** has the largest number in the world.

10.2 million orphan children in **Latin America**.

In the **United States**, there are 200,000 orphans.

# How close is orphanhood to you?



# 1. What reality do orphans face?



a. Characteristics of orphans through their most common feelings and attitudes

Orphaned by the death of mother and/or father

Feelings	Attitudes
Loss	Uncertainty
Sadness	Confusion
Loneliness	Rejection
Anger	

Orphaned by the intentional abandonment of the parents

Feelings	Attitude
Sadness	Rebellion
Abandonment	Confusion
Rage	Shyness
Guilt	Rejection
Anger	Dissatisfaction

## b. Characteristics of the orphans through their socio-economic status

- Dependence on someone who is not a parent
- Early involvement in child labor activities



## c. An orphan's alternatives in life

- Live in solitude
- Take responsibility for younger siblings.
- Live with a foster family
- Live in an orphanage



## d. Risks and dangers for an orphan

- Abandonment of studies
- Repeat the cycle of orphanhood because of the abandonment
- Involvement in drug or other addiction
- Early death



2. When facing a  
painful reality,  
**Jesus** is  
“an always-  
open door”



## 2.1 To the orphan, Jesus is.

- Jesus, was an orphan who understands the orphans.
- Jesus, is permanent safety.
- Jesus, is a companion.
- Jesus, cries with those who cry.

John 10:9-11

## 2.1 To the orphan, Jesus is.

- Jesus, is hope when death comes.
- Jesus, is the fountain of life.



## 2.2. What does Jesus do in the life of an orphan?

- Jesus, transforms the brokenness into a nurturing comfort.
- Jesus, gives purpose to the loss
- Jesus, gives meaning and direction

Matthew 5:4; Psalm 30:11

## 2.3 How does Jesus do it?

- Through those who have been comforted, and cry with those who cry.
- Through the written word, life is brought.
- Through His Holy Spirit.

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 1:3-4 ;  
Joshua 1:8-9; John 14:16-18

### 3. An invitation for today

Matthew 9:35-38

- a) Is orphan care a mission field for today's mission?
- b) What do I need to serve the orphans?.

Philippians 2:5

# Conclusion



Spring  
during  
winter

# Questions ?

# Thank you !