

Hiking onward, with our eyes on Jesus

As the reality of this pandemic continues to take shape — and the voices of disagreement in how to respond grow louder — **we remain rooted in God’s matchless love for us and our calling to spiritually nurture children all over the world.**

This issue of KidZ News and Views gives you a peek into some of the ways we are continuing to reach out. But first, we invite you to go on a hike with Gordon, and see if there is something worth rediscovering about the One who walks with us.



From the Heart of KidZ at Heart

I’m a hiker. I love getting outside for fresh air and some quiet time in nature with the God who created it all. For me, hiking is good exercise, but it’s more than that. **Hiking is a spiritual discipline that helps me keep my eyes on Jesus.**

When I hike with someone, I find myself worried about what pace the other person is walking. Am I leaving him behind? Or, more likely, am I holding him back? My eyes are always on the other person ... not God. That’s why I like to hike alone. (Yes, with many safety precautions in place!)

During the chaos of this global pandemic, many do not know whom to “walk with.” There are lots of voices speaking out about what to do and what not to do. And we must listen, but ... to whom?

At KidZ at Heart, we believe we need to follow the founder of our faith wherever our journey takes us. God is the Creator of our world, and of us, and of our very faith. It’s all a gift from him. He is the originator. All wisdom starts with him. All understanding comes from him. It is his story we tell. **While we must be concerned about this virus, our confidence in him overcomes our worries.**

KidZ at Heart is honored to help homes globally as, together, we help kids fall deeply in love with Jesus.

— Gordon D. West, President and CEO



Africa Spotlight

While our direct training ministry is momentarily halted, the African Ministries Department at KidZ welcomes to the staff a familiar face who has experienced deep attachment to this special continent. [Read More ...](#)



Asia Spotlight

A pandemic-related lockdown in India has extended to nearly two months straight. But, God willing, plans for a training in August remain in full force. [Read More ...](#)



Europe Spotlight

KidZ at Heart's theme passage this year (Hebrews 12:1-2) provides guidance through a year of surprises: By keeping our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, we can remain in stride even amid a dramatic shift in plans. [Read More ...](#)



Latin America Spotlight

Before the pandemic halted life as usual, an exploratory trip to Guatemala provided some key preliminary steps toward providing Transforming KidZ Ministry training. If God wills, a return trip in the fall is being planned. [Read More ...](#)



North America Spotlight

A relative newcomer to the KidZ at Heart staff reflects on her recent journey of discovering God's higher plan for her life of ministry. [Read More ...](#)



Prayer

We have two important requests. Would you partner in prayer with us? [Read More ...](#)



KidZ at Home

Practical Ideas for parents and ministry leaders to help children fall deeply in love with Jesus. [Read More ...](#)



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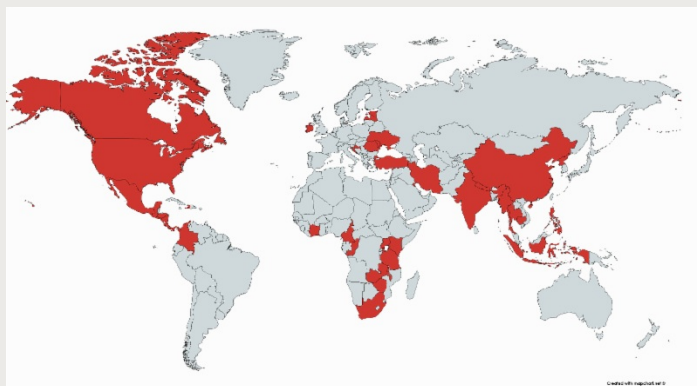
How are we navigating this extraordinary time with Jesus and with each other? Can we share with each other, and help ease each other's burdens? [Read More ...](#)

Where is KidZ at Heart headed next?

**Costa Rica - trip • Belarus - trip
Myanmar - trip • Thailand - trip**

You can **pray**.
You can **give**.
You can **go**.

Note: All trips are dependent on international travel conditions.



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