



## MISSIONS FOCUS

Our Missionaries, their health and ministries affected by Covid-19

## Local Mission Update Alameda County Foster Parent Association Foster the City

From today's bulletin / Missions Report from Missions Team

From Alameda County Foster Parent Association:

*Dear BACBC, Just sending a note of thanks for all you do and continue to bless the children and families of Alameda County Foster care. Although I am a bit late with sending this card, the appreciation is always there. Thanks again, for providing us with donations of cash, back paks, clothes and all the support at Christmas and throughout the year. Continued blessings to all the congregation. - Anita Peters*

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### Foster the City Newsletter: June/July 2023 Update

- 80 children welcomed into safe and loving Foster the City homes
- 43 New foster families have stepped forward
- 283 Support friends have committed to providing tangible, emotional, and spiritual support to foster families
- 14 new churches have joined the work of Foster the City
- We encouraged and blessed 1500 front line social workers through our Appreciation Events

Foster the City is our Christmas Love Offering 2023 designation to help offset some of the ministry-related costs for 2024. This will help inspire, equip churches and families to provide loving homes for children entering foster care. You may use PushPay, designate "Christmas" on your check, or use the Christmas envelopes provided by the offering boxes.

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Attached is more of the newsletter quoted above.

*Thank you for reading about and praying for our missionaries, countries  
and people locally and globally!*

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Hi friends,

We thank God for you and your faithful financial partnership. God is using your generosity to see lives impacted, the vulnerable in your community welcomed with open arms, and families restored. What a gift it is to do this important work alongside you.

As we wrap up an incredible first half of 2023 we wanted to take a moment to share just a few of the beautiful ways that God has been moving through the hands and feet of His people.

In the last 6 months,

- 80 children have been welcomed into safe and loving Foster the City homes.
- 48 new Foster Families have stepped forward.
- 283 Support Friends have committed to providing tangible, emotional, and spiritual support to Foster Families.
- 14 new churches joined the work of Foster the City.
- We launched in San Diego County, and with your faithful giving raised \$111,000 to see more families loving families.
- We encouraged and blessed 1,500 front line social workers through Foster the City's Appreciation Events.

On behalf of the many changed lives, *thank you*. You're playing a critical role in this movement through your financial support!

Take a look at this story from one of the many families that you have helped to inspire and equip this year:

*"I've been so lucky to have front row seats to the last year and a half of my husband's fatherhood era. Despite knowing that we'll have to say goodbye to these kids one day, he's shown them unconditional love, believed in them even when they couldn't believe in themselves, protected them, spoke up for what's best for them, cooked their meals, did their laundry, repaired their furniture, learned to hem pants for them, and so much more. All while also being the silly parent that would take them out if they needed to burn some energy. The last fifteen months have been joyous, frustrating, happy, heartbreaking, silly and serious and we have felt God's love throughout it all. The constant love and prayers of the congregation were a blessing and felt tangible, especially when things were challenging at home."*

- Foster the City Foster Parent





Isn't that beautiful? We know that not everyone can be a foster parent. But everyone can do something, and you're playing a critical role in making stories like this possible.

Now we turn our eyes to the second half of the year.

Together, we are prayerfully working...

- To inspire, equip and partner with at least 25 more churches.
- To develop the tools and pathways to inspire and equip Spanish-speaking congregations to raise up Foster Families and Support Friends. More than half of the children in our foster care systems are from the Hispanic and Latino community, and many speak Spanish as their first language.
- To see growing health and spiritual formation across the Foster the City community.
- To develop new technology and resources to equip stronger Foster Families and Support Friends.
- And to ultimately, provide a loving home for many more children and teens in foster care.

If you have any questions about how we are working towards the goals listed above, don't hesitate to reach out. You can connect with me directly at [philip@fosterthecity.org](mailto:philip@fosterthecity.org).

*And if you're interested in extending your partnership and investing in the lives of kids and families in crisis, we want to invite you to set up a recurring gift or make a one-time contribution. You can do this at [fosterthecity.org/give](https://fosterthecity.org/give) or by scanning the QR code below.*

May God richly refresh you, sustain you, and guide you. May He walk before you, behind you and with you. And may He do more in and through us than all we can ask, think or imagine, to the glory of His name.

*Philip Pattison*  
**Philip Pattison**  
Executive Director



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