

## **FOSTERING FAMILIES**

Fostering Families continues to provide the emergency assistance that families need to make it in a time of crisis. This year we are hoping to extend that by providing training to local churches to engage families in their communities and help to empower them through education and awareness. Families who are in crisis often need someone to intercede on their behalf. Fostering Families will work to resource and equip local churches to do this in their communities.

Through the training of Family Advocates, we will help empower local churches to reach out to members, those from other congregations, and those who are unchurched by showing them Jesus in our love and our mercy. We hope to enlist 12 advocates, one from each district, by the end of the year.

Fostering Families continues to work with the Fatherhood Outreach Ministry to help encourage, resource, and equip fathers to be all that they can be in the lives of their children and families. This ministry has flourished and the annual conference is blessed to be a part of what is taking place. Fathers who are incarcerated have been equipped to reconnect to their children; conferences to strengthen families have been held and the second annual conference for Strengthening Fathers and Families has been held this year.

We are thankful to Connectional Ministries, the Board of Global Ministries, and the Outreach Section for the support and leadership it has provided to this ministry in the community.

Respectfully,

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