



## KIDS HOPE USA

Building caring relationships...

One **CHILD**. One **HOUR**. One **CHURCH**. One **SCHOOL**.

### What is **KIDS HOPE USA**?

**KIDS HOPE USA** is a national church-owned, school based mentoring program that equips a church to build a partnership with its neighborhood public elementary school by providing faithful mentors to children who need a caring adult friend. KIDS HOPE USA gives schools a proven intervention to help at-risk children at no cost to the school.

**One child, one hour is the heart of KIDS HOPE USA.** One caring adult mentoring an at-risk child for one hour every week can result in huge impact. Because when kids feel loved and valued, they are better able to learn, grow, and succeed.



### Why is **KIDS HOPE USA** Needed?

**Children aren't learning.** There are growing numbers of students whose emotional and social needs eclipse their ability and motivation to learn. Having a consistent, caring mentor come alongside them at a time in their young lives when values are formed, self-esteem is developed, and basic academic skills must be acquired can help children become better learners.

**Public schools are overwhelmed.** Over 50% of the requests for KIDS HOPE USA programs come from teachers and principals. Schools are looking to the church for help in providing what the children need most—love!

### What makes **KIDS HOPE USA** distinctive?

#### **Owned by one church**

KIDS HOPE USA gives churches a sustainable and replicable strategy to engage their own members in on-going one-to-one relationships with public elementary school children.

#### **Focuses on the youngest children**

KIDS HOPE USA churches mentor at-risk elementary school children because these are the critical, formative years.

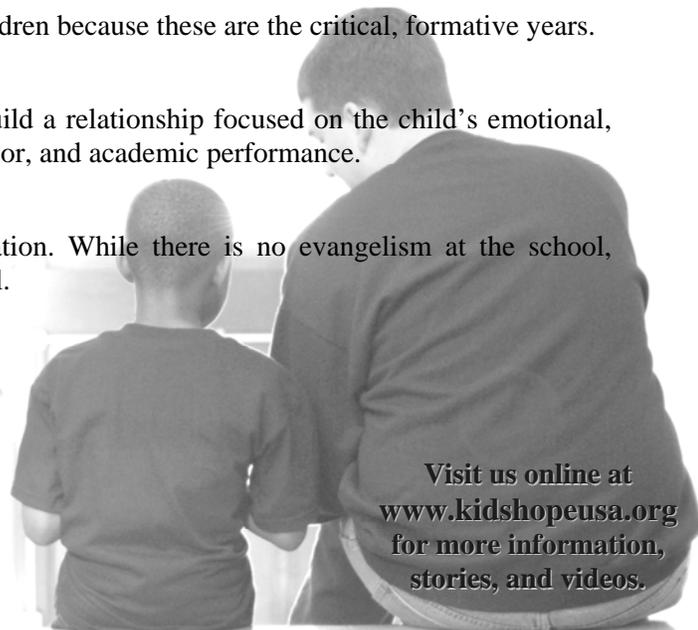
#### **Forms exclusive one-to-one relationships**

KIDS HOPE USA mentors use a weekly one hour “event” to build a relationship focused on the child’s emotional, social and academic needs. The result: Changes in attitude, behavior, and academic performance.

#### **Respects church-state separation**

Mentors are trained to abide by the rules of the host organization. While there is no evangelism at the school, participation in church activities may occur with parental approval.

According to teachers, 99% of students benefit from the relationship with their KIDS HOPE USA mentors, and many demonstrated improvements in attitude, behavior, and academic performance. (Frost Research Center (2003-2008))



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