



WHAT KIDS HOPE USA PASTORS ARE SAYING...

Pastors who step into ministry engagement through one-on-one mentoring programs with their neighborhood elementary schools have seen tremendous change and impact in their church and community. Here's what one Kids Hope USA pastor said about his experience:

IMPACT OF ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING - A PASTOR'S STORY

The church where I served as the pastor had always been a Kingdom-first church—ever on the lookout for how God was calling us to embody the love of Jesus in our community.

The congregation had been through a year-long process of discernment and discovered God was leading us to deepen our relationships in the community—to build lasting bonds with people who wouldn't normally cross our path.

When we started our Kids Hope USA mentoring program later that year, I thought it would be a small but important step toward answering that call. A solid start, for sure. But how much impact can you really have in just one hour a week?



In the years since, I've seen the difference that hour makes, over and over again.

- I've seen the impact it has on a **child's test scores and behavior**.
- The way it forms their **character and values** into adulthood.
- The doors it opens for **greater involvement in the school** and local community.
- The **growth of the mentors and prayer partners** who dedicate their time and attention to these children to the kids we serve.



But most importantly, I've seen the way a child's face lights up when they see their mentor. I've come to see that look as the surest sign that God is at work in Kids Hope USA mentoring relationships. The Holy Spirit is changing everyone involved, one hour at a time.

MORE FROM PASTORS...

Hear what more pastors are saying about the impact Kids Hope USA has had in their communities.



For the majority of members, if they think about outreach at our church, they'll say 'Kids Hope'.



Kids Hope USA is a really well-developed, simple system for both entry-level and seasoned volunteers to plug into.



Kids Hope USA has been an effective tool for brokering relationships of trust with the school system.



Kids Hope USA helped our church keep the vision of connecting with our community in front of the church.