



# Newsletter

## Living the Gospel by Loving the Fatherless.

**“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.” - James 1:27**

As this year comes to its end, we wanted to take a minute to highlight the Lord's goodness to Raleigh's Place over the years. Raleigh's Place was born out of tragedy. Our founders, Tim and Sharon King, started the ministry after the death of their daughter, Raleigh. For the Kings, Raleigh's suffering and death was a glimpse of our Triune God. Even though they pleaded with God to heal and restore Raleigh, it was not part of His plan. Understanding God's sovereignty is something we cannot quite comprehend in our limited human minds but God decided in His providence to use Raleigh's death to inspire a ministry that would affect thousands of children.

Today, Raleigh's Place is so much more than the Kings dreamed or imagined. We are not merely a foster home but partner with 10 foster homes to provide direct services. Foster Homes are crucial in our mission to Live the Gospel by Loving the Fatherless. It is in the home, that godly parents are able to minister to and disciple the children in their homes. We are proud to partner with our foster homes and look forward to developing our work here.

Camp 1:27 has been a much needed resource for foster children and families. We have welcomed over 1,200 children to our facilities in the last 12 years. These children have come from all across the state of Alabama and are either in foster care or relative placement or have been adopted out of care. The greatest accomplishment of Camp 1:27, however, is the faithfulness to proclaim the gospel to every single camper who has stepped foot on our property. If anything is going to radically change the lives of foster children, it is the love of Christ.

Katie's Kloset is another ministry of ours born out of tragedy. One of our board members wanted to do something in memory of his daughter. There was a need for a clothes closet to serve our foster children. We had campers every year who did not have everything they needed to make it a whole week. By opening a clothes closet, we were able to provide clothing and other resources to foster children who attended camp and other foster families in the community. Katie's Kloset ended up becoming a thrift store because so many people in the community wanted to donate all kinds of items. Today, Katie's continues to provide many resources for free to foster children and foster families. Items sold at Katie's go to support our other programs and services. Not only has Katie's Kloset been a major blessing to the foster care community but the local community as well.

The Workmanship Initiative was born from a desire to see transformed lives of teenage foster youth and those who have aged out of care. We have established a close relationship with Chilton County Department of Human Resources to provide life skills training for foster youth as they prepare to age out of care. Another aspect of this program is the transitional living apartments we are working to develop. These apartments will be open to young men who have aged out of care in an effort to prevent homelessness and equip them with the skills necessary to live independently.

Raleigh's Place has accomplished much over the years but it is only through the goodness of God that we have been able to do so. Part of God's goodness includes you. Without your prayers, time, and financial support, we could not continue to Live the Gospel by Loving the Fatherless. Please continue to support us; lives are changed because of your support.

As we rapidly approach the end of 2023, I wanted to give a quick, personal thank you to all of you! Your generosity this year is the only reason we are able to provide the programs and services we offer. We are so thankful and encouraged every time we receive a donation through the mail or online. Your kind words also encourage us as we see the impact this ministry has on so many lives. As we look to the future of Raleigh's Place, we need faithful supporters like you; folks who champion our cause to Live the Gospel by Loving the Fatherless. With the year drawing to a close, I want to ask that you continue to give generously. You ARE making a difference in the lives of so many children.

– Mike King,  
Executive Director

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