

CASA VIVA STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Our Focus

Casa Viva exists to provide lifegiving solutions for children who have been separated from their families in the developing world.

Our Vision

To follow God's lead by connecting children to family in the name of Christ.

Our Beliefs and Responsibilities

We believe God cares deeply about children, and will act on their behalf.

Our responsibility is to follow His lead and give Him the glory as He acts.

We believe family is God's original and best plan for children.

Our responsibility is to prepare and support families who are willing to open their hearts and homes to receive a child.

We believe God calls the church to engage on behalf of children.

Our responsibility is to challenge the church to respond and to provide them with the tools and opportunities that will make engagement simple yet significant.

We believe children need connection.

Our responsibility is to provide opportunities for children to form strong relationships with one or two adults who will love them unconditionally, and will serve as a model for their future relationships.

We believe in permanence, placing each child in the best option within the spectrum of care:

- His or her own biological family, restored and reunited
- His or her extended family, loving and secure
- An adoptive family, who gives the child their name
- A foster family, who connects to the child as their own
- A residential care facility, when other options are not available

Our responsibility is to connect each child to a healthy, permanent solution as quickly as possible. Our responsibility is to actively restore the biological family, or, if that is not possible, to place the child in the best alternative.

We believe in national sustainability and program multiplication.

Our responsibility is to engage national Christians, churches and governments to create an excellent model that is financially sustainable within the country of ministry. Our responsibility is to work through all prudent methods to broadly replicate the model to provide solutions for a maximum number of children.

We believe children have a bright future and will make a positive impact in their communities.

Our responsibility is to meet the child at their point of need, to help integrate their past into their present experience, to walk alongside them in their journeys, and to infuse hope into their future.

Our Daily Mission

We will EDUCATE our local and international partners on the need for family based care.

We will ENGAGE a response based in local churches and families.

We will EQUIP the solution with excellent resources, workshops, conferences and support.

We will ENCOURAGE a worldwide response that considers family first.