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National Mentoring Month Celebrates Kids Hope USA Mentors

Volunteer mentors show up for their students at school each week to build life-changing relationships

Greencastle, IN – January is National Mentoring Month, and Gobin Church is celebrating the life-changing relationships with students at Deer Meadow Primary and Tzouanakis (TZ) Intermediate Schools through Kids Hope USA. This month recognizes the faithful commitment of volunteer mentors who show up week after week to show students they are cared for and loved.

Kids Hope USA is a national mentoring organization that equips churches to send volunteer mentors into their neighborhood elementary schools to serve as mentors in a one-on-one relationship. Founded in 1995, Kids Hope USA now has almost 800 programs in 37 states.

Gobin Church started this mentoring ministry over six years ago, partnering mentors with students at Deer Meadow Primary. Since then, the program has expanded into TZ allowing students to continue on with their mentors up through fifth grade. As well, a few select mentors have followed their students into Greencastle Middle School for the first time this year. The program currently has approximately 12 mentor/student pairs.

Gobin Church recruits volunteer mentors who are screened and trained to meet one-on-one with children who are identified by their teachers as needing additional support and encouragement. Mentors and students meet once a week for one hour at the school, during the school day.

In Kids Hope USA programs, that one hour can make a big difference. Students can experience an improvement in academic skills and reading, feel a sense of greater confidence, and better social/emotional behaviors.

This National Mentoring Month, Gobin Church celebrates the impact mentors are having in the lives of students in their own community and invites others to learn more about this transformative mentoring organization.

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Kids Hope USA is a national mentoring organization that connects community-focused churches with their neighborhood elementary schools. These school-based mentoring programs equip and mobilize volunteer mentors to go into the schools to enrich the lives of students through one-on-one relationships. Standing alongside parents, teachers, principals and counselors, Kids Hope USA mentors show kids they are valued and loved. Together they play games, read, do schoolwork, talk and much more. This intentional time helps provide the student support, motivation and confidence to learn and achieve.

Through the power of relationships, kids build resilience and a brighter future.

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