

# THE WILL KING *Foundation*



SUPPORTING CHILDREN FROM  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES RECEIVING  
HEART TREATMENT IN JACKSONVILLE, FL.

Hello,

My name is Courtney Hughes and I am the founder of The Will King Foundation, a non-profit in Jacksonville, FL. I'd like to introduce myself, let you know how God is working through our ministry and invite you and your congregation to be a part of it.

In 2017 our twins, Caroline + Will, were exposed to a virus that put them in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit here in Jacksonville at Wolfson Children's Hospital. We are blessed to live in a city where we had access to specialized medical care for our children when they needed it most. After a month in the PICU, Caroline recovered and came home, however Will passed away at 96 days old due to heart failure caused by the devastating effects of the virus. We started The Will King Foundation to support children who need heart treatment, just like Caroline + Will, but have no access to the care that could save their lives in their home countries.

While our twins were in the PICU, we learned that Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) is the most common of all human birth defects worldwide. 1 child out of every 100 is born with CHD. It can be life-threatening, however it is highly treatable and can often be corrected by operations which are performed as a matter of routine in the developed world. Our mission is rooted in the belief that *every child deserves a chance at life* and we want to offer not only the opportunity for physical healing but most importantly the abundant life available in Christ.

We think of it as a reversed mission trip. Instead of sending missionaries to the ends of the Earth, families from unreached areas of the world are coming to our city. While they are here we have the opportunity to care for them and share the love of Christ so they can take the Good News of the Gospel back to their towns and villages. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to talk about the details of what a partnership might look like. We are praying that local churches would come around these families and that Christians in Jacksonville would have the opportunity to participate in the Great Commission through our mission.

Sincerely,

*Courtney Hughes*

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Founder



*Soudaisse, Fati and Ahad - children from West Africa who came to Jacksonville in 2021-2022 for heart treatment at Wolfson Children's Hospital.*



# COMMUNITY Support

## Prayer Team

James 5:16 says, "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." We believe that God calls us to pray and that He promises to hear our prayers. We invite our ministry partners to join our prayer team to cover each and every child in prayer before, during and after their time in Jacksonville.

## Stock the Room Baskets

During their 6-8 week stay, we support each family with meals, supplies, community and prayer. Upon their arrival we stock their room at The Ronald McDonald House with baskets that can be put together in small groups or Bible studies.

## Volunteer Opportunities

We need volunteers to serve in various ways while our families are in town. This may include making visits to the Ronald McDonald House and the hospital, taking the family a meal or sitting with the parents on the day of their child's surgery. We also have opportunities for French translators as well as at our annual event, Gather + Give.





The 10/40 Window is the region of the world containing the highest concentration of unreached people groups, *those who have never heard the Gospel*. We partner with The Hospital of Hope, a missionary hospital located on the southwest boarder of the 10/40 window in Mango, Togo. The Hospital of Hope draws families from Togo, Burkina Faso and Benin and refers children with a heart defect to us. We support the child and their family as they travel to Jacksonville to receive heart surgery at Wolfson Children's Hospital. While they are here, we share the Gospel, show them the love of Christ, bring them to church and send them home with knowledge of the Good News of the Gospel and a physical or audio copy of God's Word.



# GOSPEL *Impact*

Source: Joshua Project

## JOIN AS A *Ministry Partner*



### **Child Sponsor**

\$25,000

Sponsor the entire care of a child from a developing country receiving heart treatment in Jacksonville, including medical, travel, support and logistical costs.



### **Medical Sponsor**

\$10,000

Pays for a child's hospital stay, medications and incidentals.



### **Logistics Sponsor**

\$5,000

Pays for all expenses associated with logistics, including obtaining passports and travel documents as well as costs associated with diagnostics and pre-treatment.



### **Support Sponsor**

\$5,000

Pays for weekly food deliveries, meals and other items the family may want or need during their stay (examples may include clothes, baby items, diapers, etc.).



### **Travel Sponsor**

\$5,000

Pays for all travel expenses including the cost of flights to and from the child's home country to Jacksonville.



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