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International Children's Ministries began 2020 by outlining three strategic priorities for the new year:

First, we sought to bring awareness to the local church of the importance of "influencing the influencers" in the life of a child. Secondly, we wanted to provide resources to leaders for engaging children in service and mission opportunities within their homes, churches, communities, and the world. Finally, it was our goal to educate and empower parents and leaders to confidently invite children to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

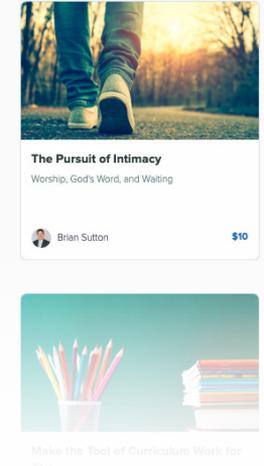
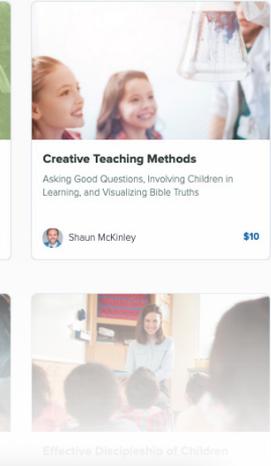
In January, we conducted a leadership training for 43 regional trainers and directors from throughout Honduras. We presented leadership courses, two sermons, and introduced a new course, "Influencing the Influencers." Many participants stated that this

opportunity challenged them to partner with parents, grandparents, and teachers in their children's ministry.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought travel to a halt and large gatherings were suspended. Our training schedule, which included nine US trainings and four international institutes, was cancelled. We strategically embraced new tools and technologies for delivering training and resources.

Children's Ministries offered a series of video sessions on topics such as talking to kids about COVID-19 and how to address their anxieties and fears. Working with Leadership Development and Discipleship Ministries, we offered a video and downloadable resources for "Recommissioning the Family" as part of the "Come Back Stronger" series. We offered an eight-week, at-home discipleship curriculum. We also provided a video discussion, "Reopening Kidmin After Covid."

In addition to these efforts, training resources, blogs, podcasts, webinars, and video courses continued to be offered.



- Monthly contributions to the White Wing Messenger provided a series of articles on our strategic priorities.
- A monthly "IMPACT Live" was presented in English and Spanish. Students participated from throughout the United States and Canada, as well as 21 nations around the world.
- Thirteen FREE spring and fall webinars brought 41 relevant training sessions from leading voices and practitioners in children's ministries.
- Our NEW YouTube Channel includes 80 on-demand training videos with more than 150 hours of free training.*
- Our "Developing Leaders, Impacting Kids" podcast added 13 episodes in 2020, as well as a Spanish version.
- The Impact Certification online program was offered in English and Spanish, with additional courses and trainings available through our Teachable platform.
- KidServe provided local children's ministries with two opportunities to serve children in El Salvador and Guinea Conakry. More than \$50,000 has been raised to build schools in Church of God of Prophecy locations throughout El Salvador. Thousands of children receive tutoring, meals, and spiritual training daily. Through "Covering Conakry's Kids," children raised \$5,000 to build a second floor and roof onto the national offices in Guinea Conakry.
- Additional resources were released to support church-wide ministries and discipleship initiatives, including "Membership Matters for Kids" and "Foundations for Kids." As International Children's Ministries looks to the new year with new strategic priorities, we thank God for His provision and opportunities to continue to develop leaders who impact kids despite the many challenges of 2020.

