

DISCIPLINED. MENTORED. TRANSFORMED FOR LIFE.

Around the globe, people of all ages are seeking to ignite their faith and relationship with Jesus. Our online Academy is connecting them with mentors who are pointing them to the truth of Scripture and helping them navigate life.

Through a generous grant in 2025, over 150 people inquired about becoming a mentor and over 50 mentees requested discipleship. New inquiries are received daily! New courses have been developed including Biblical Manhood, written by Josiah, a summer intern.

"This mentorship changed everything: my faith, my prayer life, and my commitment to God."
- Gina, Japan



2026: IT STARTS AT HOME



Faithfulness, consistency, care, and discipleship start at home. Yet, for the young people we serve in foster care, they have never experienced a stable and safe home environment. This is why in 2026 our goal is to bring "home" to even more vulnerable youth and young adults through faithfulness and consistency of relationships and programs.

"One thing have I asked from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life."

- Psalm 27:4

Advance the Faith is on a mission to empower foster youth to live the abundant life Jesus promised through life-readiness training, mentoring, and discipleship.

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FAITHFUL & CONSISTENT



We entered our 10th year of ministry in 2025 fully expecting God to chart the course forward. His steadfast faithfulness showed up through deepened relationships, expanded reach, and strengthened initiatives.

What stands out more than programs are the people who consistently stepped in to give sacrificially of their time and gifts to serve foster youth and people seeking discipleship around the world. Because of you, we are positioned to continue this momentum towards sustainable impact in 2026.

In this newsletter you will see how your praying, giving, and serving is bringing discipleship to people globally and the hope of the Gospel to hundreds of foster youth throughout Florida, the Bahamas, and Haiti.

Thank you for your consistent faithfulness!

Terry & Jennifer Hand, Co-Founders

SUCCESS FOR LIFE

PREPARING FOSTER YOUTH FOR A LIFE OF FAITH AND PURPOSE



Summer Camp Team - Florida

This year's programs reached over 300 youth & young adults who have experienced foster care in Florida, the Bahamas, & Haiti. Our partnerships with 9 different residential group homes have seen powerful impact as over 30 made decisions to follow Christ or rededicate their life to Him. Ninety volunteers served thousands of hours building relationships, teaching life-readiness skills, and sharing the hope and love of Christ. One of the Nassau students shared her favorite part of camp:

"Being greeted sincerely with love, gentleness, and smiles on your faces. Your prayers made me feel seen, loved, & impacted my self esteem greatly!"
 - Nassau Student



Experienced peers helping new alumni - Bahamas

Bahamian volunteers help keep the students connected to Advance the Faith all year round. Each month, Caroline Brown brings AtF Bible teachings and practical life-readiness skills to two children's homes in Nassau. Quarterly trips help reinforce the impact of summer camp and shows our commitment to life-long connection. As the students leave care, they attend the alumni dinners and connect with peers who help guide them towards independent living.

Across all of our programs, we are seeing a consistent pattern: foster youth and foster alumni in "hard-to-reach" contexts are hearing the Gospel, responding in faith, asking for prayer, and inviting Advance the Faith into some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives. This is why we are committed to trauma-informed care through TBRI training and spiritual discipleship for young people who desperately need the consistent presence of Christ and His church.



Summer Camp Team - Nassau, Bahamas



Monthly visit to Ivy Villa, Florida



Volunteers for Ivy Villa and Anchor House - Florida

The 6th Annual Move Against Hunger provided over 31,000 meals to very hungry children in Haiti.

Can Jesus help me understand how to navigate how many homes I have lived in?
 - Crossroads Youth

Many of the youth and young adults want to know about Jesus and how He can help them understand the hurt and disappointments they have experienced. Our camps and visits make the presence of Jesus & His promises a reality.



Summer Camp - Florida