

YOUTH HORIZONS

Statement of Faith

We are a Christian organization. We Believe:

- That Jesus is God in human form, he was born a virgin birth, lived a sinless life, was crucified because of our sin, and he rose from the dead.
- That the Bible is the authoritative word of God and it is the supreme and final authority in faith and life.
- That all who receive Jesus Christ, by faith, are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.
- That the Church is the earthly manifestation of God's love, family, and ministry.

Out of the above biblical truths naturally flows the ministry of Youth Horizons as we assist the local church in her ministry to children and families who may be lost, oppressed, or experiencing troubling circumstances.

Ministry Standards

It has been said that the Gospel is more "caught than taught" – children tend to learn more from our behavior than from our words. We therefore expect behavior standards that reflect our commitment to communicating the Gospel. They are as follows:

- To seek to please God in all areas of our life i.e. words, reactions, choices of entertainment.
- To live by scriptural principles. Please see **Ephesians 4:17- 5:21**.
- To share our faith through life and words.
- To make choices that (reflect a Christlike example and avoid further harm to youth with needs). For example, many children struggle with drugs, alcohol, and sexuality. It is essential to set positive examples and avoid confusing messages that are contrary to Scripture. In the area of sexuality, it is imperative for our mentors to uphold and reflect God's good design for human sexuality (namely, that sex is a gift from God only to be expressed in the covenant of marriage between one man and one woman). Please see **1 Cor. 10:23- 11:1**.
- In order for us to live lives that reflect our commitment to God and our complete dependence upon Him, it is essential that we constantly seek to know the Lord better and grow in our faith. The way we do this includes but is not limited to: daily Bible reading, daily prayer, and consistent and regular fellowship with other believers in church.