

"There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind." -C. S. Lewis







# Why First Fruits?

The Why behind The First Fruits fund is actually pretty simple. The fund's existence is a response to the high calling to love our neighbor as ourselves. It's an outflow of my heart to love and serve others.

I cannot help but marvel in awe and humility at the path that was laid out before me so many years ago. A path marked by blessings and grace poured out abundantly. It's staring at that reality that has led to a deep desire to pass along those blessings to anyone in need. I've come to realize that blessings cannot simply end with me, but must be passed along. The path of blessings should not be as a cul-de-sac where they terminate in self, but rather as a conduit to pass along to others.

It gives me great joy to pass along those blessings to families and communities in need through the First Fruits Fund. The organizations we support do far greater work than anything a flooring company can do. Beyond just the financial, the fund opens up so many doors to serve the community both locally and abroad in so many ways. It invites employees, fellow business owners and customers alike to pass along their own blessings and serve. We install flooring as a company and, in its own special way, that serves the community at large, bettering homes and improving lives. But I believe Footprints Floors has been given this great opportunity to do so much more than just install floors. We are to carry out, in response, a much higher calling in service to others in whatever manner put before us. I don't see it as having to serve, but rather, we GET to serve our neighbor.

1 John 4:19

Bryan Park





First Fruits exists to cultivate hope within families around the world and empower them to grow into their full potential.

Our vision is for families and children across the world to be filled with unwavering hope and unconditional love.









# OUR ROOTS

#### 2008

As new homeowners with three energetic daughters and three large dogs, Bryan and Kelli Park found themselves in need of new floors after their dogs ate their carpet. Bryan was disappointed with the lack of efficiency and solid business practices in the retail flooring industry, and decided to take it upon himself to make a change - thus Footprints Floors was founded!

#### 2013

After humble beginnings, in 2013 Bryan and Footprints Floors began to sell franchises in Colorado. By 2016, all Colorado territories had been sold and the franchise model had begun. The Footprints Family continued to grow in 2018 as franchises were offered nationally!









#### 2022

Footprints Floors launched the First Fruits Fund, a philanthropic initiative pledging 25% of corporate profits to non-profit organizations. At Footprints Floors, family is at the heart of everything we do, influencing all aspects of our business. The First Fruits Fund is dedicated to supporting families through holistic care, youth education, and childhood enrichment programs.

# Today

First Fruits has chosen to strategically partner with organizations to multiply the Fund's impact. Our current partners are Open Door Ministries, Hope's Promise, King's Purse, and Joyful Light. Each organization has faithfully made significant contributions to improving the lives of children and families around the world.



# **OUR BRANCHES**



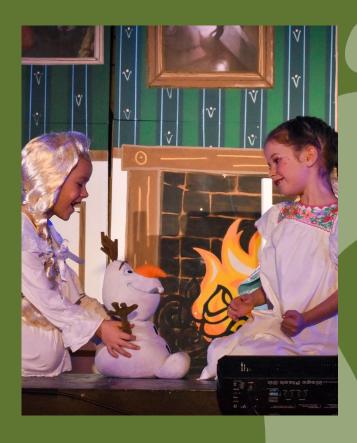
## **Open Door Ministries**

Open Door Ministries exists to provide practical help and hope to people in urban Denver who are homeless or low income through providing tangible needs like food, shelter, access to education and employment training, as well as intangible needs such as friendship, hope, and Christian spiritual guidance.

## Hope's Promise

Through our Christian ministry of adoption, orphan care, and foster care we walk with expectant parents, hopeful adoptive families, foster families, and orphaned children around the world through life's difficult chapters. Together, we write a story of hope.





# **Joyful Light**

Joyful Light Youth Theater exists to use theater to discover and develop children's God-given gifts to make a joyful noise and bring God glory both on and off the stage.

## The King's Purse

The King's Purse is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing humanitarian aid, spreading the message of ultimate love, and empowering communities in need around the world. Through a variety of programs and initiatives, The King's Purse works to address issues such as poverty, hunger, education, healthcare, and disaster relief.



# OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES

#### Treasure House Remodel

Beginning in 1996, Open Door Ministries turned a modest house in Denver into "Treasure House", a home for single moms. In 2022, First Fruits participated in a much-needed renovation project to improve the comfort of the mothers staying there. Employees of Footprints Floors sanded, edged, and stained wood floors, as well as painted and remodeled various areas of the home. The team enjoyed revitalizing a space that has positively impacted the lives of our local community. Stories like Enika's, featured on the next page, inspire First Fruits to continue supporting Open Door Ministries in their valuable work.







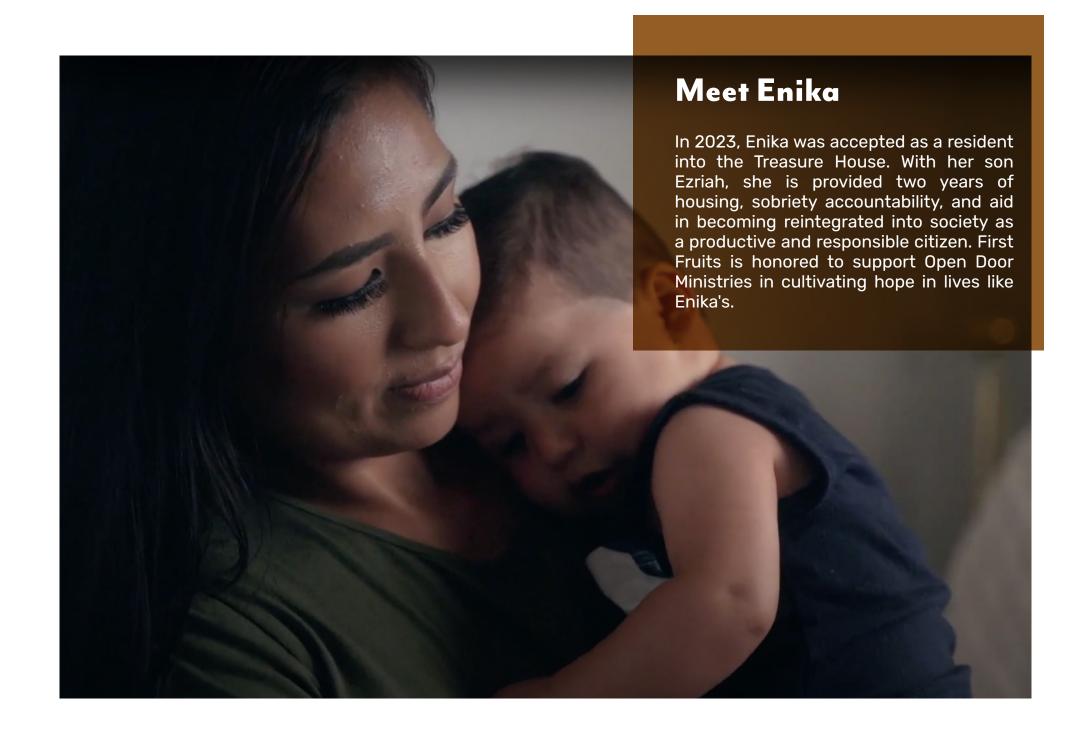
















Ezriah, עזריה "Yahweh helps"

"I was born into a very abusive family... I started being on drugs when I was 11 years old. I had to grow up at a very young age. When I was 14 years old, I got emancipated because of all the abuse in my family. My mom signed off her rights to me to this guy, and I was 14 and he was 28, so that way we could get married.

Before I came here, I was pregnant with my son, and I was doing a lot of drugs. I remember I was doing every single kind of drug you could possibly think of, but God spoke to me and God's like, "Enika, regardless if you want to get sober or not, you need to get sober for that little baby."

I checked myself into Aspen Center, the rehab here in Denver. A girl that was there told me about Open Door Ministries. She said it's a program, it's a Christian Community, it's a place for single mothers. I prayed to God, and I told God, 'God if this is where you want me to go, then lead me in that direction.'

The next day I got a call back from Bailey and Jamie saying that I got accepted, and I'm like, "What?!" I was like,

# 'I just have a feeling this is going to change my life...'

I didn't have a name for my son his whole pregnancy because I wasn't planning on keeping him. I was sleeping and I had a dream that I was holding a baby and I said, "Hey my Ezriah baby." And I woke up and I was like, 'I'm going to name him Ezriah."

Enika's story has been condensed, view full story here:

#### THE FRUIT



#### From the Founder, Kelli

We started in December of 2018. My husband and I wanted to create a space for kids ages 5-18 to gather and learn about Jesus and to also learn about, and engage in, musical theater. We envisioned a youth group that worked together to learn a musical theater show each semester, and then perform it for their family, friends, and the community.

We prayed that God would provide enough kids to create a group large enough to learn and perform the show Peter Pan JR. He did! We had 28 kids join us that semester, and off we went... Since then, we've grown to having 350 kids at Joyful Light this semester. We've had incredible leaders step up to lead, teach, and learn alongside the kids God brings to Joyful Light. They love Jesus and want kids to learn about Him through this unique vehicle of musical theater.







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First Fruits partnered with Joyful Light's primary performance venue to renovate their bathrooms and expand and refinish their main stage. The fund also partners with Joyful Light through donation of time - members of the Footprints Floors corporate staff volunteer countless hours in set design and technical support.

"Whether kids end up at Sight and Sound Theater, as a church worship leader or teaching pastor, or as a mom singing to her little ones while rocking them to sleep, we trust that our faithful Father God will use kids' journey at Joyful Light to change the world."

- Kelli, Founder

What more can a parent want than a place where their child can do what they love with people who love them?

- Leslie, Joyful Light Youth Theater paren



#### THE FRUIT

# THE KING'S PURSE

The King's Purse is a group of generous individuals striving to "distribute the proceeds to all, as any have need". It relies on the wisdom of many counselors to vet organizations and distribute to them in love. Through the unwavering generosity of believers, The King's Purse aims to create a sustainable source of support that transcends generations. By inspiring the next generation to actively engage in accountable giving, they envision a perpetual legacy that propels their mission forward. From an orphanage in Mexico to a school in Lebanon, The King's Purse, and subsequently First Fruits, is honored to have a positive impact in the lives they touch throughout the world.



#### Accountability

To have accountability and a single purpose among brothers for motive and goal.

# Friendship and Fellowship

To foster the friendship and fellowship of generosity.

#### **Community Giving**

Eliminate expressive individualism ("my fund, my way") by building a community of givers, a community of generosity, and teach that to the next generation.

#### Joy in Giving

To model after the Macedonian churches in 2 Corinthians, whom willingly gave beyond their means, compelled by a sincere devotion to the Lord and a desire to help others.

#### Multi-Generational Stewardship

To help train and disciple the next generations in giving and stewardship.

# **FOUNDATION GOALS**



Located on the outskirts of Tijuana, Mexico, Colina de Luz (Hill of Light) is home for 50 to 60 boys and girls. Some have been abused, orphaned, or abandoned, reflecting the poverty that surrounds their family life and community. Situated on top of a hill, as the name suggests, Colina not only offers a literal and figurative oasis to these desperately needy children, but truly provides a home. In addition to housing and care, Colina de Luz offers the children access to education, spirtual guidance, and community outreach. The King's Purse is honored to be a financial supporter.















#### **Beirut Baptist School**

As an inclusive school committed to rigorous, relevant and holistic education, BBS cultivates and inspires diverse learners in mind, body and spirit to become responsible citizens and successful lifelong learners. Its vision is to see empowered learners and educators think creatively, reason critically and proactively engaged in their community guided by ethical and spiritual values. The King's Purse is a recurring donor in support of the BBS mission.

2023

1,465 students
543 students receiving financial aid
207 educators
67+ years of quality education







#### THE FRUIT



First Fruits has had the privilege and honor to support a ministry with such a far-reaching-impact as Hope's Promise. When the Fund was searching for orphan care ministries in Colorado, Hope's Promise emerged as a local organization with wideranging-influence. After meeting, it was clear that there was an instant





## **Pregnancy Support**

Meeting the emotional and physical needs of women facing unplanned or unwanted pregnancies, Hope's Promise offers support by way of counseling, decision making, medical care, financest, transportation, and housing - giving hope to expectant parents and hope to families waiting to adopt a child.

## **Adoption Services**

Experienced and compassionate caseworkers guide families through both domestic and international adoptions.

"We had a wonderful experience with Hope's Promise. We worked with an amazing social worker when we adopted our son. They were supportive, the training program for parents was strong and the support for birth mothers was really fantastic. The organization operates with professionalism and sensitivity. Life changing." -Anna K.

connection and the relationship was born. With support efforts spanning from families local to Footprints Floors' home in Colorado, to children in Asia and Africa, the Hope's Promise mission aligns with the fund's vision for families and children across the world to be filled with unconditional love.





#### Foster Care

A highly trained, ministry-minded social work team provides foster families with system navigation support, placement collaboration, and emotional and spiritual support.





## **Orphan Care**

Hope's Promise has orphan care programs in Kenya, Vietnam, Nepal, and Zimbabwe. Within those four countries, indigenous Country Coordinators work through local churches in collaboration with community resources to empower and equip caregivers to provide for the children's lifelong physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs.





Hope's Promise, Vietnam

First Fruits was founded to cultivate thriving families by sowing the seeds of hope and love. Every family deserves the essential building blocks for a hopeful and fulfilling life.





Joyful Light, Colorado

Beirut Baptist School, Lebanon

We envision a future where families are given the opportunity to blossom and flourish and equipped with the tools and knowledge to persevere through the trials of this life. Through our strategic partnerships, we aspire to sow the seeds of eternal change by meeting tangible physical, emotional, and educational needs. To cultivate a landscape where the first fruits of our collective efforts yield sustainable, lasting impact for generations to come.



