

The world has **never** been without a Father...
Yet this Father's Day, millions of
BOYS are living **WITHOUT A DAD.**



For fatherless boys, FATHER'S DAY is
JUST ANOTHER DAY. Just another day to:

- **Live without the Gospel** – abandoned by their earthly dads, fatherless boys have a much harder time believing that they have a Father in Heaven who will never leave or forsake them
- **Abuse alcohol and drugs** – fatherless boys are at significantly higher risk for substance abuse
- **Commit a crime** – fatherless boys are twice as likely to be incarcerated
- **Repeat the cycle** – fatherless boys are more prone to promiscuity
- **Kill themselves** – fatherless boys are at dramatically higher risk of suicide

Fathers in the Field — a Christian adventure Mentoring Ministry our church adopts — is looking for godly men in our church who will defend the cause of the fatherless (Isaiah 1:17) and see to it that Father's Day will never again be just another day for fatherless boys in our community.

Here's how we can turn *just another day* into a day that glorifies God the Father:



BE A DEUTERONOMY 6 DAD to your own son. "...and when you walk along the way.... impress these things upon your children" (Deut. 6:7). Fathers in the Field equips fathers to disciple their sons and lead them in the ways of the Lord, all the while building the father/son relationship through blood-pumping, outdoor adventure that no video game can match.

BE A MENTOR FATHER to a Fatherless Boy. Fathers in the Field unites fatherless boys ("Field Buddies") with mature Christian men from our Church ("Mentor Fathers") in God's classroom, the great outdoors, to help abandoned boys learn about the liberating love of God and the healing that comes through the forgiveness of their earthly fathers. (See story on back)



"Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their misfortune..." (James 1:27).



Please contact me about joining our church's *Fathers in the Field* effort.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____



From the FIELD

MATT A FIELD BUDDY'S STORY

HAVE you ever looked forward to spending time with someone, only for them to cancel at the last minute? Matt knows that disappointment better than most, having endured one broken commitment after another as a boy.

Matt grew up in Bozeman, MT in a single-parent home. Matt's mom, Lori, worked hard to provide a loving and stable family life for him. But the reality is, a mother cannot take the place of a father. Over the years, some men tried to stand in the gap for Matt. But the promises they made to take him hunting, or camping or on some other outdoor adventure were never kept. *"I figured I would never learn to hunt or have a man in my life who kept his word and would be a good role model for me,"* says Matt who, like most fatherless boys, felt worthless.

Then Marc Pierce stepped into the picture and Matt's life changed forever. A long-time supporter of and participant in *Fathers in the Field*, Marc made the commitment to serve as Matt's Mentor Father. *"For the first time I had someone who wasn't going to ditch me, but a man who was going to put in the time and teach me what it means to be a godly man,"* remembers Matt who was just starting High School when he became Marc's Field Buddy. Over the course of

their three year commitment Marc taught Matt about his faithful Father in Heaven, modeled godly fatherhood for Matt, and even guided the boy to forgiveness of his earthly dad. Now a 21-year-old college student, Matt can fully appreciate the impact his Mentor Father had in his life. *"What Marc did was huge. He willingly gave me the bonding time that I needed to have with a Christian man."* said Matt.

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While their *Fathers in the Field* journey is complete, Marc and Matt continue their journey in Christ together. In January the two went duck hunting with Marc's current Field Buddy, Balin. *"Seeing the ministry work in the lives of different boys from different backgrounds is truly amazing,"* says Matt, who is living proof that *Fathers in the Field* transforms lives.

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