



Family Mentoring Ministry

Oak Hills Church and Hill Country Daily Bread Ministries partnership to extend hope and healing to local families.

Oak Hills Church is committed to sharing the hope of Jesus and making disciples through authentic relationships. We believe that relational discipleship is the best approach to poverty alleviation, as people and families discover their true identities in Christ and begin following Jesus moment by moment.

Our Family Mentoring Ministry (FMM) is an outreach to vulnerable families in our community who are committed to improving their lives. OHC Family Mentors are matched with local families and walk alongside them in this journey of restoration. The ministry provides training, prayer support, and encouragement for mentors, bi-weekly food distributions for families, and special resources throughout the year.

Our vision is that these relationships are so mutually beneficial that all involved grow closer to Christ, as we courageously engage culture, and extend the hope of Jesus into our community.

WAYS TO SERVE

There are several ways for you and your family to plug in and serve:

Mentor: Serve as a family mentor or mentor backup.

Food Distributions: Serve as a driver, loader/unloader, or food box preparer during bi-weekly Family Mentoring Ministry food distributions.

Holiday Support: Serve during special projects to bless our mentee families on Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other special occasions.

Volunteer: Serve directly at Hill Country Daily Bread Ministries.

STEPS TO BECOME A FAMILY MENTOR

Application: OHC and HCDBM require volunteer applications and background checks for all representing the organizations in volunteer roles. We'll assist you with completing all steps in the process.

Training: Our Family Mentoring Core Team will train and equip you on the journey of mentoring others in cooperation with our experienced partners at Hill Country Daily Bread Ministries. Our 8-week Helping Without Hurting class provides foundational training for prospective mentors.

Matching: After training, you'll be matched up with a family in the community that is committed to improving their situation.

Mentoring: Together, you help build a better future through mutual encouragement, accountability and love, as you seek the dignity and purpose that God intends.

FAMILY MENTORING FAQ

What is the mission of the Family Mentoring Ministry?

Support the healing and restoration of vulnerable families in our community.

Help OHC families understand and engage poverty from a Biblical perspective.

Better understand and know our surrounding community so that we can more effectively reach our neighbors for Christ.

How do I become a mentor?

See Mentor Pathway for details.

Contact FMM Volunteer Coordinator: Marian Sultenfuss at 210.954.5545.

What resources are available to help me as a mentor?

Ongoing coaching and encouragement by the Mentor Leader, team, and other mentors.

Regular training by OHC and HCDBM.

Prayer support from the OHC prayer team.

How does the mentor/mentee relationship develop?

Mentors serve their mentees every two weeks through the home delivery of a HCDBM food box. This “opens the door” to a deeper relationship.

Mentors go “beyond the food box” as they get to know one another, ask questions, share their stories, and pray together.

Mentees develop a set of goals with the help of HCDBM. As trust grows, mentors and mentees discuss progress towards their goals.

Both parties rely on a relationship of trust and confidentiality

How much time will I have to commit to being a mentor?

Approximately 2 hours every other Thursday for the box distribution and home visit.

Other non-routine phone calls and visits, as the relationship develops.

Minimum one-year commitment from mentor and mentee.

Mature relationships can materialize after a few months or it may take a few years. Mentees should be ready to develop a long-term relationship.

What experience is required?

No prior training or experience is required, just a commitment to loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself.

Formal training is conducted by HCDBM and OHC. The Helping Without Hurting class is a first step in the process.

Formal and informal training is conducted by the FMM Mentor Leader.

How can I as a mentor help the mentee?

Be a good listener.

Share the gospel and point people to Jesus.

Provide emotional and prayer support.

Provide information on available resources (with OHC/HCDBM assistance).

Mentors should NOT provide direct financial support to a mentee family.

Who are the mentee families?

Mentee families have expressed ongoing material needs as well as a desire to improve their circumstances and engage in a Christ-centered relationship.

There is no income threshold or church attendance requirements.

Mentees come through HCDBM, through OHC ministries or pastoral care, referrals from other mentees, or other referrals.

There is no “typical” mentee family: they may be a two-parent family, single parent family, or single; believer or non-believer; experiencing generational or situational poverty.

Families typically live in Boerne or north San Antonio.

Who is Hill Country Daily Bread Ministries?

HCDBM equips the church to walk with families requesting material assistance and/or mentoring.

Headquartered in Boerne, they currently partner with 15 churches and serve over 3,000 impoverished families across 8 counties in the Texas Hill Country and Northern Bexar County.

Their mission is “To help unite and equip the Body of Christ with food, resources and training necessary to transform our communities and the lives of those in poverty and need through the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ”.

For more information, visit hillcountrydailybread.com.

Family Mentoring Ministry Volunteer & Mentor Pathway

