



1 for 50

What is 1 for 50?

1 for 50 is a collaborative training and networking initiative born at the first Global Children's Forum in 2008. It is a movement that belongs to all those in the Body of Christ committed to share:

- ✓ **A DREAM: Equip Every Child**
Our love for children and passion to obey the Great Commission leads us to want to nurture, reach, and disciple every child possible for Christ.
- ✓ **A STRATEGY: Equip Local Believers**
We believe the best way to do this is to mobilize and equip massive numbers of believers who directly influence children at the local church level to reach and disciple children in their own communities.
- ✓ **ONGOING SUPPORT: Work Together**
Because the task is so great, we believe grassroots children's leaders need ongoing encouragement and support to keep reaching and discipling children.

Why children? Why now?

- ✓ **Children are strategic**
 - 2.2 billion live on our planet with more on the way
 - They comprise nearly 50% of the population in our world's most unreached areas
 - 84% of people who come to Christ do so between the ages of 4 and 14, making this "4/14 Window" the most fruitful harvest field!
 - They are best at bringing their friends and families to Christ, too
- ✓ **Children are needy**
 - At least 2/3 do not know Christ at all
 - Additionally, 2/3 are living in "at risk" situations
- ✓ **This is a unique moment in history**
 - There has never before been a time in history with so many believers at the global and local church levels, ready and waiting to do their part







Is this really possible?

To train 50 million leaders means equipping only three out of every 100 Christians for ministry to children. We believe this is possible as each local church catches a vision to reach and disciple children and trains people to do it well.

At its core, 1 for 50 is still about the ONE: one Savior, loved by one children's leader, guiding one child at a time to love and obey Jesus wholeheartedly.

What leads to lasting ministry to children?

Over the past two years, leaders from 80 nations have considered this question and created a vision for helping children grow as life-long believers. This vision includes:

-  **ONE: Making DISCIPLES** (guiding children to follow Jesus for a lifetime)
-  **TWO: Reaching the UNREACHED** (reaching children outside the church, as well as those inside)
-  **THREE: Engaging FAMILIES** (helping Christian families disciple their own children; reaching unreached children and families)
-  **FOUR: Nurturing the WHOLE CHILD** (serving the mental, social-emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of children in our care as well as those in crisis)
-  **FIVE: Building the KINGDOM** (working together with others in the Body of Christ to build the Kingdom by reaching and discipling children)
-  **SIX: HEART of the leader** (growing as followers of Jesus ourselves as the first step in helping others grow as disciples)

How can 1 for 50 help?

- ✓ **PROVIDE TRAINING**
1 for 50 participating groups (churches and organizations) will provide CORE and NEXT STEP children's outreach and discipleship training at local, national, and global levels.

To support these training activities any 1 for 50 group may also:

- ✓ **SHARE A VISION:** Help the Body of Christ to catch a fresh vision for lasting ministry to children
- ✓ **FACILITATE NETWORKING:** Gather groups for ongoing encouragement, ideas, and collaboration
- ✓ **SHARE INFORMATION & RESOURCES**
Encourage the Body of Christ to create and share ideas, best practices, curriculum, information, research, etc.

Getting Started

Visit the website to learn more about how to

- GET OR GIVE TRAINING** in your area
- SHARE RESOURCES** online
- Become a 1 for 50 TRAINING PROVIDER**
- CONNECT** with others in your region



Your father in heaven is not willing that one of these little ones should be lost.
Matthew 18:14 NIV



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1 for 50 is a children's ministry training and networking initiative serving the Global Children's Forum, 4/14 Global Initiative, Viva, and other movements committed to reaching and discipling children for Christ.