



Called to Care

James 1:27



**15 of the 36 licensed foster
homes on Guam are families from
Harvest Baptist Church.**

An aerial photograph of a tropical city coastline. The foreground shows deep blue ocean waves crashing against a rocky shore. A strip of white sand beach separates the ocean from a lush green area with some buildings. The middle ground is a dense urban area with various buildings, including several tall skyscrapers. The background features rolling green hills under a clear blue sky.

**25 foster children
are cared for by the love
of Christ in these HBC
foster family homes.**

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James 1:22-26



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The transforming Word of God (v. 25a) ... leads to a right relationship with God (v. 25b) ... which leads to a pure life and compassionate care for the hurting (v. 27).





**If you were put on trial for your
faith, would there be enough
evidence to convict you?**

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- 1) They were typically unable to reciprocate in any way.
- 2) They were representative of those who were helpless or need help.
- 3) They were particularly vulnerable to the pressure of exceedingly difficult circumstances.





“affliction” (v. 27)

*The pressure of difficult
circumstances*

abandonment loneliness



“visit” (v. 27)

- *Meet them*
- *Intervene for them*





Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him. A father of the fatherless, and a judge [protector] of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

Psalms 68:4-5




And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, ... whoever shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoever shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Matthew 18:2-6



**God did not save you in order
for you to practice your religion
by coming to church.**

God has called you to care.



**“Behold, what manner of love
the Father hath bestowed
upon us, that we should be
called the sons of God.”**

1 John 3:1