



# CHILDREN IN AFGHAN



*IT SEEMS EVERY TIME I TURN ON THE NEWS, I HEAR ABOUT AFGHANISTAN. I WONDER WHAT KIDS ARE LIKE IN AFGHANISTAN.*



Ken Horn photos

**Children of Afghanistan refugees play during recess at a Shelter Now school in the Shamali Plains built with the help of the Assemblies of God.**

# AFGHANISTAN!

## A LOT LIKE YOU

**Children in Afghanistan are very much like children in America or anywhere else in the world. They like to play and have fun just like you do.**

But children in Afghanistan can't do this as much as you can. They do not have nearly as many possessions as children in the United States. Some have no toys at all. Because their country has been at war off and on for a long time, most children in Afghanistan think that war is the normal way of life. Many of them have lost their homes, and some have even lost their parents and are orphans, living in an orphanage or even on the street. Almost all of them have had at least one family member killed.

Most Afghani children have to work to help their family earn a little money, and many children begin

working at a very young age. Many children don't even get to go to school.

Life is not easy for children in Afghanistan. That's why it makes Christians feel so good when we can build schools for them, or give them food or toys or a place to live.

And there is one other wonderful thing we can do for them. Most children in Afghanistan have never heard about Jesus. The best gift we can give them is to tell them the story of Jesus. If you can't go to Afghanistan yourself, you can still pray for the children in Afghanistan that they will hear the gospel.

— Ken Horn