

## THE VULNERABLE UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN NEED YOU

A group of members from SsAM are coming together to respond to the crisis faced by the unaccompanied children on our border. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office at The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew.

From the Episcopal Church's letter: *"The influx of vulnerable people from Central America, including unaccompanied minors as well as mothers with children, continues to challenge the United States to respond compassionately. Like Sudanese or Syrian refugees, these people are fleeing hunger, violence, and the fear of rape, murder, and enslavement. The violence in Central America has escalated significantly in recent months, particularly as a result of gangs and trafficking in drugs and human beings. These people are literally fleeing for their lives."*

The full text of the letter from the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church can be found at:

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/notice/presiding-bishop-addresses-crisis-unaccompanied-children-us-border>



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Photo from the magazine Mother Jones -- *70,000 Kids Will Show Up Alone at Our Border This Year. What Happens to Them? Officials have been stunned by a "surge" of unaccompanied children crossing into the United States.* By [Ian Gordon](#) [July/August 2014 Issue](#)