

‘Inspiring’: How One Church Transformed the Lives of 77 Kids Without Families

Amid America’s foster care and adoption crisis, a heartwarming new movie tells the powerful story of how one pastor and his wife inspired their church and town to help the “least of these” in the most profound and impactful of ways.

“Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot,” which hit theaters July 4, came from the mind and heart of writer and producer Rebekah Weigel and her husband, Joshua, who directed the feature.

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Rebekah Weigel told CBN News the film’s roots were set in 2013. That’s when the couple adopted two children and soon learned about incredible events that unfolded in Possum Trot, Texas – how a church there adopted 77 children in the deepest of need.

“This issue started to break our hearts, and I started working with different churches to get more people involved in the foster crisis in Los Angeles,” she said. “And I came across this story, and it just really impacted me deeply, because we were in the trenches with our own kids, and to just hear about a whole church stepping in and doing it together was just really inspiring.”

As time went on, Weigel and Joshua felt compelled to tell that story through film, a process that took eight years before this month’s theatrical release.

She believes “Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot” has the power to transform hearts and minds regarding foster care and adoption.

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“Twenty-two families from a little church stepped into the foster crisis, adopted 77 children,” Weigel said. “They were the most difficult-to-place children in the Texas child welfare system.”

The film focuses on a number of stories, but the central characters are Bishop W.C. Martin and his wife, Donna Martin (portrayed by actors Demetrius Grosse and Nika King), who spearheaded the adoptions and helped inspire their church along the way.

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