

Infinite Love

Orphan Care Ministry

John 14:18,19b

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you...Because I live, you also will live.

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Mission

To express the *Infinite Love* of Christ toward displaced and orphaned children, to reveal to them their purpose, and propel them toward it's fulfillment, to proclaim the sanctity of all human life and it's beauty in the hand of a Sovereign God.

Vision

To give every child the opportunity to be born, to have a family to protect and nurture them, and to fulfill their God-given purpose.

Areas of Focus

The Unborn

Orphan Support

Crisis Family Support (Orphan Prevention)

Adoption Advocacy & Support

Foster Care Advocacy & Support

The Unborn

Ministry in this area will be targeted toward pro-life advocacy training, resource networking and an aggressive awareness campaign highlighting the millions of "Chose Life" stories of families who inevitably decided against abortion and the amazing children who have resulted.

Crisis Family Support (Orphan Prevention)

Through intervention in times of crisis, we can help prevent a birth parent from losing their child in the first place by providing support and resources to them at the first signs of trouble. We would also support mothers who have chosen to give life to their children instead of having an abortion. We will pair them with parenting mentors to educate and encourage them.

Orphan Support

Ministry in this area is focused on supporting children who are in foster care, orphanages, or otherwise displaced from their parents. Our focus is to come alongside those who are currently ministering to the needs of orphaned children domestically and abroad, and support them through prayer, resources, volunteerism and advocacy for their cause.

Domestically, this includes serving and supporting orphanages and children's homes, advocating for foster parenting and adoption, hosting quarterly empowering events and annual "family tradition" events during key holidays for orphaned children.

Adoption Advocacy & Support

Our focus here is to increase awareness of the need for permanent families for the 150 million orphaned children in the world. Also to assist adoptive families by connecting them to beneficial agencies to facilitate adoptions, helping them to raise funds to offset their expenses, and provide post-adoptive, family support and fellowship.

Foster Care Advocacy & Support

We aim to advocate for foster parenting as well as support and encourage those who have made this commitment to children in the system. In addition, special effort will be made to minister to the needs of children in foster care by providing no cost access to counseling, educational enrichment, after school purpose development programs, cultural enrichment, and scholarships to college. The goal is to create a permanent place where children can feel "at home" and loved even if they have experienced multiple placements. Children who reach the age of 16 in foster care may also begin a transitional life skills program preparing them for life after foster care, with the goal of countering the current practice of aging out with no life skills and little family or other support.

Proposed Projects

The "**Glad to Be ALIVE!!**" Campaign - Aggressive multimedia campaign highlighting the phenomenal lives and potential of youth and adults whose parents chose life for them when faced with the choice of abortion. Young people and their parents are already being recruited for this project. The campaign would utilize commercials, billboards, internet marketing and an interactive website.

Current Relationships³

Bethany Christian Services
Blue Babies (Saba)
Christian Alliance for Orphans
Compassion International
Evergreen Children's Services
Orchard Children's Services
Right to Life of Michigan
Wellspring International - Leah Njroge

Calendar of Events

Awareness Month Events

Sanctity of Life Awareness Month - January
Orphan Awareness Month - November
Foster Care Awareness Month - May
Adoption Awareness Month - November

Fundraising Events

Orphan Support Events

Christmas Gifts for children in Foster Care - October/November
Compassion Child Sponsorship Drive - December

Recent & Upcoming Projects

Dec 2009 Child Sponsorship Drive for Compassion International
(Over 50 Children sponsored)

April 2010 Attended and received training at Christian Alliance for Orphans
annual summit in Minneapolis, MN

May 2010 Hosted PRIDE Training for Foster Parent Licensing in
Partnership with Bethany Christian Services

Aug 2010 Hosted Round Table Discussions with Area leaders concerning
Foster Care

Oct 2010 Christmas Gift Sponsorship for 15 Children in Foster Care

Nov 2010 Orphan Sunday Event

Feb 2011 Hosting "Abortion and the African American Family" Conference
in partnership with Michigan Right to Life

- Jan 2011 Sanctity of Life Awareness Month
- Apr 2011 Christian Alliance for Orphans Annual Summit
- May 2011 Foster Care Awareness Month - Memorial Day Celebration
Picnic
- Nov 2011 Orphan Sunday Event
Celebrate Adoption Event
Thanksgiving Celebration for Area Foster Families
- Dec 2011 Christmas Celebration for Area Foster Families