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ORPHAN CARE MINISTRY



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*Pure Religion exists for the purpose of assisting orphans to the glory of God
and for the witness of His church (James 1:27).*

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adoption

The **adoption team** will assist orphans by encouraging pre-adoptive and post-adoptive families with resources and support.

The process of adoption can be a daunting task. From the beginning phases of inquiring about a child or filling out an application to the completion of a required homestudy, the process sometimes can take years to finish and be filled with unexpected frustrations.



One of the goals of the adoption team is to help take the fear and confusion out of the adoption process. We hope to achieve this by aiding parents who are considering adoption with an information packet that guides them through the paperwork process. Additionally, the adoption team will continue to support

the local adoption conference (connectingheartconference.org) with assistance and monetary gifts. This free conference provides valuable resources that educate and equip pre and post-adoptive families.

Finally, we will encourage the adoptive family with meals and loving support once an adoption is complete and the child has arrived in his/her new home.

foster care

The *foster team* will assist families by providing resources and encouragement for foster parents and children.



About 400 children in McLean County are currently in foster care. The reasons for their placement vary – some are there because of abuse; others because of neglect or various addictions.

Placing a child into the care of foster parents is intended to provide a secure, nurturing and homelike setting until the

child can return to their family. This is why foster care is sometimes described as “providing a safe landing place for a child in need of a temporary family.”

It is the goal of our foster care team to bring awareness and help to these often forgotten children. One of the ways we can do this is by providing counsel, direction, resources, monetary assistance, and encouragement to families who are willing to open their homes to foster children. Additionally, since foster children often enter a home with only the clothes they are wearing, we can supply them with a backpack full of personal items like clothing, diapers, toiletries, etc.^[1] Above all, we want to show these children practical expressions of the love of Jesus Christ during their greatest moments of crisis.

^[1] Known as Journey Bags, this project is in conjunction with theforgotteninitiative.org.

worldwide orphan care

The *worldwide team* will assist orphans by praying for and providing care and resources for orphan ministries around the world.



With 99.99% of the world's orphans living beyond the borders of the United States, the American church must be strategic in how she helps these needy children.

The reach of the worldwide orphan team currently extends to four countries: Guatemala (Kids Alive), India (As Our Own), Tanzania (Tanzania Children's Rescue Center), and Zimbabwe (John Smale Orphanage). Our work involves projects like providing necessary food and supplies, offering medical assistance, supporting families to take in orphans, and sending encouragement through correspondence and visits. In the future we hope to expand to additional ministries and orphanages across the globe.

