

HOPE FOR ORPHANS

Serving every Church to reach every Orphan

“They may travel home without her due to lack of funds...”

These were the words that a local orphan ministry wrote to us, at Hope for Orphans, on October 30 at 8:45 pm. A family who was adopting a special needs child from the Ukraine needed urgent help. The adoptive mother had gone to the Ukraine alone knowing that God would have to provide a miracle to bring their daughter home. Yet, she believed God was telling her to go forward and bring home their daughter. Because of the child's very special needs, she had been placed on the “fast track” to a government orphanage that is known as “invalid orphanage.” When children are placed there, they are no longer adoptable. This little girl was DAYS away from that placement, but her adoptive family did not have the \$6,500 it would take to complete the adoption. When this crossed our Executive Director's desk, He knew it was time to mobilize our resources. Our team contacted other partners in the orphan ministry with this families' need. The first need was a place to stay. The mother's room had expired in the Ukrainian YWCA and she needed boarding THAT night. Within 2 hours, God had used contacts to provide that. The rest of the provision timeline looks like this:

11:30 pm: Mom had a place to stay.

8:50 am: 1st deadline of \$2,400 met

11:30 am: fully funded

It was amazing to see God working through the ministries of orphan care...all coming together and pushing each other to be a witness in showing how truly BIG our GOD is! Right now, this little girl is going to come to America. Instead of being sick and swollen due to lack of correct medications, she is going to receive some of the best care through the Mayo Clinic. Her future was uncertain, but God saw that this little angel will be coming home to an amazing family! Please pray for this family. Unfortunately, due to privacy, we can't send a picture...but trust me...she has the cutest little pig tails you've ever seen!! Pray for her as she transitions into the US, goes through many medical procedures, and enjoys life with a family!

GET INVOLVED:



Pray for Orphan Sunday

THIS SUNDAY!!!

www.orphansunday.com



Interested in mobilizing your church? Contact us! Shane: 972-832-9789

Please Pray...



As we travel to Ethiopia after Thanksgiving to bring home Elijah.



Pray for orphans in Asia who have been taken from their orphanage because of the teaching of Christ there. Pray we can effectively advocate for their return.

James 1:27 "Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to visit the orphan and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world."

Do you hear the roar of Orphan Sunday?...

All across the nation churches are praying and preparing for the first annual Orphan Sunday Event! Last month we encouraged you to pick an easy way to recognize it yourselves and we hope that you do that! This coming Sunday, 353 churches around the world are celebrating Orphan Sunday! LIVE from Nashville, Steven Curtis Chapman will have a concert followed by speakers Jim Daly of Focus on the Family and Dennis Rainey from FamilyLife.

Here are some options if you want to attend a simulcast of this event:

Richmond, VA:

West End Presbyterian

www.wepc.org

*There are no known events currently being held in Knoxville, TN.

However, the main event is in Nashville, and many churches in Nashville are celebrating. You can get further info on the website:

www.orphansunday.org



McBride FamilyLife...



This last month has been so filled with struggle, pain, and ultimate Joy and PEACE found only in our Savior. Our October 10th court date was moved back to October 26th. That was a disappointment. But in those 16 days, God transformed my heart into learning what it is to fully rest and rely upon HIS goodness, HIS planning and timing, and teaching me how to lay down my wants and really only want ONE thing...HIM. On Sunday, October 25th, I was a privilege to be "laboring" in prayer the night that Elijah became our son. And we now officially have our second son and third child: Elijah Habtamu McBride. Pretty amazingly cute, huh? We will be traveling to bring him home at the end of the month if all goes well. Indeed, it will put a new meaning to our Thanksgiving! ☺ Mitzi