



Open Arms Ministry

Reaching out to orphaned and
abandoned children around the world.

April Newsletter

Quick Calendar

April

15 - Open Arms Ministry meeting, 7pm, room 152, childcare not provided
24-25 - Family Life Workshop

June

All month - Shoe collection

May

All month - School supplies collection for Malawi orphans

Special Note

Remember that there is a adoption/foster section in the church library for those who need resource materials on adoption or foster care.

Please check out our updated website at www.OpenArmsSupport.com

Ways to Get Involved & Volunteers Needed

FAMILY LIFE WORKSHOP - This workshop, "Your Church and the Orphans" will be held on Saturday, April 25th, from 9am-4:30pm at Calvary. If you know of anyone who has a passion for orphans, has adopted, or is fostering children and is interested in learning how to start a ministry like Open Arms Ministry please let them know about this upcoming workshop. They will learn how to launch an adoption, foster care or orphan care ministry and hear stories from other church ministries in what they are doing to make a difference in a life of orphans or foster care children. For more information or to register they can go to www.HopeforOrphans.org. At the bottom of this newsletter is some information you may print off to give to people who might be interested in the workshop.

URGENT RESPONSE NEEDED

Volunteers are still needed to help with the workshop:

- 2 volunteers to help set up resource tables on Friday, April 24th, from 4-5pm
- Additional volunteers to help on Saturday, April 25th, from 8am-4:30pm to help set up morning snacks, registration/greeting, working resource tables, setting out box lunches, preparing afternoon snacks, break down and packing up resource tables.

If you can help, please contact Kim Smith at 636-939-4343 x1250.

] **DALLAS FAMILY MISSION TRIP:** July 30th - August 2nd - There will be an informational meeting held on Sunday, May 24th at all three campuses following the 2nd services. Meeting rooms for each campus will be announced in next month's newsletter. This mission trip is designed for families with children of all ages and for singles. We will be sorting and packing shoes to be shipped to orphans around the world at the Buckner International warehouse located in mesquite, Texas. If you cannot make one of the informational meetings, contact Open Arms Ministry at 636-939-4343, ext. 1250.

] **ADOPTION YARD SALE** for the Lumpa Family will be held on Friday April 17, from 3pm - 7pm and on Saturday, April 18, from 7am - 1pm, at 348 Mason Ridge Drive in St. Charles (close to church). The Lumpas are adopting two siblings from Ethiopia. If you have small children there will be lots of children's clothes. If you would like to donate any items to this yard sale,

donations are being accepted. You may contact the Lumpas directly about dropping off donations.

-] **SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS:** Start collecting shoes! Open Arms will be having a month-long collection in June at all three campuses and at the Children's Day Camps. The shoes need to be new and can be of all sizes, children to small adult sizes (for teens). Great mark-down prices (end of season) are at most Walmart, Target and Payless stores now. Also we will be collecting new socks and shoestrings.

-] **SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR MALAWI, AFRICA, ORPHANS:** We will be collecting supplies the entire month of May. We need: pencils, pencil sharpeners, pens, simple calculators, rulers, crayons (single packs), paper (packages or notebooks) and plain drawing paper. We also need small cereal plastic bowls or Frisbees (dollar store) for children to collect food at feeding stations. You may drop off donations at the Open Arms resource table in the Welcome Center.

Prayer Requests

-] **Pray for all our waiting families:**
 - Mark & Jennifer Lumpa** (adopting siblings from Ethiopia) - The Lumpas have a court date on April 24th, please pray that they get a travel date then;
 - Jonathan & Julie Cage** (domestic adoption);
 - Stacey & Jim Maneage** (adopting from China);
 - Page & Steve Galbierz** (adopting from China);
 - Robyn & Dwayne Crecelius** (adopting from China);
 - Catherine & Scott Dreher** (adopting from Ethiopia);
 - Amy & Kyle Cordes** (adopting from Vietnam)
 - Brian & Natalie Ames** (adopting from Foster Care).

-] **Foster families:** Please pray for foster families as they seek God's will for the future of their foster children: **Tracie Johnson, Monica Bembry, Jason & Brook Howell, and Paul & Jan Wilkin.**

-] **Mexico Missions:** The Mexico mission trip was postponed due to the violence. Please pray for peace so we can reschedule our trip to visit the orphanage and set up their child sponsorship program. Pray for protection for the orphanage and the.

-] **Malawi Missions:** TPray as the Malawi, Africa, missions team gets prepared for their departure on June 26th. This team will be working with African Bible College Missionary children in the mornings doing a VBS and afternoons with Save the Orphans organization working with orphans in the Capital City of Lilongwe.

-] **Foster Pride Class:** Praise God for bring six couples to Calvary's first Foster Pride classes!

On the next page is some information that you may print to give to people interested in the Family Life Workshop.

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Hope for Orphans, a ministry of Family Life,
will present a workshop entitled
"Your Church and the Orphan"
on Saturday, April 25th,
from 9:00AM until 4:30PM
at Calvary Church,
3998 Mid Rivers Mall Drive in St. Peters, Missouri.

The workshop will help churches discover ways they can get involved in ministering to orphans, whether through adoption awareness and support groups, foster care involvement, short-term mission trips to orphanages, and more. Individuals with an interest in caring for orphans are encouraged to bring teams of 3-12 people from their churches to the workshop in order to maximize the experience. The workshop fee is \$20 per person.

The format for the workshop will include speakers, video, group discussion, and prayer time. In addition, lunch and light snacks will be provided.

Hope for Orphans exists to equip churches to care for orphans through education, resources, and by connecting them to other reputable organizations.

To register or for more information about the workshop, please call 1-800-358-6329 or visit www.HopeForOrphans.Org .