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## Open Arms Ministry - September Newsletter

**OPEN ARMS MINISTRY EXPANSION:** We are expanding Open Arms Ministry into three separate branches: Orphan Care, Adoption (Domestic & International) and Foster Care/Foster Adoption. Each ministry will hold their own monthly meeting. For September, each will be holding an upcoming informational meeting scheduled on the following dates:

Foster Care Ministry - Tuesday, September 8th,  
7-8pm in Room #115 (children's hallway). RSVP to  
[KristenJohnson@commercebank.com](mailto:KristenJohnson@commercebank.com)

Orphan Care Ministry - Wednesday, September 9th,  
7-8pm in Cry room (across from the Welcome center). RSVP to [Jsmanceage@aol.com](mailto:Jsmanceage@aol.com).

Adoption Ministry - Wednesday, September 9th,  
7-8pm in room #250B (upstairs above sanctuary). RSVP to [laura.e.fox@citi.com](mailto:laura.e.fox@citi.com).

Each ministry will discuss topics and ideas to help each attendee find their role within the ministry itself. This expansion will allow us to continue to grow and help you get involved immediately in a ministry that God has placed on your heart.

**EPWORTH CHILDRENS HOME PROJECT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** for Saturday, September 19th from 9am-4pm to paint the kids' dorm rooms. Lunch is provided. Please RSVP by calling 636-939-4343 x1256. Must be age 21 or older.

**MEAL MINISTRY:** We need volunteers to be part of a ministry that cooks and delivers meals to Calvary's newly adoptive families and foster families receiving new children into their homes. If you love to cook and would like to be a blessing to a family, contact Cindy Arnel at [scarnel1@yahoo.com](mailto:scarnel1@yahoo.com).

**HELP WITH ADOPTION EXPENSES:** We know that adoption expenses are high and stop many from adopting. Open Arms Ministry would like to help you make that burden easier. If you are in the process of adoption, we can help you with ideas for adoption fund raising, supply volunteers for your fund raiser, provide a list of organizations who offer adoption grants including Calvary's Open Arms adoption grant program, support you and pray for specific prayer requests during your journey. Contact us through [OpenArms@calvaryonline.cc](mailto:OpenArms@calvaryonline.cc) or 636-939-4343 x1250.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Tracie Johnson on the adoption of her daughter, Sophie, on 9/2/09.

**PRAY FOR:**

**Waiting families:**

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); and

Jeremy & Sandy Poteet (domestic adoption).

**Foster families:**

Tracie Johnson

Monica Bembry

Jason & Brook Howell

Paul & Jan Wilkin

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." John 14:18

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