



Open Arms Ministry

Reaching out to orphaned and abandoned children around the world.

July Newsletter

Calendar

July

Every Sunday - collecting shoes at both campuses (see below)

July 11, 5:30 pm - CHI Night of Hope Benefit for Vietnam Orphans (information below)

July 16 - Ministry meeting at 7:00pm, Room 153.

July 31 - August 3 - Mission trip to Buckner warehouse

The Collection Bin

Shoes - We need donations of brand new shoes, socks and shoelaces. Sizes are infant through adult and the shoes/socks can be any style. We will be collecting the shoes at all campuses during the month of July. This is an easy way for people to get involved!

Used Cell Phones and Empty Ink Cartridges - We are collecting these at both campuses to support the Obregon, Mexico, orphanage. Collection sites are next to the library at the Mid Rivers campus and at the Welcome Center at West campus.

Ways to Get Involved

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SHOE COLLECTION** - We need help sorting and packing shoes collected during VBS the week of July 7-11th at Mid Rivers campus. We also need help each Sunday morning during July. If available for Mid Rivers Campus, please contact Angie Robertson at 636/926-9288 or a10rob@sbcglobal.net. For West Campus, contact Angela Kasten at 636/366-4298 or akasten06@yahoo.com.
- **CHILDREN'S HOPE INTERNATIONAL NIGHT OF HOPE BENEFIT FOR VIETNAM ORPHANS** will be held on July 11th at the St. Louis Marriott West. If you would like to attend the benefit, it will start at 5:30pm with a Silent Auction and International Store. There will be a Christian concert at 7:00pm with a local Christian artist. Tickets are \$10 and children are free.
- **ADOPTIVE/FOSTER MOM'S NIGHT OUT** - This includes those soon to be adopting as well as foster Moms. Meet at Cappuccino's Café on Highway 70 and Bryan Road at 6:00pm. Please RSVP to Kim Smith at rypasm@bigfoot.com by July 24th.

Mission Trips

FAMILY MISSION TRIP to the Buckner Warehouse in Dallas ,Texas, July 31-August 3rd to help sort and pack shoes for orphans around the world. Call Jen Huff at (636) 614-1919 for further information.

BUCKNER MISSION TRIP to the Texas/Mexican border to deliver shoes to orphans. Two trips are scheduled: September 17th-21st and October 22nd-26th. For more info: itsyourmission.com/tripcalendar.shtml.

“ I AM ADOPTED ”

Mark Dicken, a 16 year old boy, wrote a book entitled "I am Adopted." It is about being an adopted child who wants to be successful in his forever family and how the family accomplishes that. He wrote the book when he found out how many kids have trouble fitting into their families once they realize they are adopted, or if they, like him, were older when they found their forever family. His wish is that every child would find a loving family and he hopes the book can be of help to adoptive families. Check out his website for more information: www.thelovingfamily.com.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Chris & Brent Michalski on their adoption of Masha from Russia. Welcome home, Masha!

Prayer Requests

- **Mission trip to Buckner International** - The team will be leaving for Dallas on July 31st. Please pray for a safe trip and a productive time at the warehouse.
- **Pray for the shoe collection** - Millions of children need shoes. Please pray that our area can make a difference in as many lives as possible.
- **Adoptive families:**
 - **Gina and Keith Leonard** (adopting from Vietnam) - pray that they receive traveling papers in the next four weeks;
 - **Gail & Joe Keiffer** (adopting from China);
 - **Stacey & Jim Maneage** (adopting from China);
 - **Amy & Kyle Cordes** (adopting from Vietnam);
 - **Robyn & Dwayne Crecelius** (adopting from China);
 - **Catherine & Scott Dreher** (adopting from Ethiopia);
 - **Page & Steve Galbierz** (adopting from China)
 - **Sandy & Jeremy Poteet** (domestic adoption)
- **Foster families:** Please pray for foster families as they seek God's will for the future of their foster children: **Brook & Jason Howell, Tracie Johnson, Stephanie & Jeff Lawson and Paul & Jan Wilkin.**

- **Future foster and adopting families:** Pray for those Calvary families going through foster classes and hoping to foster or adopt.
 - **Portraits of Grace:** Pray for this special project to be in it's first church in the next couple of weeks and for the 14 children in the gallery looking for forever homes. Go to www.portraitsofgracestl.com to see the photos.
 - **Orphans worldwide:** Pray for the orphans in China that were affected by the earthquake, in Myanmar as they struggle to rebuild orphanages and for the young orphan boys who are in hiding from the army rebels, and orphans in Zimbabwe as conditions will worsen if civil war break out.
 - **Open Arms Ministry:** Please pray for God's direction, provision of more volunteers, and more doors of opportunity to helping orphans around the world.
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