



# Open Arms Ministry

Reaching out to orphaned and  
abandoned children around the world.

## October Newsletter

If you would like to be removed from receiving the monthly newsletter or ministry e-mails please let us know through [OpenArms@CalvaryMidRivers.org](mailto:OpenArms@CalvaryMidRivers.org).

### Calendar

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**October 11<sup>th</sup>** - Christian Expo & Adoption Celebration Sunday, 10:00am-5:00pm, St. Charles Convention Center in St. Charles. The Adoption Celebration is at 4:00pm. Admission is free. Open Arms will be collecting new shoes for Shoes for Orphan Souls at the entrances of the Expo.

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** - Open Arms Ministry monthly meeting, 7:00-8:00pm, room 153 at Calvary Mid Rivers campus.

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** - Adoptive/Foster family playgroup at Calvary's Indoor Playground, 3:00pm-5:00pm.

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** - Epworth Children's Home Community Project, 10:00am-4:00pm. We will be painting teen dorms.

**November 2, 9, and 16** - Collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** - Orphan/Adoption Prayer Vigil from 7:00-8:00pm. This will be an evening filled with music and prayer in celebration of Adoption and Orphan Awareness Month. Please invite your neighbors, friends and family.

**November 30<sup>th</sup>** - Orphan Sunday. Don't miss this huge event!

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** - Adoption/Foster Celebration Luncheon, 1:00-2:00pm

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** - Epworth Children's Home Community Service - wrapping Christmas gifts

## Ways to Get Involved & Volunteers Needed

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- **WOULD YOU GIVE YOUR SHIRT TO AN ORPHAN?** During the month of October (Orphan Awareness Month), we will be collecting new or slightly used t-shirts (children to teen sizes) for Malawi orphans. Please place shirts in a bag and drop them off in the collection barrels at church. We will take these shirts with us in June on our Malawi Mission Trip.
- **ATTENTION ALL CALVARY ADOPTIVE FAMILIES:** For Orphan Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, we are planning to show slides of Calvary families that have adopted or are in the process of adoption during the collection time. If you are interested in participating or you know of any other Calvary families who could participate in this, please send me a family photo no later than November 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can drop the photo off in the Open Arms Ministry box at Calvary Mid Rivers or mail it to me, Kim Smith at 1505 Prospector Trail, Wentzville, MO 63385. We are only able to find these families through word of mouth, so please pass on this information if you know of other adoptive families at Calvary.
- **ORPHAN SUNDAY** - Mark your calendar for "Orphan Sunday" on Saturday, November 29, and Sunday, November 30, in all services at all three campuses. We need adoptive and foster parents to help with display tables at all three campuses before, after and during the services. If interested in helping with this exciting Sunday, please contact Kim Smith at 636-688-0166 or rypasm@charter.net.
- **HAVE ANY USED CELL PHONES OR EMPTY INK CARTRIDGES FROM COMPUTER PRINTERS LAYING AROUND?** We are collecting these items to help orphans in Mexico and Africa, as well as to help keep our environment clean and safe. The drop-off box is located in front of the Calvary Mid Rivers library and in the lobby at the West Campus.
- **EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME COMMUNITY SERVICE PAINTING** - We need 15 adult volunteers (must be 21 or older) to help with painting. We will be painting (dorm rooms and furniture) on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 4:00pm. You may sign up for this service project on Calvary's website under "Serve" and then click "Serving in our Community" or by contacting Danna Fowler at 636-262-5416.
- **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX COLLECTION** - We need help at the table to collect shoeboxes at all three campuses on Sundays, November 2, 9 and 16. Please contact Kim Smith at 636-688-0166 or rypasm@charter.net to volunteer.
- **ORPHAN/ADOPTION PRAYER VIGIL** - Mark your calendar for our First Annual Adoptive, Foster, and Orphan Candlelight Prayer Vigil to be held Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at Calvary Mid Rivers, from 7:00-8:30pm. We will be praying for waiting children and families, orphans, foster children, the workers helping these children and the church responding to the

children's needs. Refreshments will be served after the vigil. Help us spread the word on this special community event. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to hang flyers in the community, set up, bake cookies, serve and direct people. If interested in helping, or for further information, contact Staci Maneage at 636-928-1764.

- **ADOPTION/FOSTER CELEBRATION LUNCHEON** - The luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 1-2:00pm. We need people to help with cooking and setup. We need a Project Manager to help with this luncheon. If interested, please contact Kim Smith at 636-688-0166.
- **EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME COMMUNITY SERVICE** - We need help wrapping Christmas gifts on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-12:00pm. Please sign up through Calvary's website under "Serve" and then click on "Serving in Our Community."

### Mission Trips

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**MALAWI MISSION TRIP** is coming up! If interested, contact Mark Mehlig at Calvary, 939-4343.

### Prayer Requests

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- **Please continue to pray for Adoptive families:**
  - Gina and Keith Leonard** (adopting from Vietnam) - They are waiting to travel.
  - 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: **Tracie Johnson, Monica Bembry, Stephanie & Jeff Lawson and Paul & Jan Wilkin.**
- **Ministry Leadership:** Pray for the leadership of the ministry as we seek God's wisdom and direction of His plan on the future of this ministry.
- **Howell Family:** Please especially pray for Brook and Jason. They are seeking God's peace, strength, protection and wisdom.