



June 2012 Newsletter

## We have a World-Wide Orphan Crisis.

### Whose job is it to end this? It's the church's job.

#### The question is: Are we doing our job?



Children are not made to live in institutions. Parents in the US and around the world in desperate situations, such as dying from AIDS, are asking the question, "Who will take care of my children when I die?" None of them are hoping they will go to an orphanage, they are hoping for their children to be in a permanent family with a mom and a dad. Our goals should not simply be to help orphans live a better life, but to help them be a part of a family.

There are **163 million orphans in the world today** and **2.4 BILLION Christians** – do the math! The church shouldn't simply try to help orphans, but should increase adoption.

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. We shouldn't simply work on the orphan crisis; we need to work to radically end it.

"In love He predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will."  
Eph. 1:4-5

## 8 Reasons Why You Can't Solve A Problem Without the Local Church

- 1. We have the largest participation** – 1/3 of the world. More people in America attend church on one Sunday than people attend sporting events all year. There are more people in the church than in the nations of India or China.
- 2. We have the widest distribution** – the first thing established in most villages is a church. It is often the only social group. The church is the volunteer base of the world.
- 3. We have the longest track record** – For 2000 years we've been feeding the poor, helping the sick and caring for orphans, while governments have come and gone.
- 4. We have the fastest expansion** – 60,000 people come to Christ everyday. It is the only thing growing faster than the pandemic of AIDS.
- 5. We must do this because we have the highest motivation** - There are more than 22 scriptures in the Bible calling the church to care for the orphan or fatherless.
- 6. We are authorized by Jesus Christ** – With authority from God comes power from the Highest Authority. And God doesn't sponsor flops.
- 7. We have the simplest administration** – 1 Peter 4:10 says, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others..." It doesn't get much simpler or less bureaucratic than that! If you have the burden, the gift, the talent – do it! You're it!
- 8. We have the greatest conclusion** – We know the last chapter and we win! God's plan is inevitable.



*The question is, will it be our generation or the next?* The word paracherch is not in the Bible, and neither is orphanage. God's plan is for the church to take care of the orphans and give them families. This is a worthy cause for the Bride of Christ to take on. It is worthy of our passion, our time, our money and our energy.

### Church – ARE YOU READY?

Let's do it – let's end the orphan crisis in our generation!

Call Amaris Ministries to get more information on Adoption or find out how you can help!

**How you can help:**  
**Donate** – If you feel led to support what we are doing to fulfill God's promises for families- you may send a check in the enclosed envelope.  
**Participate** – If you feel called to take children into your home as a SAFE family, foster family, or adoptive family please let us know!

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