

Amaris Ministries

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A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

God sets the lonely in families. Psalm 68:5-6a

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New Parent Training and Resource Center!

We are excited to announce that we have reconfigured our office space so that our office is in what was our old conference room, and our old office is now a training classroom. There will be an ongoing process of adding supplies and resources to it for all sorts of needs including nurture groups, sensory processing activities, and more! Be sure to come by and check us out.

NEW CLASSES: For now, we will start with **Sat., 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. From Sept. 10 - Dec. 3, 2016.**

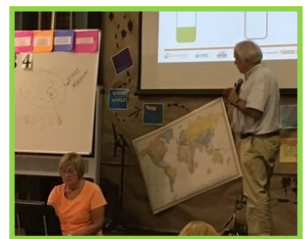
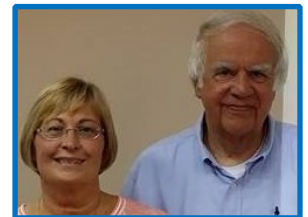
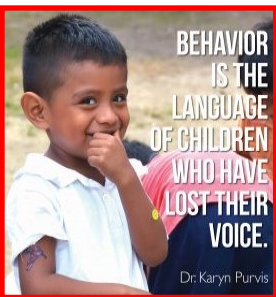
We will be holding a 10-week Fall class session that

will be of benefit to anyone who works with children, particularly children with behavioral challenges or trauma in their background. Each session will be two hours long. The first hour will be instruction and the second hour will be hands on implementation practice. If you are interested but your schedule is limited, please let us know that and perhaps we can work around it.

Cost is \$25/family. Includes child care and class materials. Location: Amaris Ministry Office, 585 West Orange Ave. El Centro. Call the office to sign up or for more information (760) 337-9444.

2nd Annual “Helping Kids From Hard Places” Conferences

Jayne and David Schooler flew in from Ohio to bring us their world-renown trauma-competent caregiver curriculum for our 2-day conference held in the fellowship hall of Christ Community Church. We had a wide variety of people in attendance, learning how to help “kids from hard places” (and even adults from hard places!) – foster and adoptive parents, grandparents, biological parents, public school teachers, juvenile probation officers, social workers, CASA’s, children’s ministry workers, New Creations staff, pastors, and more! They all walked away with a greater understanding of the affects of trauma on the brain, development, and behavior, as well as many new tools to help the children (and adults!) that they work with either at home, in the work place, or in ministry.



“I was very fortunate to have attended the conference so I can help my 2 children recover, who suffered severe trauma due to domestic violence.”



“I have found hope in this alternative approach to parenting. The techniques and the concepts have enlightened me and opened a whole new understanding on the needs of my children.”

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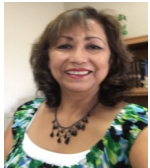
Prayers and Financial Resources Needed!

We are offering a wide variety of services and resources to foster, adoptive, and biological families in need, at little to no cost. Our budget is very tight and so to continue the level of service we are providing, we ask that you would PLEASE prayerfully consider partnering with us – it is most appreciated.

You can include a check in the return envelope with your tax-deductible donation. There are no other services or ministries like this in the Imperial Valley, but there is a great need!

Thank you so much, and we thank God for you and your prayers and support.

"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed." Psalm 82:3



Seeking Ministry Bookkeeper

Our wonderful bookkeeper, RoseAnn Valenzuela, will be leaving us because her church needs her full-time. We are so grateful for the years of trustworthy, hard work, always with a cheerful smile on her face. She is a blessing and we know her church is blessed to have her there. Please join us in thanking her and wishing her well!

We are now looking for a replacement. It's a part-time position that is shared with IV Hope for Haiti. It will require 5-10 hours/week in the office in El Centro. The ideal candidate would be ministry-minded, proficient in Quickbooks 2015 and Excel, 5 years or so of experience, a good understanding of accounting, and of course, great to work with! Pay will depend on skill level and our budget. If you are interested or know someone who fits the qualifications, please send resumes to our Executive Director, Nicole Rothfleisch, at Nicole@amarisministries.com.



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ADOPTION AT SCHOOL: Prepare Your Child for Questions. In the early elementary years, children assume that all families are like their own. Though they don't intend to, your child's peers may ask questions or make comments that confuse or hurt your child - for example - "Didn't your mom want you?" Help your child understand they don't have to answer all the questions about why they are adopted. Your child can simply say something like, "I know why I was adopted; my family is great and it's my personal story!" Also, consider preparing your biological child for encounters by telling them to direct questions to you rather than directly to the foster or adopted child they are curious about.

AM OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs- Fri 2:00-5:00 pm (760) 337-9444 or contact Aloma Harris .626.390.9792 cell

PRAISE & PRAYER

- ◆ Praise Report - Adoptions for 2 of our families are being finalized in court this month - thank the Lord!

Please join us in praying for the following...

- ◆ Families in our community who are in the process of adopting children, that the paperwork will not be delayed.
- ◆ Foster and Adoptive Families who have children in the court process—for wisdom for the judges, attorneys, and social workers involved in the cases.
- ◆ AM classes/training to allow our ministry to provide more help to local families.

Parent Class/Support Group
Sept. 10 to Dec. 3, 2016, Saturdays,
10:00 a.m. to Noon. Call Aloma Harris at
(760) 337-9444 to sign up.

April 8, 2017 ... SAVE THE DATE!

Annual "Empowered to Connect" Simulcast, 2-Day Fri./Sat.

