

# 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*



## May Is National Foster Care Month

to recognize that we each can play a part in enhancing the lives of children and youth in foster care.

### CARING FOR CHILDREN IN NEED...

There is a great need for foster parents – not just any foster parents – families willing to open both their hearts and their homes to children who have experienced the trauma of abuse, neglect, and loss. These families need to undergo trauma-competent care training and learn skills such as TBRI (Trust-Based Relational Intervention) in order to gain an understanding of how trauma impacts the brain and acquire the tools necessary to bring hope and healing to these precious children who have been through so much. There is an especially great need for families to take in hard-to-place children such as those with special needs, older children and teens, aged out young adults, and sibling sets.

#### Foster Care Statistics:

- Over 400,000 kids in foster care in the US
- Over 107,000 of these kids are adoptable and waiting for forever families
- Over 20,000 age out of the system each year with no family or support
- About 62,000 kids in foster care in California
- About 420 kids in foster care in Imperial County

Being a foster parent and working with “the system” is rarely easy. It is a battle in so many ways. There is a need for families who are willing to see the potential in these children, see that they are made in God’s image and that He has a plan for them, willing to fight for these children by going through the steps it takes to be there for them in ways that they need, and willing to risk broken hearts for the purpose of being used to bring healing to the hearts of these children.

If not you, then who? If not now, then when?

May you be numbered among those who served whom Jesus calls “the least of these” (Matthew 25:40, 45)

Contact us (760) 337-9444 for more information on how you can start getting educated on becoming a foster parent or sign for the upcoming summer TBRI class!

BRINGING HOPE AND HEALING TO FAMILIES

## EMPOWERED TO CONNECT CONFERENCE

Calvary Chapel El Centro hosted our 2017 conference in April. Many parents, caregivers, social workers and ministry workers attended this 2-day training and we look forward to next year for a bigger turnout and more school teachers participating. Many new attendees learned about TBRI and we received lots of positive feedback!

- ♦ “This explained to me the real trauma and crisis that lead to the drugs/drinking...” *Shared by caregiver*
- ♦ “I learned so much about trauma and how a difficult background affects children!” *Shared by CASA volunteer*
- ♦ “All law enforcement especially juvenile officers would benefit from this training” *Shared by CASA volunteer*
- ♦ “I now know what I need to change and do to connect with my son and not repeat the same mistake with my grandson!” *Grandma learned connecting principles and tools*

**Next year ETC April 13-14, 2018 SAVE THE DATE!**

### INVEST IN CHILDREN & PARENTS

**SPONSOR** our October conference with scholarships for foster parents or monthly support to continue outreach. **Shop** AmazonSmile. No extra charge to you and Amazon donates 0.5% of your purchase to Amaris Ministries. Online link to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/32-0319189>

Checks payable to Amaris Ministries. We are a 501(c)3 registered non-profit with the IRS and State of California.

## TBRI Class learning the principles of Empowering, Connecting and Correcting...

### NEW TBRI Class Summer 2017

**TBRI Educator: Annette Rea**

**DATES:** June 10, June 17,  
June 24, July 1

**TIME:** 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**DAY:** Saturday

**FEE:** \$25.00 for all 4 sessions

**SIGN UP:** Call 760.337.9444 to  
Register or email  
aloma@amarisministries.com



*Nurture groups (above, below) learning to trust and connect by using the tools and principles taught in the class. Praying for each other.*



### 2017 Spring Class with TBRI Educator Annette Rea



Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI<sup>®</sup>) is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention that is designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable teens and children. TBRI has been applied in orphanages, residential treatment facilities, group homes, foster and adoptive homes, churches, and schools. TBRI<sup>®</sup> uses Empowering Principles to address physical needs, Connecting Principles for attachment needs, and Correcting Principles to disarm fear-based behaviors which help overcome the trauma and replace it with a real felt safety in the child.

**Hiring!** Part-time Office Manager & Bookkeeper Position for Amaris Ministries and IV Hope for Haiti. MUST have extensive QuickBooks experience and have a heart for ministry. **Send resumes to [info@amarisministries.com](mailto:info@amarisministries.com)**



## "Helping Kids From Hard Places"

**October 20 - 21, 2017 Conference**

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**WHY?** Annual 2017 conference with **Ruby Johnston**

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?** Foster & Adoptive parents (or those considering it), teachers, child care workers, coaches, social workers, CASA volunteers/staff, children's ministry workers, anyone who parents, helps, or works with children and teens who have trauma in their background or behavioral issues.

**RUBY JOHNSTON** will provide comprehensive and practical training on caring for and working with "kids from hard places" - children who have challenging behaviors. She has served as the director of the Institute for Human Services, Canada for 12 years and has over 25 years experience working as a manager, consultant and trainer. Ruby authored "Jessica: a booklet on Child Sexual Abuse". In 2000, the Board of Directors of the Ohio Association of Child and Youth Care Professionals gave her the award for Life-Time Achievement and Outstanding Service to Ohio's Children and Youth.



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