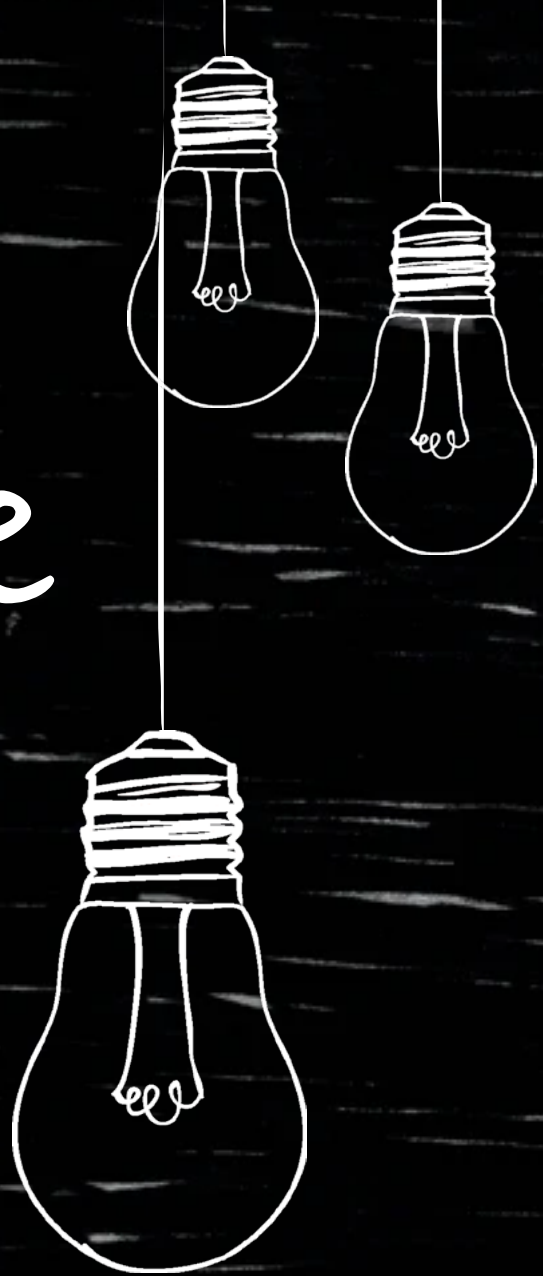


Be the Light



“Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

2020 TOOLKIT

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ONE DAY. ONE VOICE. ONE PURPOSE.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020



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BE THE LIGHT



Today, we emerge from a dark time. Our common suffering has connected us in a way that most of us have never experienced. How can we as followers of Christ respond to these days?

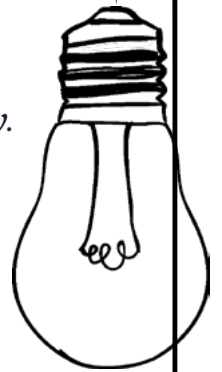
Christ came to BE THE LIGHT and bring the light of his love to all humanity. And he calls us to do the same for vulnerable children.

This year, we are rallying individuals and churches worldwide to BE THE LIGHT on Orphan and Stand Sunday. This call has never been more important, as it is always the vulnerable who suffer most when times are hard. Your prayers and acts of service, whether grand or humble, will bring light in a dark place.

Join us this year to bring a message of hope that is the light of Christ. As we each do our own small part to BE THE LIGHT, together we can bring the glow of His love to waiting children everywhere.

Global Director, Orphan + Stand Sunday

JODI JACKSON TUCKER



WATCH "BE THE LIGHT" ORPHAN + STAND SUNDAY 2020

*"Let your light so shine before others that they may see your
good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:16*



[CLICK TO WATCH](#)

*Share your BE THE LIGHT story and tag it
#BETHELIGHT #orphansunday #standsunday*

HOW TO USE THE TOOLKIT

We've compiled resources, inspiration, ideas and a sample timeline to help equip you to plan your observance. Use any of the ideas throughout this toolkit or come up with your own.

We've made it easy! Just follow these 4 steps.

- 1 GET INSPIRED
- 2 CREATE A PLAN
- 3 PROMOTE YOUR OBSERVANCE
- 4 INSPIRE OTHERS



STEP 1
GET INSPIRED

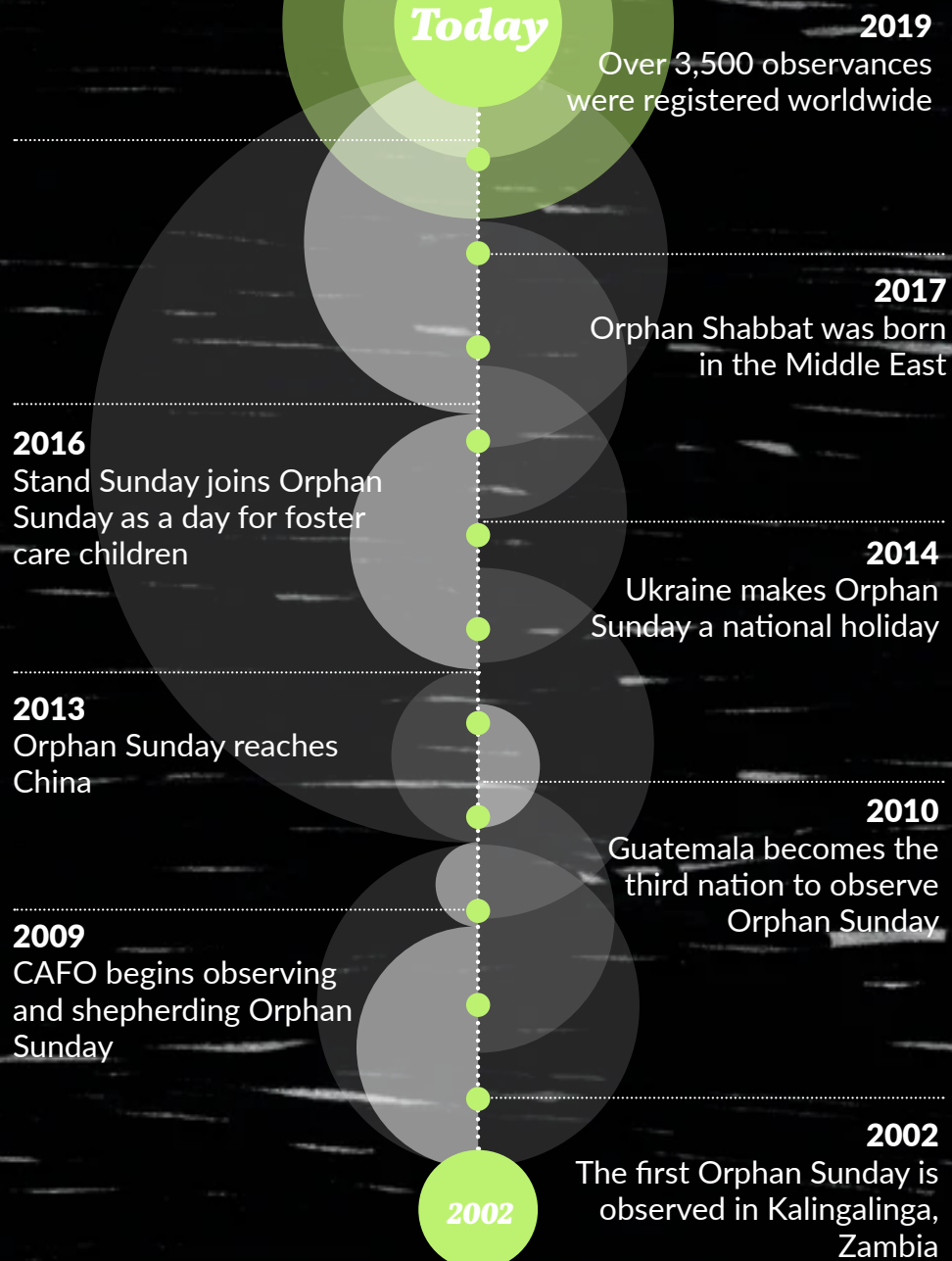




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TIMELINE OF ORPHAN SUNDAY



A HISTORY OF ORPHAN SUNDAY



On Orphan Sunday, Christians stand for the orphan and vulnerable.

Orphan Sunday came as a gift from the Church in Africa. While attending a church service in Zambia, an American visitor witnessed the local pastor's passionate call to care for orphans, in a community that had been ravaged by AIDS and poverty. During that first-ever "Orphan Sunday," as the service ended, one after another the people stepped forward giving out of their own need, offering their food, and some even taking off their own shoes and placing them in the offering basket for orphans.

"God sets the lonely in families."

Proverbs 68:6

That visitor, Gary Schneider, was so deeply impacted by what he had witnessed that he began to help Zambian leaders coordinate Orphan Sunday efforts across Zambia and also shared the vision in the U.S. as well.

In 2009, the Christian Alliance for Orphans began providing united leadership to make Orphan Sunday a catalyst for awareness and action across the U.S. and worldwide. Today, churches and organizations in more than 90 nations observe Orphan Sunday annually. Through Orphan Sunday, we join in the promise of "One Day, One Voice, One Purpose." We pray the church all over the world may be as faithful as our Zambian brothers and sisters to reflect God's heart for the orphan, both near and far.



“After years of witnessing the impact of Orphan Sunday, I pray that it will birth something in your church or community that makes caring for orphans ‘normal’ in your congregation.”

BILLIANCE (BILLY) CHONDWE
Pastor + Founder of Orphan Sunday





*The humble beginnings of the first Orphan Sunday at
Pastor Billy's church in Lusaka, Zambia.
Photo credit, Bobby Neptune*





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TIMELINE OF STAND SUNDAY

Today

2019

Over 400 churches in the U.S. register their observance of Stand Sunday.

2018

Over 2,000 churches in the U.S. register their observance of Stand Sunday and Orphan Sunday.

2017

The two efforts merged – Orphan Sunday for the purpose of inviting the global church to care for orphans worldwide and Stand Sunday for the purpose of calling the U.S. church to stand for children and families in U.S. foster care.

2016

CAFO begins to observe and shepherd the Stand Sunday idea.

2007

Stand Sunday catches on in churches around Texas.

2004

Bishop Blake delivers a powerful sermon on standing for youth in foster care in his community.

2002

A HISTORY OF STAND SUNDAY

On Stand Sunday, Christians stand for the children and families in foster care.

When Bishop Aaron Blake, a pastor and foster/adoptive father, left his breakfast table for church on the second Sunday in November of 2004, he had a sermon prepared ... and it wasn't about foster care:

"I had prepared a sermon to preach that morning that I had worked on all week. I stood up to bring the message when the breakfast table image of our boys came back to my mind. The faces of our sons seemed to multiply in my emotions as I recalled the image from the breakfast table earlier. I knew then that God was prompting our church to answer the call to care for children and broken families."

Without explanation, Bishop Blake said to his congregation, "Brothers and sisters, there are about 30,000 children in the foster care system in Texas and nearly a half a million in the U. S."

He then asked this one simple question (and he wasn't expecting a verbal answer):

"Who will stand with me to defend, care, and support abused, abandon, and neglected children in our community?"

After a brief moment of silence, one lady in the back of the church stood up and simply replied,

"Pastor ... I will."

Like a tiny smoldering ember dropped in a pile of thirsty pine needles, her voice began to multiply. To his amazement, Bishop Blake watched as one family after another stood up and joined their voices to hers. As a result of that day, this church and the surrounding community has cared for and adopted hundreds of children in foster care over the last 12 years. In fact, their county actually has more than enough foster families to meet the need there.

Each year since 2004, the church has celebrated that second Sunday in November. In 2017, these two efforts merged – Orphan Sunday for the purpose of inviting the church to care for orphans worldwide and Stand Sunday for the purpose of calling the church to stand for children and families in U.S. Foster Care.

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Pastor + Founder of Stand Sunday





STEP 2
CREATE A PLAN

A SAMPLE ROLLOUT PLAN

SUMMER

Become familiar with the Orphan + Stand Sunday resources and start to plan what your observance could look like.

EARLY FALL

Form a team that meets regularly and adapt resources to promote your observance.

SEPTEMBER

Prepare a plan for what will happen in the months following your observance. Take the “More Than Enough Church Ministry Assessment” on page 27.

OCTOBER

Continue to promote and spread the word about your observance with your community.

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Today, churches and individuals worldwide are sharing about God’s heart for the vulnerable.



LATE 2020

* Host an informational meeting for those who want to get involved and learn more!

YEAR END

Kick off the new year with strategic follow up for the next year!

* A great guide for planning the follow up from your observance is “Leveraging the Power of Orphan and Stand Sunday”.
[CLICK HERE](#)

An Orphan Sunday or Stand Sunday observance can take on many expressions. We've put a few ideas together for churches, businesses, ministries and communities of all sizes. And these are just the beginning!



Plan an orphan care related sermon and host an information table at your church.



Organize a collection drive for items needed for foster care, orphanages, local children's homes.



Plan a set of worship songs that reflect God's heart for the orphan, include the church youth or children's choir.



Set aside time of intercessory prayer for orphans.

25 IDEAS

1. Organize a collection drive for items needed for foster care, orphanages, local children's homes.
2. Create and/or distribute prayer cards for children awaiting adoptive families, needing sponsorships, needing hosting.
3. Set aside time of intercessory prayer for orphans.
4. Fast as an individual or a group.
5. Write letters or cards of encouragement to orphaned and vulnerable children.
6. Gather together a small group and read an orphan-care related book together and discuss.
7. Prepare/Present curriculum related to orphan care to a small group or class, geared to adults, youth or children.
8. Plan an orphan care related sermon on Orphan Sunday.
9. Plan a set of worship songs that reflect God's heart for the orphan, include the church youth or children's choir.
10. Commission the families in your church or workplace who have decided to step into orphan care in the next year.
11. Plan a baby or child dedication for the adoptive and foster children in your congregation.
12. Invite a former foster or orphaned youth to speak to your group.
13. Invite an adoptive, foster, host or respite family to speak to your group.
14. Invite a nonprofit organization working with vulnerable children to speak to your group.
15. Plan a fundraiser to benefit orphans and vulnerable children.
16. Take a love offering to benefit orphans and vulnerable children.
17. Gather together a small group and watch an orphan care related movie together and discuss.
18. Plan a service project to benefit an adoptive or foster family, local children's home or crisis pregnancy center.
19. Host a breakfast or lunch for local CASA volunteers and/or DFCS workers.
20. Host a 'date night' for local adoptive, foster and host families.
21. Stage a visual representation of the 140 Million orphans worldwide, such as 140 pairs of shoes on the church stage.
22. Donate a portion of your business proceeds to raise awareness near the time of Orphan Sunday.
23. Donate to make it possible for foster youth to attend Christian summer camp.
24. Kickoff or relaunch an orphan care ministry in your church.
25. Start a college scholarship fund for aging out foster youth.



ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL WAYS ANY INDIVIDUAL OR CHURCH CAN PARTICIPATE IS TO SIMPLY PRAY FOR

ONE CHILD

One Child. That's all it takes.

You've seen a lot of big numbers about children in foster care and orphanages. While these numbers seem large, in fact, this is a very solvable problem.

There are 5X as many Christian churches in the world as waiting children! Our dream is simple.

Will you choose just ONE CHILD, and pray for that child until they are in a safe and permanent family?

SEARCH FOR A WAITING CHILD

If you are in the U.S., find a waiting child in your community by searching below. You can select your state at the bottom of the menu. Parents of the children listed have had their rights terminated and are waiting for a family to come forward to adopt them. Others can choose a child in their local village.

[SEARCH](#)

CONTACT A COORDINATOR

If you would like help finding a child to pray for, contact your local Coordinator. There is a local coordinator who's happy to help!

[CONTACT US](#)

ORDER PRAYER BRACELETS

Order bracelets for your church and add your Prayer Child's name. The bracelet will include space for you to write the name and age.

[ORDER](#)

ONE CHILD is waiting right now for your prayer and for a family.
Thank you for being the ONE for that child.

[SEARCH](#)





MORE TH>N ENOUGH

CHURCH FOSTER CARE ASSESSMENT

*If you'd like to help your church become even more engaged in foster care, this 10-minute assessment is a great place to start. By taking it, you'll join hundreds of other churches around the country on a journey to provide **more than enough** for children and families before, during and beyond foster care where you live.*



CHURCH
ASSESSMENT

[TAKE ASSESSMENT](#)

SHORT VIDEOS FOR SUNDAY SERVICE

Below is a collection of short videos that can be shown in the weeks leading up to Orphan + Stand Sunday, or as part of your day of observance.

VIDEO KEY

ORPHAN + STAND SUNDAY

STAND SUNDAY

ORPHAN SUNDAY



TIM TEBOW ON ORPHAN SUNDAY

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MAC POWELL ON ORPHAN SUNDAY

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HOME // AN ORPHAN + STAND SUNDAY VIDEO

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ENGRAFTED: WHEN THE KIDS BURN DOWN THE HOUSE

[CLICK TO VIEW](#)



FINDING YOUR PIECE OF THE FOSTER CARE PUZZLE

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STAND SUNDAY VIDEO

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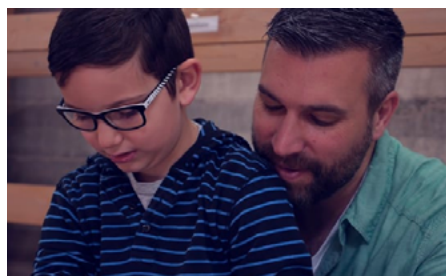
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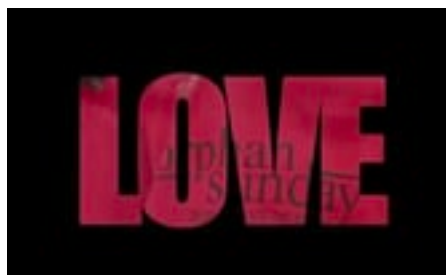
I AM FOUND

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DEFEND THE CAUSE OF THE FATHERLESS

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I AM LOVED

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LISA HARPER ON ORPHAN SUNDAY

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CREATING AN ADOPTION CULTURE IN YOUR CHURCH

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ANNOUNCE YOUR OBSERVANCE

Invite others to join your observance.

PRINT RESOURCES



POSTCARDS

Use this postcard to handout in your community.
Size: 5.5"x8.5"

[STAND SUNDAY](#)

[ORPHAN SUNDAY](#)



POSTERS

Use readymade posters or edit with your event date and location.
Sizes: 11"x17", 8.5"x11"

[ORPHAN SUNDAY](#)

[STAND SUNDAY](#)



PASTOR INVITATIONS

Use this postcard to invite your pastor, or pastors in your community.
Size: 5"x7"

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CHURCH BULLETIN INSERTS

Use this to insert into your church bulletin.
Size: 5.5x8.5

[ORPHAN SUNDAY](#)

[STAND SUNDAY](#)



6-FOOT BANNER

Use this file to order large format standing banners.
Size: 6'

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[STAND SUNDAY](#)



MAGAZINE AD

Use this as an ad in a publication or a handout to your audiences.
Size: 8"x10"

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Find more at orphansunday.org + standsunday.org

TELL YOUR COMMUNITY

Raise awareness and let others know you are participating.

DIGITAL RESOURCES



ABOUT POSTCARD

Use this postcard to share about Orphan + Stand Sunday.
Size: 5.5"x8.5"

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SOCIAL BANNERS

Use these cover photos to share the vision of Orphan + Stand Sunday.

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QUOTES & SCRIPTURE

We have memes with inspiring quotes and scripture.

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ORPHAN SUNDAY RADIO PSA SPOT

Use this short radio spot to send to your local radio stations!

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STAND SUNDAY RADIO PSA SPOT

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PRESS RELEASE

Download a press release to share with your local news outlets.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We are led by a team of volunteers who give their time to spreading this message of hope to the local church on behalf of orphans, kids in foster care and vulnerable children around the world.

WHEN?

Orphan + Stand Sunday are observed each year on the second Sunday in November. We'll join together this year on Sunday, November 8, 2020.

WHY?

God is vested, deeply and personally, in the plight of the orphan and vulnerable children (i.e. Dt 10:18; Ps 68:5-6). He calls His people to share this passion and bring to each child the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed (Is 1:17; Jms 1:27; Mt. 25:40). On the second Sunday in November, the Church is reminded of this truth and invited to act upon it.

WHAT DOES AN EVENT OR ACTIVITY LOOK LIKE?

Each event is created by believers in the local church; so its expression varies as much as the people and churches involved. Your church can participate through sermons and Sunday school classes on God's heart for the vulnerable, prayer gatherings, fasts and simple meals, student-led fundraisers, foster family recruiting and live concerts.

WHAT RESOURCES CAN WE DRAW FROM?

Visit orphansunday.org or standsunday.org offering free resources and ideas, including posters and bulletin inserts to videos, study guides

and sermon notes. You can also stay connected by joining us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/christianalliancefororphans/) and Twitter ([#orphansunday](#) + [#standsunday](#)).

WHO'S IMPACTED?

As Christians respond to God's call to care for orphans, lives are transformed. Certainly, orphans and foster youth are changed forever. But it doesn't stop there. Individual Christians are drawn beyond a self-focused religion to a vibrant, sacrificial discipleship. Churches grow too, as the community sees God's heart and mirrors it. And, a watching world is changed as it sees the Gospel made visible in Christian adoption, foster care and global orphan care.

WHO LEADS THESE CAMPAIGNS?

The Orphan + Stand Sunday campaigns are led by the Christian Alliance for Orphans (CAFO). CAFO unites 200+ respected organizations and more than 700 church members who labor together in shared initiatives that inspire and equip Christians for effective orphan care, family preservation, adoption and foster care.

*Families like this one across the Philippines have been moved to adopt as a result of Orphan Sunday coming to their nation.
Photo credit, Ronnie Mosley, 2015*



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Thank you for being part of the great story that is Orphan & Stand Sunday. The impact of this idea comes not via a huge, well-funded machine, but by the countless hours offered over the last decade by faithful volunteers like you.

You are an indispensable part of this vision and its impact. We hope this toolkit is just one part of a great ministry in your home, church or region embracing God's deep love for the fatherless, and for each of us as well.

It is a joy for CAFO to shepherd these efforts across the U.S. and our world. And it's a story that carries consequences for all eternity.

For the Fatherless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jedd Medefind".

Christian Alliance for Orphans President

JEDD MEDEFIND

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GET IN TOUCH

*For more information, or to get connected to an Orphan +
Stand Sunday Coordinator in your area:*

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Have a specific question?

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CAFO unites 200+ respected organizations and over 750 church members. We labor together in shared initiatives that inspire and equip Christians for effective orphan care, family preservation, adoption and foster care. We work to see the local church in every nation known as the primary answer for the needs of vulnerable children in their midst.

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