

Arms of Compassion

Homes for Children Ministry Outline

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the orphan and widow in their time of affliction..._____James 1:27

The ACM Homes for Children Ministry has a three-fold purpose:

- **Extending** compassion to orphaned and abused children at home and around the world.
- **Equipping** the local church to minister to orphaned and abused children in their local community as well as around the world.
- **Exalting** the Gospel and Kingdom of Christ in all that we do.

How do we do it? We:

- **Recruit** and support foster and adoptive families in the U.S.
- **Help organize** and support *Homes for Children* ministries in the local church that reach out to the children in their own community as well around world.
- **Support and participate** in other ministries that care for orphaned and hurting children in the U.S as well as oppressed areas outside the U.S.
- **Provide Journey Packs and Care Kits** for orphaned and homeless children in the U.S and around the world.

Suggestions on organizing a local ministry:

- Organize leadership team consisting of 3-4 interested individuals and assign leadership positions, such as coordinator, liaison (communicates with foster and adoptive parents as well as local DHS), recruiter, and secretary.
- Initiate communication with Arms of Compassion and a representative from the local DHS and/or Foster Parent Association.
- Determine a purpose statement and develop a plan for organization and promotion of the ministry.
- Formulate the specific functions of your ministry.

Possible functions of the ministry might include:

- Assemble Care kits for ACM.
- Distribute ACM Journey Packs, Care Kits, and/or Bibles to Foster and Adoptive children in your community.
- Host Gift Showers for newly adopted and foster children in your community.
- Sponsor birthday and/or holiday parties for local foster children.
- Offer Babysitting Services for the foster and adoptive families in your community.
- Encourage church families to attend PRIDE (Foster Care and Adoption Training) and offer respite to local foster families.
- Recruit and support regular foster and adoptive families in your church.
- Hold appreciation banquets or parties for local DHS personnel.
- Embrace the biological families of foster children in your community. Host a reunion party when children return home.

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