



project **OPEN ARMS**

Orphan Care Church Partnership Agreement

As a church partner with Bethany Christian Services' Project Open Arms,

church name agrees to partner in the following ways:

- Assign a liaison or a core group within the church congregation the responsibility of working with the Orphan Care Advocate.
- Allow the Orphan Care Advocate to have a visible presence at church name by a quarterly invitation to set up a booth and provide church members with information about adoption.
- Send the Orphan Care Advocate a church bulletin or schedule of upcoming events at church name.
- Feature or promote a waiting child by inviting the Orphan Care Advocate to present a waiting child at church events.
- Preach about Orphan Care on one Sunday in the month of May (National Foster Care Month). On that Sunday, allow the Orphan Care Advocate an opportunity to speak to the congregation.
- Preach about adoption on one Sunday in the month of November (National Adoption Month). On that Sunday, allow the Orphan Care Advocate an opportunity to speak to the congregation.
- Allow use of the church facilities for foster care/adoption training events or informational sessions.
- Work with the Orphan Care Advocate and core group to begin a foster care/adoption support group at church name.
- Provide space for resources/display about Orphan Care Opportunities.



*Religion that God our Father
accepts as pure and faultless is this:
to look after orphans and widows
in their distress and to keep oneself
from being polluted by the world.*

James 1:27 NIV

Many people have a heart to adopt, but few take the first step. Raising awareness about these children directly through you, our partners, will significantly help increase the number of forever homes for these waiting children.

Thank you for your support!