

# Moses' Basket

## **Ministry to Orphans and Waiting Children** Drawing Children out of Sorrow

John 14:18

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

### **Vision**

To draw children at risk out of sorrow and into adoption

Psalm 30:11,12

"You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever."

### **Mission Statement**

As part of POPC's ministry to Christ, through God's heart for the 'least of these,' we seek to provide care for the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of children at risk who are suffering locally and throughout the world, by encouraging, educating, equipping and supporting our church body towards adoption, orphan care and foster care so that in this we may live to demonstrate to the world the magnificent beauty of Jesus Christ and the power of His life transforming presence.

James 1:27

"Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world."

## **Goals and Objectives**

### **Goal #1**

*To care for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of orphans and waiting children*

#### **Objectives:**

To support and interact with local or international children's homes/orphanages such as Palmer Home, Ukrainian orphanages and a Peru orphanage (missions trips, VBS, supplies)

To educate and raise awareness of the needs of orphans locally and globally through a Sunday Night presentation of the ministry and to hold seminars/workshops with Family Life: Hope For Orphans (Dennis Rainey) and local agencies/organizations for our congregation and other churches in the area

### **Goal #2**

*To encourage, educate and support families in our congregation towards preparing for and participating in international or domestic adoption*

#### **Objectives:**

To build relationship with adoption agencies

To increase awareness and prayer for waiting children and to hold training weekends or a four week series of the "You are Mine" DVD series from Family Life: Hope For Orphans ministry (Dennis Rainey)

To support and encourage adoptive families through practical care and providing support groups

### **Goal #3**

*To encourage, educate and support families in our congregation towards preparing for and participating in foster care and foster child adoptions and to establish a healthy connection with our state foster care system and workers and other local foster care organizations*

#### **Objectives:**

To establish a relationship with local foster care offices

To support and encourage foster care families through practical care and providing support groups

To increase awareness and prayer for waiting children

### **Prayer Requests:**

That the Lord's desires will be accomplished and His will done

That God would open the doors and clearly direct our way to serve the orphans and waiting children of our world

That God would give His heart for orphans and waiting children to our POPC family and that He would bring the families forward who He would have to be involved in this ministry, and in adoption and foster care

That we would have wisdom, humility and strength to do what God is stirring in our hearts

That we as a church body would be transformed as we seek to serve the children and families on God's heart

### **Ministry Team**

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## Moses' Basket

A wicker basket carried the slave child condemned to death into the arms of Pharaoh's daughter. She named him Moses, meaning "to draw out". Moses was drawn out of Egypt, but the Father would ask him to draw out his brethren. Out of Egypt, God called his sons, and drew them to their promised home. The Son that the Father drew out of Egypt draws us out of sorrow, and into adoption.

So it was that a basket drew a slave who would draw out a Son who would draw out a people to the Father who loves us.

And so we pray that our "Moses' Basket" would carry many orphans to adoption, and that adoption on earth would speak of adoption in heaven.

Exodus 2:10: "And she named him Moses, and said, "Because I drew him out of the water."

Exodus 3:10: "Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt."

Exodus 4:22,23: "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, "Thus says the Lord, 'Israel is My son, My first-born'. So I said to you, 'Let My son go, that he may serve Me.'""

Exodus 6: 8: "And I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I will give it to you for a possession; I am the Lord."

Hosea 11:1: "When Israel was a youth I loved him, And out of Egypt I called my son."

Matt. 2:14,15: "And he arose and took the Child and His mother by night, and departed for Egypt; and was there until the death of Herod, that which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, 'Out of Egypt did I call my Son.' "

Romans 8:15: "For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, 'Abba! Father!' The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God."