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Thank you for your interest in bringing the Give 1 Help One Campaign to your church. The Give 1 Help One Campaign is an easy way to get your church involved in spreading the gospel, and serving God's children both here in the U.S, and throughout the world.

**The Give 1 Help One Campaign allows your church to have an impact in many areas. Through your support, the campaign helps orphans get adopted, which allows them to receive:**

- The **LOVE** of a family that they have been missing.
- The **MEDICAL CARE** they wouldn't receive in an orphanage.
- The **PROPER NUTRITION** they have been lacking.
- The **EDUCATION** they have never had the opportunity to receive.
- The **SAFETY AND SECURITY** that a family provides.
- The **OPPORTUNITY** to hear the gospel and know the love of their Savior.

**The Give 1 Help One Campaign can be shared with your church in 5 minutes or less, or it can be incorporated into a full sermon.**

**When to Share:** The Give 1 Help One Campaign can be shared with your church anytime throughout the year. However, there are several events and sermons that the campaign incorporates easily into. Give 1 Help One works great for the following events: National Adoption Month (November), Orphan Sunday (Second Sunday in November), Mother's Day, or with any sermons or events that feature missions or spreading the gospel.

We look forward to partnering with your church to bring healing, hope and love to children around the world.

Blessings,  
Connected Hearts Ministry

# NOT EVERY CHRISTIAN IS CALLED TO ADOPT AN ORPHAN, BUT EVERY CHRISTIAN IS CALLED TO HELP AN ORPHAN.

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

THE **GIVE 1 HELP ONE** CAMPAIGN IS SIMPLE AND ALLOWS EVERYONE TO HELP:



THERE ARE MILLIONS OF ORPHANS AROUND THE WORLD WHO NEED AND WANT A FAMILY.

THERE ARE ALSO MANY LOVING FAMILIES WHO WANT TO ADOPT, BUT CANNOT AFFORD IT.



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YOU CAN HELP BRIDGE THIS GAP BY JOINING THE **GIVE 1 HELP ONE** CAMPAIGN.

- For at least **\$1 a week**, you can provide funds to help a family adopt and give a child a loving home.

THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT YOU WILL TURN MORE ORPHANS INTO TREASURED AND LOVED SONS AND DAUGHTER



Donate, Start a Fundraiser or Get Your Church Involved Today by Visiting:  
[give.connectedheartsmistry.org/give1helpone](http://give.connectedheartsmistry.org/give1helpone)

# HOW TO SHARE THE **GIVE 1 HELP ONE** CAMPAIGN

sign up

## 1.) Sign up and print off church bulletins.

First, visit [connectedheartsministry.org/give1helpone](http://connectedheartsministry.org/give1helpone) to sign up and let us know you are sharing the campaign.

Next, print off Give 1 Help One church bulletins from our website. Bulletins include a short description of the program and a donation form at the bottom of the bulletin. Include these with you regular church bulletin the day you will be presenting the Give 1 Help One campaign.



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## 2.) Share the Give 1 Help One Campaign with your congregation.

**A. Present Orphan Care information:** After the video, the presenter can share a personal story of adoption, scripture references on orphan care (see page 7-8), or how Connected Hearts Ministry helps orphans around the world (see page 10). (If you would like to share impact stories of lives that have been changed through Connected Hearts please see page 9)

**B. Share the video:** We have a short video that shares how a donation to the campaign makes a difference in the life of an orphan.

([connectedheartsministry.org/give1helpone](http://connectedheartsministry.org/give1helpone))

**C. Share how a small donation makes a big difference:** Let the congregation know that for at least one dollar a week (\$4 a month) they can help unite orphans to forever families. This is less than a cup of coffee at Starbucks.

**D. Free Reusable Travel Coffee Mugs:** Each member of your church who signs up for at least \$4 a month will receive a free reusable Connected Hearts Ministry travel coffee mug. Challenge your congregation to skip going out for coffee one day a month, and instead drink coffee from home in their travel mug. Remind them that the money saved for just one cup of coffee helps give an orphan a family. **Mugs will be mailed to the church within 2 to 3 business days once we have received the donation forms.**



## 3.) Collect donation forms.

(Reminder: You can print out church bulletins that include a donation form for the congregation to fill out at: [connectedheartsministry.org/give1helpone](http://connectedheartsministry.org/give1helpone))

Once they are filled out, collect the forms. We recommend placing all forms in a large manila envelope to mail back together.





#### 4.) Mail the Donation Forms to Connected Hearts Ministry

Once you have collected all of the donation forms, please mail them back to Connected Hearts Ministry at:

Connected Hearts Ministry  
35 Summit Commons Court  
North Augusta, SC 29841

Please also send us an e-mail letting us know that you have mailed the donation forms to us so we can make sure we receive them.

E-mail: [info@connectedheartsmintistry.org](mailto:info@connectedheartsmintistry.org)

The last step is to

**CELEBRATE**

the difference you have made in the lives of orphans!

Through your support you are helping orphans turn into treasured and loved sons and daughters!



You are helping children just like Lillie Pearl (pictured above) receive the love and care of a family!



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Connecting Hearts and Changing Lives

# SCRIPTURES PERTAINING TO ORPHAN CARE

## God's Heart for the Orphan:

Just in the the Old Testament alone, "orphans" and "the fatherless" are mentioned forty one times.

"Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.  
God settles the solitary in a home." (Psalm 68:5-6)

"He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing." (Deuteronomy 10:18)

"The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin." (Psalms 146:9)

Additional scriptures: Deuteronomy 14:28-29, Deuteronomy 27:19, Exodus 22:21-22, Zechariah 7:10,  
Psalms 10:14, Psalm 10:14, Psalm 10:16-18

## God commands us as His followers to share His concern for the orphan:

As Christians we are to be imitators of God. (Ephesians 5:1) God has a deep concern for the fatherless and as his followers we should too.

"Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause." (Isaiah 1:17)

"Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the rights of the afflicted and the destitute.  
Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."(Psalms 82:3-4)

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." (James 1 :27)

Additional scripture to read Deuteronomy 24:17-22

## We are adopted by God.

The essence of the gospel is the good news that you are adopted.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will..." (Ephesians 1: 3-5)

"For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 8:15)

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God." (Galatians 4:4-7)

We love and care for orphans because God has loved and cared for us.

## ORPHAN CARE STATISTICS

### The Crisis

There are more than 140 million orphans worldwide that meet the definition of an orphan. (At least one parent dead.)

**There are 15 million double orphans worldwide.** (Lost both parents) That is enough orphans to fill over 150 Super Bowl Stadiums.

95% of orphans are over the age of 5.

In the United States there are roughly 400,000 children in the foster care system. Approximately 100,000 of these children are available for adoption.

### Orphans are the most vulnerable people on our planet.

"This vulnerability touches every aspect of an orphan's life. Both single and double orphans are much more likely than other children to be malnourished and stunted in growth. Even when living with a surviving parent or relative, orphans are less likely to attend school and more likely to fall behind and drop out. Orphans often lack funds for basic medical treatment, food, and school supplies."

*Jedd Medefind-Becoming Home*

"Research about orphans shows that "more often than not, the neediest children are sick, disabled, traumatized, or older than five." These children are susceptible to poverty, HIV/AIDS, human trafficking, being stuck in an orphanage for their entire childhood, and many other issues..."

*Johnny Carr- Orphan Justice*

# IMPACT STORIES

Here are three stories that can quickly be shared to show the impact that anyone can make in the life of an orphan. Downloadable pictures and full stories can be found on our website at [connectedheartsmintistry.org/give1helpone](http://connectedheartsmintistry.org/give1helpone).

## Austin Mulvany:



95% of orphans worldwide are over the age of 5. Many of these children will never have a forever family simply because of their age. Austin could have been one of these children. Austin was found abandoned just three days before Christmas. Instead of celebrating Christmas with his family, Austin spent that Christmas, and the next three years in an orphanage. Once the Mulvanys found out about Austin, they applied for funding through Connected Hearts. Connected Hearts was able to give the Mulvanys the funds they needed to complete their adoption. Today Austin is thriving with his family, and will never spend another Christmas without a family.

## Lybbi Cotter



There is often a 1-5 year wait for a family to adopt a healthy infant. However, most children with special needs never find their forever family. We believe that every child deserves the love of a family. Lybbi is one of these children. Lybbi was born with a severe heart defect. Connected Hearts helped the Cotters raise funds to complete Lybbi's adoption. Once home, Lybbi needed several surgeries to save her life. The Cotters applied for funding through Connected Hearts' Medical Sponsorship program. Through this program, Connected Hearts was able to help pay for several of Lybbi's surgeries. Today, Lybbi is an active kindergartner, and is thriving with her forever family. She attends school, loves playing with her brothers and sister, and has even been featured online in People Magazine! Lybbi's life is a great example of how adoption can give children the opportunity to not only survive, but to also be all that God created them to be.

# CONNECTED HEARTS MINISTRY INFORMATION

*"Through Connected Hearts Ministry, God provided exactly what was needed to close our remaining funding gap before travel. Eden & Lydia have been home for two years, and we cannot imagine life without them!"*

*Kalbalcher Family*



Over the last 12 years Connected Hearts Ministry has given away **over 2 million dollars** to help over 900 Children from over 30 different countries be united with a forever family, and receive the love and care they deserve.

**Our mission** is to advocate, raise funds and care for orphans who are most often overlooked for adoption. This includes orphans with special needs, older children and sibling groups.

**We have four main programs that help us accomplish this mission:**



**Advocacy:** We advocate for children who are available for adoption both locally and globally to help them find a forever family they can call their own.

**Adoption Funding:** We help families who are adopting children with special needs, older children, and children in sibling groups. We help families complete their adoption by providing matching grants, and helping them fundraise.



**Medical Funding:** We provide medical funding to families who have adopted medically fragile children to help them care for their child. Through this program we have helped pay for life saving procedures such as heart and brain surgeries, cancer treatment, and many other medical procedures that children have needed once they are brought home.

**Foster Care Programs:** Many children who enter foster care are forced to leave their home abruptly. They typically do not get to take any of their belongings with them. We provide duffle bags filled with essential and comfort items (hygiene products, blanket, pillows, stuffed animal, ect.) to help children as they transition into foster care.

