

# Being a Church Partner - Q&A

## **Q: What does it mean to be a church partner?**

**A:** Being a church partner on paper means more than financially supporting a children's home abroad. You are beginning an Orphan Care Ministry within your church. We prefer for you to think of it as adopting a children's home.

## **Q: How do we become a church partner?**

**A:** Once a Child Help International home becomes an official project, a church can adopt that home. In other words, once CHI knows that a new children's home will become a reality, we will put the word out that the home needs a partner. That home remains available until a church partner adopts it. So, homes may be already established and running or they may be in the planning or construction stages. Once a church decides to become the official partner of a home, they notify CHI of their intention and they will then receive a packet of photos of the home and children, along with any other information the church might request. Once the church confirms it's intention to be the official partner of a children's home, CHI will remove that home from the waiting list.

## **Q: What is expected of a church partner?**

**A:** The purpose of this partnership between your church and the children's home is to provide the Orphan Care Ministry with the support in needs in order to succeed in producing Rock-Solid kids in faith.

### **Moral Support**

Encourage the children, the widows, and the workers at your children's home. Sunday School classes, small groups, or individual members can be tasked with writing encouragement letters to the children and workers from time to time.

### **Ministry Support**

Your Church can provide, if possible, teaching materials, teaching aides, and pamphlets that you feel will bless your children's home and help the workers be better equipped to minister to the children.

### **Logistical support**

Your church can support your children's homes efforts and goals by, when possible, providing resources the Orphan Care Ministry might need such as Bibles, books, extra clothes, hygiene materials, etc. These are usually collected and taken to the children's home just before a CHI representative or a group from your church visits your children's home.

### **Prayer support**

Your church has dedicated itself to pray specifically for your Orphan Care Ministry - not only for ministry as a whole, but also for every individual child and staff member.

To assist you in prayer support, CHI will provide prayer requests sent to us from your children's home. We can also provide pictures of the children that you can distribute to help church members or groups pray for specific children.

### **Financial Support**

You have made a specific financial commitment to assist in funding the daily operations of your Children's Home. These funds are sent through Child Help International and are included in your children's home's Monthly Allowance. No part of the financial support is withheld by Child Help International to cover any expenses or fees. From time to time, you may be asked to consider a special financial gift to help the children's home through an emergency situation (i.e. unforeseen tragedy or major medical emergency). Also, we ask the church partner to come up with a way to help the children's home celebrate Christmas through raising approximately \$10 per child for the children's homes celebration.

### **Q: How do we communicate with our Children's Home?**

**A:** Communication goes through Child Help International- [info@childhelpinternational.com](mailto:info@childhelpinternational.com) or post mail:  
Your Children's Home  
% Child Help International  
1803 S 10th Ave  
Caldwell, ID 83605

You will also receive regular communication from CHI about your children's home, including your homes monthly financial report, praises, prayer requests, and any news from the home.

### **Q: How do we get supplies to our Children's Home?**

**A:** Occasionally, we might encourage shipping the supplies to the children's home. However, we suggest that any supplies collected be sent with someone who will be visiting the project. You will always be notified when someone is planning to visit your children's home so that you can have an opportunity to send anything you would like along with that person.