

Tips for a Successful Orphan Ministry Launch Sunday

1. Plan a date that will allow for the most impact on and participation from your church membership.
2. Promote and advertise Launch Sunday several days prior to event.
3. Invite a guest speaker from Florida Baptist Children's Homes to speak at your church. http://www.fbchomes.org/1/invite_a_speaker.html
4. Have special emphasis lessons in Sunday school classes and small groups.
5. Have testimonies from people who have experience in some type of related orphan ministry (i.e., adoption, foster care, Safe Families, etc.).
6. Have special emphasis sermon and/or sermon series by lead pastor.
7. Have multi-media emphasis incorporated into the service and throughout physical locations of the church.
8. Host a luncheon following the service on Launch Sunday, during which church members can hear more personal testimonies and receive information on how they may become personally involved. Invite area child care agencies, including Florida Baptist Children's Homes, to attend the event and to bring information materials/booths with them.
9. Be sure to glean contact information from as many attendees as possible. Send thank you letters to all contacts, providing orphan care resource information. Be certain that personal contact is made and maintained with those who indicate a specific interest in orphan care ministry.
10. Cover each step of the process in prayer, asking the Lord to guide and open hearts and minds to orphan care ministry.