

Missions Update

From bulletin: November 7, 2021

MISSIONS FOCUS: Stand Sunday for Orphans and Foster Children (Foster the City)

Our Missionaries, their health and ministries affected by Covid-19

From today's bulletin (and bi-monthly newsletter):

Stand Sunday / Orphan Sunday is celebrating its 20th year! Link to Video about Orphan Sunday: <https://vimeo.com/545319894>. This is a unique opportunity to pledge our commitment to stand in the gap for vulnerable children and their families in our cities. If you want to know more about standing with kids in need in your area? There is an interest meeting this Saturday in the MPR at 9 AM. Please RSVP at: <https://fosterthecity.org/rsvp/> In case you missed it,

Foster the City expanded outside of California earlier this month and is now partnering with churches and families in Northern Nevada. Today in the greater Reno area, dozens of children enter foster care every month and the heartbreaking reality is that there are currently no open homes ready to receive these kids. Recently, nearly 60 people gathered at our first Interest Meeting in Northern Nevada to learn how they can make a difference for vulnerable kids and families in this city.

FTC is raising funds through two Spartan-style Races: 12/4 (San Francisco) and 12/11 (Los Angeles) Run, Climb, Jump through obstacles on behalf of vulnerable children. fosterthecity.org/race Their goal is \$100,000. Our generosity today will help more children in foster care experience love and stability in our cities.

This year, our church is launching an ongoing **Foster Care Ministry Fund** to support preschool tuition costs for potential foster child(ren) to attend Tiny Treasures Preschool and the FTC/BACBC Ministry. The 2021 Thanksgiving Offering will kick start this fund. You can use PushPay, EFT, use a Thanksgiving offering envelope or write on your check "Thanksgiving 2021."

Thank you for reading about and praying for our missionaries, countries and people locally and globally!

From bi-monthly newsletters - September 1, 2021

Thank you for helping us celebrate the launch of Foster the City (from Foster the Bay)!

Six weeks into this new chapter, we are incredibly grateful for the momentum – In the last six weeks:

- Seven new churches have joined the FTC coalition
- Programs were launched in SoCal to begin raising up Foster Families and Support Friends
- Five passionate leaders joined the FTC leadership team
- The training process for the FTC Community has been strengthened
- Development of the 2022 Church Resource Kit has begun! These resources (sermons, videos, graphics, prayer guide, small group tools, and much more) will equip our partner churches with everything they need to cast vision for vulnerable children throughout 2022.

Thank you for praying, serving, giving and leading so that more vulnerable children in more places can experience the love and care that they need.

Church partnership highlight: New Hope Community Church, Aptos, CA

On a Sunday afternoon, an active Foster family at New Hope hosted a gathering to dedicate and bless the precious child they had been caring for, as this child was being reunified with her family that week. The church came around this foster family to bless this child with love and prayer, to give the congregation a chance to say goodbye as she prepared to return home. What a beautiful picture of “A Church for Every Child!”

Link to Video about Orphan Sunday: <https://vimeo.com/545319894>

Resources for Orphan Sunday:

<https://cafo.org/orphansunday/> (Christian Alliance for Orphans)

Link to latest Foster the City video (Christina’s story):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UKr-oPmwGjw>

A PDF of their latest (October 29, 2021) newsletter is attached.

Take a moment to celebrate with us! 🎉

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"Instead of growing another baby in my womb, He began growing a love for the vulnerable children in our community."

Ready to be inspired? Take a few minutes to listen to Christina's powerful story of following God into the unknown.

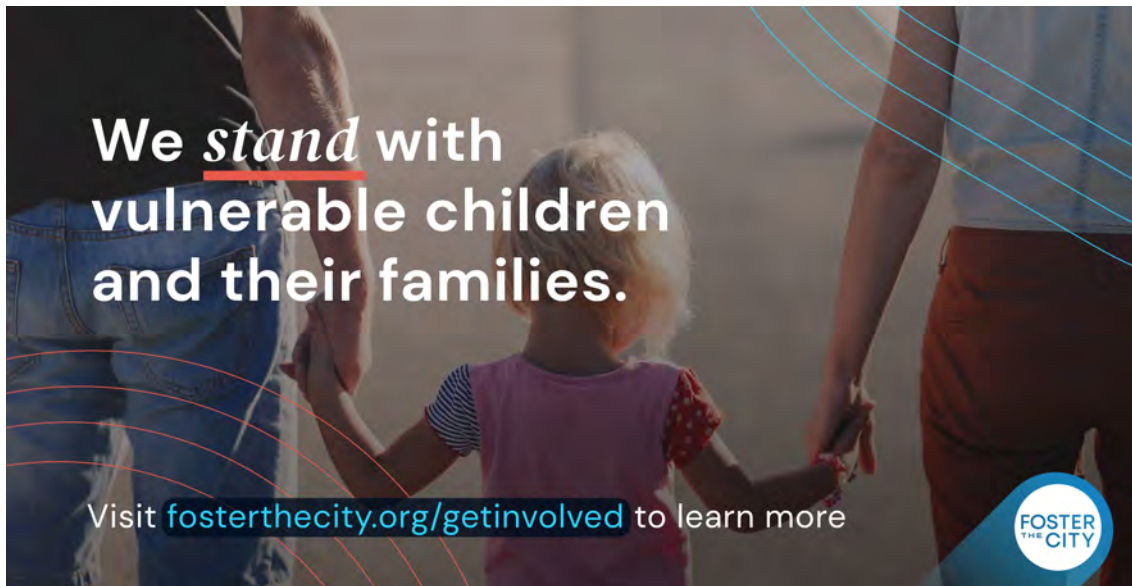




We're almost set to Run, Climb, and Jump our way through obstacles on behalf of vulnerable children. It's not too late for you to join the Spartan Fun - **12/4 in San Francisco** and **12/11 in Los Angeles**. Sign up to be a racer at www.fosterthecity.org/race.

Team Foster the City has set a goal to raise \$100,000 through this year's Spartan Race. **Please consider sponsoring the team and help us cross the finish line...we can't do this without you!** *Your generosity will help more children in foster care experience love and stability in your city.*

Give Today



Stand with us on Sunday, November 7th

Join with thousands across the country for the 20th observance of Stand Sunday.

This is a unique opportunity to pledge our commitment to stand in the gap for vulnerable children and their families in our cities. Learn more about Stand Sunday by watching this video...



**Are you ready to learn more about standing with kids in need in your city?
Join us at one of our upcoming virtual or in-person Interest Meetings:**

11/6 - New North Church in San Bruno, CA

11/7 - Twin Lakes Church in Santa Cruz, CA

11/11 - Southlands Church in Brea, CA

11/13 - Bay Area Chinese Bible Church in Alameda, CA

11/13 - Grace Church in San Jose, CA
11/14 - Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, CA
11/16 - Virtual
12/2 - Virtual
12/5 - Convo Church in Reno, NV

RSVP for an Interest Meeting



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TIMELINE OF ORPHAN SUNDAY

