



DEFEND THE ORPHAN MONTH 2023

Church Talking Points

THE CRISIS

Did you know there are more than **150 million** orphans in the world today? Only around **250,000** will be adopted each year. That leaves **99%** that will likely never be adopted.

WE WILL NOT BE SILENT

The orphan crisis is not somebody else's problem. We are all called to Defend the Orphan. James 1:27 says, "Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you."

Like Esther in the Bible, will you resolve to not remain silent? Be a voice for the voiceless and speak up and do something about the orphan crisis.

Our church and many other churches are partnering with Coreluv this November during Defend the Orphan Month to raise awareness about the global orphan crisis and choose to do something about it.

CORELUV'S VISION

Coreluv exists to bring the LUV of Jesus to orphans around the world by providing their six basic needs: clean water, proper food, healthcare, education, job skills, and a Christ-centered loving home.

Providing the six basic needs lays a foundation for Coreluv to introduce each child to their Heavenly Father. They equip, support, train, and empower the children in their care to be all that God created them to be.

CORELUV'S IMPACT

Haiti — Since 2011, Coreluv has built two children's villages, a school, and a medical facility. They currently have over **100** children in full-time care, over **150** staff, and over **300** children receiving a free education.



South Asia — Since 2016, Coreluv has provided nutritional meals, hygiene kits, and Bible classes. They currently have **4** feeding centers feeding over **400** children daily, with nearly **150,000** meals provided each year.

Honduras — In 2023, Coreluv began partnering with feeding centers to provide meals to children in need. They also acquired land and are laying the groundwork to open a children's village.

Houston — Coreluv is taking the first steps to help meet practical and spiritual needs of children in need right here in the U.S.

Statistics and numbers are overwhelming until you know the name of one of these orphans.



MEET WILSON

In April 2015, our Myan Children's Village director learned of an infant named Wilson, discovered near a drainage ditch. Later, we learned that his mother had desperately attempted to end his life by forcing him to ingest Clorox bleach. But this was not God's plan for Wilson's life. Thank God that somebody saw him and turned aside to help this baby! His rescuer could not give him the necessary care and protection he desperately needed, so they brought Wilson to the authorities. They, in turn, brought him to our Myan Children's Village, where this precious baby boy would receive proper care.

There was no question that Wilson needed to join the Coreluv family in Myan, Haiti, where he would be loved and cared for as every child should be. When he first arrived, he was malnourished and slept a lot during the recovery phase. But Wilson now had a loving family to care for and show him the LUV of Jesus. Slowly, over time, his body began to recover from the trauma and shock it had endured, and he began to heal and grow.

It's been nothing short of a miracle to see Wilson grow up! From taking his first steps in 2016 to hearing him scream, "Ale! Ale! Ale!" (Go! Go! Go!) on the playground, to his first day of school in 2017. Today, if you visit Myan, you'll see Wilson, who has grown into an incredible young boy,



playing with his brothers and sisters. He has an adventurous spirit and loves to run. You will often find him chasing other kids around the children's village, playing and exploring just like all boys should.

Please pray for him that God will continue to bring healing and restoration to Wilson and give him dreams about his God-ordained future! One day, he will be a Christian leader in Haiti, bringing the LUV of Jesus to transform his community and country.

BECOME A DEFENDER

The greatest way to make an impact with Coreluv and help end the orphan crisis is to become a Defender, a sustaining monthly partner. **100%** of your monthly donation goes directly to providing the six basic needs. **As little as \$1 a day** makes a difference in the lives of orphans around the world. Use what is in your hand to Defend the Orphan. Everyone can do something to help end the orphan crisis, one child at a time. Become a Defender today at **coreluv.org/defender**.

We want to be a James 1:27 church that defends the orphan, and becoming Defenders is one of the greatest ways we can do that. I challenge you to pray about becoming a Defender. For some of you, \$1 a day won't change your life. But it will change the life of an orphan who you may never meet this side of eternity but who will be introduced to their Heavenly Father because of you.

LEARN MORE:

Learn about the orphan crisis, read stories of transformation, and join us in Defending the Orphan at **coreluv.org**.