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ONE DAY. ONE VOICE. ONE PURPOSE.

**ORPHAN SUNDAY
TOOLKIT**

CAFO
Christian Alliance for Orphans

**SUGGESTED GLOBAL DATE:
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018**





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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



There's little better than being part of a great story. And you most certainly are.

Orphan Sunday started in a small, hard-pressed church in Zambia. The church members had little. But the pastor believed that all Christians are called to express God's deep love for the fatherless in action. The church responded in astounding ways, some even removing their own shoes for orphans nearby.

Today, this simple, compelling vision echoes around the world. It came not via a huge, well-funded machine, but by faithful volunteers like you offering what you have...just like those Zambian believers on the first Orphan Sunday.

On Orphan Sunday, we celebrate foremost God's deep love for the fatherless...and for each of us as well. From that wellspring, each local activity seeks to inspire and equip for action—from adoption, foster care and mentoring to global orphan care.

Thank you for being an indispensable part of all this. We hope this Orphan Sunday Toolkit helps you fulfill your role with vigor and vision! It is a joy to get to labor alongside you in this, amidst a story that carries consequences for all eternity.

For the Fatherless,

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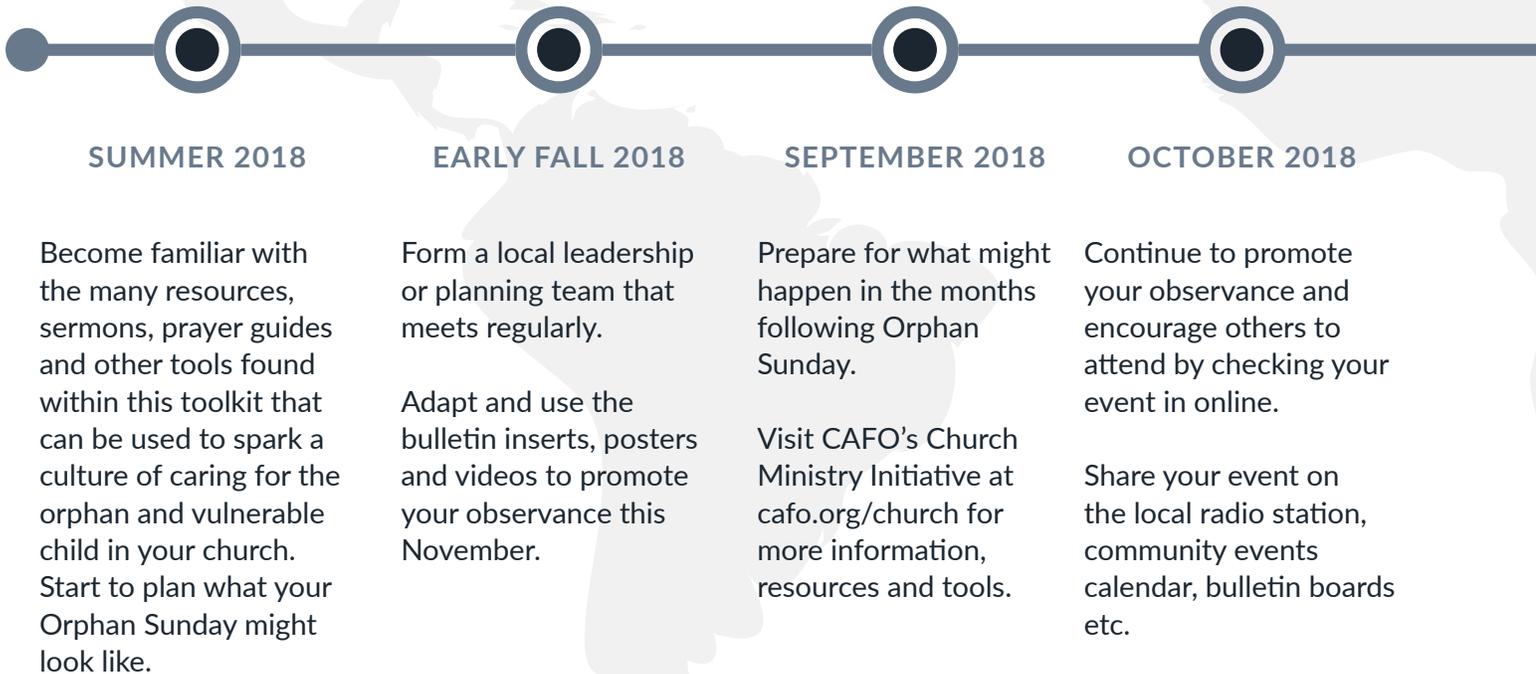
Christian Alliance for Orphans President

JEDD MEDEFIND

HOW TO USE THE TOOLKIT

A SAMPLE ROLLOUT PLAN

Mark these dates on your calendar and use our 4 easy steps outlined in the toolkit to plan your observance!



WE'VE MADE IT EASY!

Just follow these four steps!

- 1 GET INSPIRED
- 2 CREATE A PLAN
- 3 PROMOTE YOUR OBSERVANCE
- 4 INSPIRE OTHERS

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NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Today, churches around the world are gathering with shared vision, voice and purpose to stand for the orphan and vulnerable child. Whatever your event might look like, know that you are not alone and that you are one of many sharing God's heart for the vulnerable and marginalized.

LATE 2018

Help interested parties to get involved by hosting an informational meeting.



Use CAFO's new resource "[Everyone Can Do Something](#)" which details how to host this meeting.

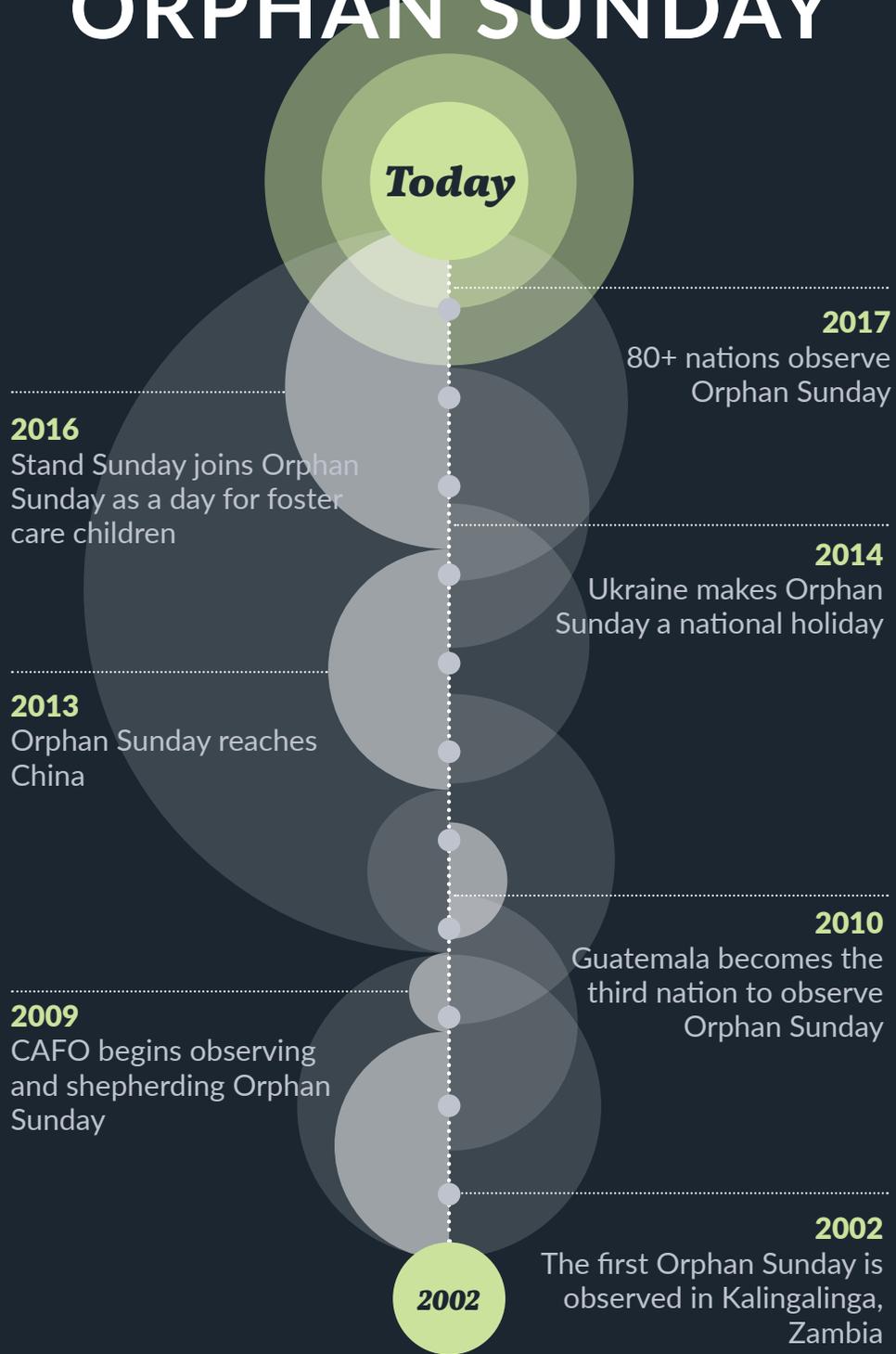
THROUGHOUT 2019

Kick off the new year with strategic follow up from the informational meeting, potentially launching a class/group for those considering fostering/adopting, a support group for those who already are, specific next steps for those interested in getting involved in other ways.

**SAVE THE DATE -
Orphan Sunday is on
November 10, 2019**



TIMELINE OF ORPHAN SUNDAY



A HISTORY OF ORPHAN SUNDAY



On Orphan Sunday, Christians stand for the orphan and vulnerable.

Orphan Sunday came as a gift from the Church in Africa. While attending a church service in Zambia, an American visitor witnessed the local pastor's passionate call to care for orphans, in a community that had been ravaged by AIDS and poverty. During that first ever "Orphan Sunday," as the service ended, one after another the people stepped forward giving out of their own need, offering their food, and some even taking off their own shoes and placing them in the offering basket for orphans.

"God sets the lonely in families."

Proverbs 68:6

That visitor, Gary Schneider, was so deeply impacted by what he had witnessed that he began to help Zambian leaders coordinate Orphan Sunday efforts across Zambia and also shared the vision in the U.S. as well.

In 2009, the Christian Alliance for Orphans began providing united leadership to make Orphan Sunday a catalyst for awareness and action across the U.S. and worldwide. Today, churches and organizations in more than 80 nations observe Orphan Sunday annually. Through Orphan Sunday, we join in the promise of "One Day, One Voice, One Purpose." We pray the church all over the world may be as faithful as our Zambian brothers and sisters to reflect God's heart for the orphan, both near and far.

#MYORPHANSUNDAY

Harold and Wendi Park were lead to adopt through Orphan Sunday. Then they started a conference in Canada called “Belong Summit”. Carlos attended this conference and the Lord moved to open his heart and home to adopt.

*Share your Orphan Sunday story
and tag it using the hashtag
#myorphansunday*

WATCH THE VIDEO ORPHAN SUNDAY 2018

Watch the 2018 Orphan Sunday video and see how Orphan Sunday touched the lives of two families.



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STEP
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“After years of witnessing the impact of Orphan Sunday, I pray that it will birth something in your church or community that makes caring for orphans ‘normal’ in your congregation.”

BILLIANCE CHONDWE
Orphan Sunday Founder

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Leaders around the world have embraced the idea of Orphan Sunday and used it's power to change lives.



FRANCIS CHAN ON ORPHAN SUNDAY

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DAVID PLATT ON ORPHAN SUNDAY

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GEORGE NDAWA ON ORPHAN SUNDAY

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MALEN PAPADOPOULOS ON ORPHAN SUNDAY

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Orphan Sunday is led by a team of volunteers who give their time to spreading this message of hope for orphans and vulnerable children to the local church.

WHEN IS ORPHAN SUNDAY?

Orphan Sunday is observed each year on the second Sunday in November. In 2018, Orphan Sunday will be on Sunday, November 11.

WHY ORPHAN SUNDAY?

God is vested, deeply and personally, in the plight of the orphan (i.e. Dt 10:18; Ps 68:5-6). He calls His people to share this passion and bring to each child the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed (Is 1:17; Jms 1:27; Mt. 25:40). On Orphan Sunday, the Church is reminded of this truth and invited to act upon it.

WHAT DOES AN ORPHAN SUNDAY EVENT OR ACTIVITY LOOK LIKE?

Each Orphan Sunday is created by believers in the local church; so its expression varies as much as the people and churches involved. Your church can participate through sermons and Sunday school classes on God's heart for the orphan, prayer gatherings, fasts and simple meals, student-led fundraisers, foster family recruiting and live concerts.

WHAT RESOURCES CAN WE DRAW FROM?

Visit orphansunday.ca offering free resources and ideas adapted for use in Canada, including posters and bulletin inserts to videos, study guides

and sermon notes. You can also stay connected by joining us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/OrphanSundayCanada/ or www.facebook.com/christianalliancefororphans/) and Twitter ([#orphansunday](https://twitter.com/orphansunday))

WHOM DOES ORPHAN SUNDAY IMPACT?

As Christians respond to God's call to care for orphans, lives are transformed. Certainly, orphans and foster youth are changed forever. But it doesn't stop there. Individual Christians are drawn beyond a self-focused religion to a vibrant, sacrificial discipleship. Churches grow too, as the community sees God's heart and mirrors it. And, a watching world is changed as it sees the Gospel made visible in Christian adoption, foster care and global orphan care.

WHO LEADS THE ORPHAN SUNDAY CAMPAIGN?

The Orphan Sunday campaign is led by the Christian Alliance for Orphans (CAFO). CAFO unites 190+ respected organizations and more than 700 church members who labor together in shared initiatives that inspire and equip Christians for effective orphan care, family preservation, adoption and foster care.

*Families like this one across Philippines have been moved to adopt as a result of Orphan Sunday coming to their nation.
Photo credit, Ronnie Mosley, 2015*



STEP
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WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN ORPHAN SUNDAY

An Orphan Sunday observance can take on many expressions. We've put a few ideas together for churches, businesses, ministries and communities of all sizes. And these are just the beginning!



Plan an orphan care related sermon



Prayer cards for children needing sponsorship/adoption



Set aside time of intercessory prayer for orphans.



Collect donations to help families & children

Getting Started

25 IDEAS FOR ORPHAN SUNDAY

1. Collection Drive for items needed for foster or adoptive families, local crisis pregnancy centers or overseas ministries.
2. Create and/or distribute prayer cards with prayer points: e.g. children awaiting adoptive families, needing sponsorships, awaiting adoptive families, social workers etc.
3. Set aside time of intercessory prayer for orphans.
4. Fast as an individual or a group.
5. Write letters or cards of encouragement to orphaned and vulnerable children.
6. Gather together a small group and read an orphan-care related book together and discuss.
7. Prepare/Present curriculum related to orphan care to a small group or class, geared to adults, youth or children.
8. Plan an orphan care related sermon on Orphan Sunday.
9. Plan a set of worship songs that reflect God's heart for the orphan, include the church youth or children's choir.
10. Commission the families in your church or workplace who have decided to step into orphan care in the next year.
11. Plan a baby or child dedication for the adoptive and foster children in your congregation.
12. Invite a former foster or orphaned youth to speak to your group.
13. Invite an adoptive, foster, or respite family to speak to your group.
14. Invite a nonprofit organization working with vulnerable children to speak to your group.
15. Plan a fundraiser or love offering to benefit orphans and vulnerable children.
16. Start an adoption fund at your church to support adopting families
17. Gather together a small group and watch an orphan care related movie together and discuss.
18. Plan a service project to benefit an adoptive or foster family, local children's home or crisis pregnancy center.
19. Host an appreciation event for local social workers or foster/adoptive/respite families.
20. Host a 'date night' for local adoptive, foster and host families.
21. Stage a visual representation of the 140 Million orphans worldwide, such as 140 pairs of shoes on the church stage.
22. Donate a portion of your business proceeds to raise awareness near the time of Orphan Sunday.
23. Donate to make it possible for foster youth to attend Christian summer camp.
24. Kickoff or relaunch an orphan care ministry in your church.
25. Start a college scholarship fund for aging out foster youth.

*Find many more ideas at
orphansunday.ca*



“I pray that every Gospel-transformed congregation will observe Orphan Sunday, calling all Christians to our mandate to image Christ by caring for his little brothers and sisters, the fatherless of the world.”

RUSSELL MOORE
President
Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission

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SHORT VIDEOS FOR SUNDAY SERVICE

Below is a collection of short videos that can be shown in the weeks leading up to Orphan Sunday, or as part of your Orphan Sunday observance.



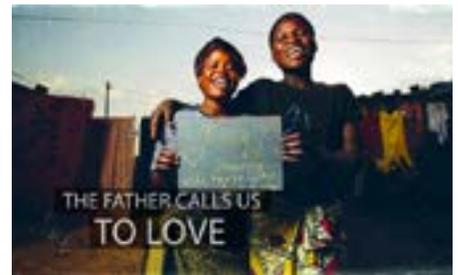
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DEFEND THE CAUSE OF THE FATHERLESS

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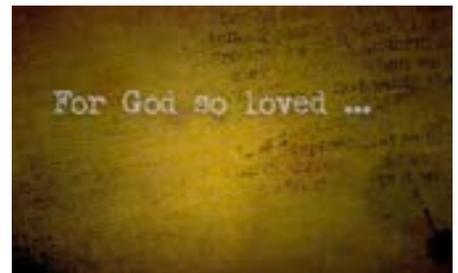
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CANADIAN ADOPTION AWARENESS

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FOR GOD SO LOVED

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DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE,
ERIC LUDY

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CREATING AN ADOPTION
CULTURE IN YOUR CHURCH

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VOICES

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INTERNATIONAL VIDEOS

Orphan Sunday Videos from Around the World



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ORPHAN SUNDAY GUATEMALA

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MOCHA CLUB

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STEP 3

SHARE YOUR OBSERVANCE OF ORPHAN SUNDAY

Use the following resources to raise awareness and let people know your church is observing Orphan Sunday.

PRINT RESOURCES



POST CARDS

Use this postcard to handout in your community.

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POSTERS WITH DATE

Use this poster to hang up around your church, office & community.

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CHURCH/PASTOR INVITATIONS

Use this postcard to invite your pastor, or pastors in your community.

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ORPHAN SUNDAY INSERTS

Use this to insert into your church bulletin.

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POSTER WITHOUT DATE

Use this file to order large format standing banners.

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MAGAZINE AD

Use this as an ad in a publication or a handout to your audiences.

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SHARE THE VISION OF ORPHAN SUNDAY

Use the following resources to raise awareness and let people know about Orphan Sunday.

DIGITAL RESOURCES



COVER PHOTOS WITH DATE

Use these cover photos to change your social media profile to share the vision of Orphan Sunday.

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PROFILE IMAGES

Change the profile image of your personal or organization's social profile.

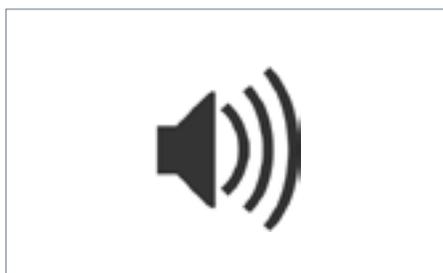
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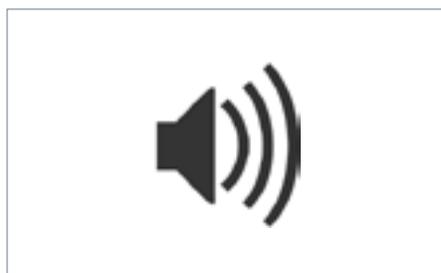
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30-SECOND RADIO PSA SPOT

Use this short radio spot to send to your local radio stations!

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60-SECOND RADIO PSA SPOT

Use this longer radio spot to send to your local radio stations!

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ORPHAN SUNDAY PRESS RELEASE

Download the Orphan Sunday Press release to share with your local news outlets.

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