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*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.
We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God... (2 Cor. 5:20)*

Someone once said, "Welfare is not a program of the Church. It is the Church." It is the application of the teachings and principles of the gospel. Our purpose here on the earth is to be reconciled back to the image of our Father. We are in a reconciliation cycle that will continue until we meet the Lord. Now, God has given to us the ministry (message) of reconciliation. We are to become ambassadors of reconciliation spirit, soul, and body.

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Being a Pastoral Ambassador means helping inspire others to have the same grace-laced love for the spiritual and physical orphaned as God has for us. A Pastoral Ambassador is a pastor who will lead and seed their ministry knowledge of orphan care to other pastors and churches in their community and around the world. There's no better person to represent the orphan than a pastor who has been bit by the orphan bug.

Pastoral Ambassador's Purpose Statement

The purpose of the ministry of a Pastoral Ambassador is to engage ministry leaders to equip the church by empowering people to end the orphan crisis.

1. By seeking to engage a loving, lasting, legal, lifelong family for every child,
2. By providing tools, and training to the local church to help family preservation, reunification, kinship care and adoption.
3. By creating practical ways to equip every believer with the knowledge and ability to make a difference for vulnerable children locally and globally.
4. By equipping the church with resources and tools for organizational and programmatic development.

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The Bible tells us that we are all called to care for the orphan. The church is the hub of every community and contains within its walls the ability to strengthen families and children.

Faith leaders carry significant influence in their communities. They are already Ambassadors according to scripture. By summoning their help, a culture shift of ownership to caring for the most vulnerable will take place. Establishing Pastoral Ambassadors in every community will increase the depth, width and height of holistic orphan care.

The Pastor Ambassador is a key figure in the sustainability and growth of church based child welfare. Some of the duties of an ambassador are:

1. Peer Influence - Lead the local church in caring for orphans then engage other faith leaders to seed it in their congregations.
2. Orphan Theology - Share the biblical messages and testimonies of faith based child welfare.
3. Community Engagement - Make presentations and distribute literature at community events and denominational or inner-faith gathering.
4. Develop Ambassadors - Meet monthly to implement strategies for church engagement, family support, care for hurting children and reuniting families.
5. Ensure Diversity - Engage pastors from culturally diversity communities (i.e. Hispanic, African American, Indian, etc.)
6. Social Economic Engagement - Develop engagement strategies for under resourced churches and communities.
7. Develop Ambassadors' Round Tables - Support and enhance the collaborative effectiveness of new, existing and external stakeholder.

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