

## Opportunities:

### Adoption

Hope For 100 will help prospective adoptive parents walk through various adoption issues including answering difficult questions, helping select an agency or attorney, and providing post-adoption ministry for the adoptive family.



### Foster Care

In the United States today, there are an estimated 500,000 children in foster care. Approximately 27% of these children are classified as available to be adopted. Children in foster care vary in age and are in the system for reasons such as abuse, neglect and abandonment. Many of them have suffered greatly and need someone to love and care for them.

### Orphan Care Ministry Opportunities

Ongoing ministry opportunities abound. You may take part in mission trips to visit orphanages and care for orphans. In addition, from time to time, Hope For 100 will promote trips bringing orphans to the USA. The orphans will stay in homes of prospective adoptive families with the hope many of the families will choose to permanently adopt the children they host.

In addition, GABC members actively participate in "Shoes for Orphan Souls," meeting the practical needs of children. To date, more than 1.5 million pairs of new shoes have been distributed to at-risk children in the USA and to orphans in 55 countries.



"In the very same passage of Scripture where Christians are instructed to be "doers" of the Word and not hearers only, James, the half-brother of Jesus, tells us that pure religion is to care for orphans and widows. I am thrilled with the launch of Hope For 100, a campaign to challenge Green Acres families to obey God's Word by providing, loving, Christian homes for children through adoption or foster care."

— **DR. DAVID DYKES**  
Pastor, Green Acres Baptist Church



"Today God is stirring the hearts of His people to take action on behalf of the orphan. I enthusiastically support Hope For 100 in their efforts on behalf of the fatherless and have no doubt they will experience the blessings and favor of God as they champion the needs of those who are so precious in His sight."

— **PAUL PENNINGTON**  
Executive Director, Family Life's Hope for Orphans



"One of the greatest joys in my life is sharing with others the value of adoption. There are few causes, if any, more worthy of our time and attention than providing a loving family to a fatherless child. I stood up and cheered when I heard the vision of Hope For 100. May their efforts be multiplied beyond their wildest dreams."

— **MICHAEL REAGAN**  
Radio Talk Show Host



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*Families for the Fatherless*

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## The Bible declares pure religion is to care for the fatherless.

As you learn about Hope for 100, we pray God will reveal to you His heart for the many children in the world without a home. You may be exactly what they're hoping for!

### VISION:

Hope For 100 exists to challenge and support Green Acres Baptist Church to obey God's Word by providing loving, Christian homes for one hundred children through adoption or foster care.

### GOALS:

- Raise awareness of the plight of the orphan.
- Issue a specific challenge to the Church to care for a targeted number of children.
- Match interested families with those who have already answered the call to be foster or adoptive families to provide guidance and encouragement.
- Promote opportunities to serve through an ongoing orphan care ministry.
- Help families discover options on how to successfully fund their adoption.



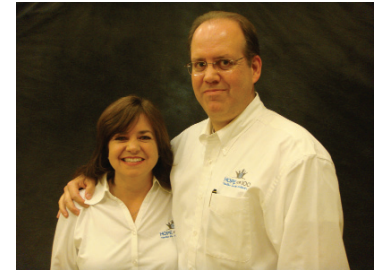
Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas launched the first Hope For 100 campaign in January 2009. It is the prayer of the Leadership Team for this campaign to multiply to churches throughout the nation and around the world.

# A staggering 143 million orphans in the world long for the love of a “forever family!”

## Meet the Hope For 100 Leadership Team

### Leaders – Rocky & Carrie Gill

Following their adoption of a young Chinese girl, the Gills have grown more sensitive to the need for the Church to care for the fatherless. A local business owner, Rocky combined his business skills and heart for the fatherless to found Hope For 100.



Carrie & Rocky Gill

### Pre-Adoption Support – Phil & Connie Wyszynski

This team is prepared to mentor and encourage you and your family through the maze of paperwork.

### Post-Adoption Support – Paul & Zelia McGaha

This team coordinates fellowship, support and encouragement for Forever Families: The After-Adoption Connection in an atmosphere of Christian love and understanding.

### Foster Care – Woody Edmiston

This team is intimately familiar with the foster care system and will help train families who desire to care for foster children and help them navigate through legal and practical issues surrounding foster care.

### Financial/Administrative Assistance – Rick Allen

This team provides guidance with the financial aspects of adoption.

### Ongoing Orphan Care Ministry – Todd & Debbie Martin

This team has an array of domestic and international ministry opportunities for you to demonstrate the love of Jesus to orphans and children in foster care.

### Prayer – Gail Thigpen

This team is responsible for rallying people to pray concerning all aspects of Hope For 100.

### Awareness – Gillian Sheridan & Glenn Price

This team keeps the biblical message of caring for orphans at the forefront and helps promote Hope For 100 by communicating the Church's mandate as clearly as possible.

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—James 1:27