



TRAFFICKLIGHT 2.0

CHURCH OF GOD MINISTRIES

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Simplest Approach – Short Video Clip & Announcement 3:00 - 5:00 minutes

1. Show the Video Clip of Dr. Paul Maxfield, Executive Director.
2. Read the following announcement or something you have written:

Sponsorship Announcement Script

Children of Promise is the Church of God child sponsorship ministry. Children of Promise provides nutrition, education, health care, and spiritual formation to 4,536 Church of God children in 29 countries around the world. Together, Church of God Ministries and Children of Promise is once again tackling the international scourge of human trafficking.

God's calling on Children of Promise is simple: the ministry sponsors children around the world who are caught in the snare of devastating poverty which makes them targets for trafficking.

Most Americans have never seen the life-threatening reality of extreme poverty beyond a commercial on the television screen. Children of Promise has seen the reality, and we know the names of the children who live in this desperation. That is why Children of Promise is so passionate about sponsoring children, children in the Church of God family.

This year Children of Promise has partnered with Church of God Ministries bring attention to and encourage individuals, families and church congregations to participate in Trafficking 2.0.

Children of Promise needs you to join the effort to rescue, restore and release children from poverty. Many of us cannot do much in world missions. We cannot just hop on an airplane to rescue children. Sponsoring a child is one tangible step most of us can take.

- With each child sponsored, a family has a chance to rise above poverty.
- With each child sponsored, a church has an opportunity for more of her people to be educated, both academically and spiritually.
- With each child sponsored, a community grows stronger because our program graduates invest themselves in their hometowns.

Today is Children of Promise Sunday. We have a table in the _____ (foyer, welcome center, narthex). Please stop by the table, look at the children who need a sponsor, and ask God if He would have you sponsor a child today.

3. Invite people to sponsor children following the service. Give the location.

Note: If your presentation is prior to the sermon, ask your pastor to remind people to stop by the sponsorship table after the service.

Important: Pastors and their staff work hard in building their worship services. If you are given a specific number of minutes, please make sure that your presentation does not exceed the total minutes you have been given. You will need to practice what you will be saying so that you do not run overtime. Be sure to count the length of the video in your presentation.



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Personal Approach – Experiencing the Sponsorship Journey with a Child Personal Testimony & Video Clip

6:00 – 9:00 minutes

- 1. Personal Testimony** - You will want to identify individuals in your church who sponsor children through **Children of Promise**. You could ask one of the individuals to present their testimony to the congregations. Anyone who has traveled and met their sponsored child would also be a good candidate. **(Script idea follows.)**

“Hi! My name is _____. Today in Church of God churches across the U.S. pastors and sponsors are telling their stories of sponsoring children. Sponsorship makes it possible for children to have better nutrition, go to school, see a doctor, and learn about Jesus in their churches. Children of Promise is changing the lives of children in 29 countries. I want to show a video that illustrates the difference sponsorship can make.”

- 2. Video Clip** - Show the video of Jewel Viray Leodones.

- 3. Share about what Child Sponsorship has meant to you.** (Example.)

“I know a little of what Jewel talked about in the video. Today I want to share my story with all of you. I was so excited to begin sponsoring _____(name of your child). All I knew about her (him) is that she lived with _____ and had ___ sisters/___ brothers. The description of her home made me sad, no running water, no toilet, no electricity, and no furniture. What surprised me, though, was that _____(child’s name) is a happy child. I got to know her by the letters she writes me. I especially like the photos of her that I receive each year. I can see how she is growing. I also learned that she prays for me, as I do for her.”

“Children of Promise bases their ministry on Jesus’ actions in Mark 10:16: ‘And He took the children in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.’ Children of Promise sponsors take their sponsored child into their arms, care for them through direct involvement in their lives, and bless their futures by preparing them physically, academically, and spiritually for what lies ahead. They are developing young men and women who will love the Lord and their families, and serve the Church and their communities.”

- 4. Invite everyone to sponsor a child today.**

“If God is calling you to sponsor a child, I urge you to visit the sponsorship table _____ (specific location) and find your child. There is a child there especially for you; just ask God to show you the one. Your sponsorship experience can begin immediately. Bless a child today. Your sponsored child will have opportunities as never before and his or her life will be changed forever. Your life will be, too.”

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**Full Worship Service
Pastor or Guest Speaker
Preaches About Helping through the Church of God Child Sponsorship Ministry,
Children of Promise**

Music, Scripture & Message all Speak to Helping the Poor

We know that committing an entire service to one topic may be difficult for some churches as their preaching calendars are planned well in advance. We hope that devoting one Sunday to preaching about the poorest of the poor can fit into your preaching calendar sometime between February, February 7th and March 31, 2018. The children who are sponsored through Children of Promise really are the poorest of the poor. A second choice would be the traditional COP Sunday Promotion on Sunday, September 23, 2018

In most of the 29 countries where our ministry exists, there is no category of poor lower than that of our families. Children of Promise is a Church of God ministry that reaches the poor in 169 communities with more than 1,000 people volunteering their time and oversight of the ministry. By sponsoring children through Children of Promise, your church will make a direct impact on the local Church of God and her families.

Of all approaches to a sponsorship event, this one gains the most sponsors of children. Events in which the pastor participates by preaching about the poor, promoting child sponsorship, sponsoring a child him/herself, or giving his/her influence to the importance of helping children rise above poverty are the most effective.

We are happy to assist you with information you may need to prepare your sermon. We maintain a list of staff and representatives can come to your church to preach and share about Children of Promise.

Call our office at 765.648.2190 to discuss speakers.

Children of Promise Staff speakers include:

Dr. Paul Maxfield, Executive Director

Linda Mason, Assistant Director

Rev. Kirk Bookout, Development Director

Courtney Rice, Executive Assistant to Dr. Maxfield, 2nd year seminary student

We also have Board of Directors members, former missionaries, and close friends of Children of Promise who have represented us in a variety of capacities.

There would be some costs for having a speaker come to share with your congregation.

For special events and/or Sunday Morning Worship: Alanna Story

Alanna Story partners with **Children of Promise** to promote child sponsorships at their concerts. In 2016, they traveled to Ecuador with Dr. Paul Maxfield to interview the children and worship with them. They are passionate advocates for Children of Promise. **Alanna Story** travels throughout the U. S. sharing in churches, conferences, retreats, and special events.

The group consists of **Anna & Ben Hodge, Ally & Stephen West and Joel Burkhead**. Ally & Anna's spiritual roots are in the Church of God. **Alanna Story** leads worship at Madison Park Church of God in Anderson, Indiana in addition to touring.

To inquire about booking Alanna Story, go to the following link: <http://www.alannastory.com/contact/>

