

Session 2 Breakouts

Advanced Parenting Techniques

Adopting children from difficult places is a challenging but rewarding endeavor. In this seminar we'll discuss techniques to use when traditional parenting techniques fail to bring the attachment and healing that is required. We'll take a look at some of the most recent discoveries in neurobiology, analyzing why our children get stuck and apply principles from some of the greatest thinkers in the realm of helping traumatized children.



Breakout Leaders: Lynn & Jennie Owens

Lifeline Children's Services Agency

Lifeline Children's Services is a well-respected Christian agency with a wide variety of services, including domestic, birthmother home, and well established adoption programs around the world.

One of Lifeline's largest and fastest growing programs is special needs adoption from China. China is often regarded by adoption professionals as the best-run adoption program in the world. China has become the choice country for thousands of American adoptive families. Lifeline Children's Services has been assisting families with adoptions from China for over 10 years.

Lifeline's other international countries include Ukraine, Peru and Uganda. Lifeline is one of only a few agencies recognized to facilitate adoptions in Uganda. Lifeline is also in partnership with several other international adoption agencies to assist families in finding the program or country with the best fit for their family.



Break out Leaders: Dave Wood, Melissa Swanson & Janell Lucas

The Homestudy Process

Homestudies and the different processes as they relate to Hague and Non-Hague Convention Countries. The changes in the Immigration process since implementation of the Hague Convention. What are the requirements for a home study, and what purpose does it serve? How to select a home study provider that meets the new requirements.



Breakout Leader: Marilyn Weaver

Mordecai Ministries

Our presentation will address issues churches may face as they minister to foster/adoptive children and families and strategies to problem solve in Biblically sound ways. For several decades, social service needs have been primarily met through governmental support. The current approach of government in funding citizens' needs is complicated, lengthy, ineffective and inefficient, often missing the broader and more profound needs of God's children. The dilemma is increasingly manifest as the church realizes its role in reaching a hurting world. MM supports the local church as they reach out to the poor, the ill and the lost in their congregations and community.



Breakout Leaders: Suzie Towes & Joanne Hotchkiss

Embracing Orphans

Carl Robanske is the founder and Chairman of the Walla Walla-based nonprofit organization, Embracing Orphans.

Embracing Orphans is made up entirely of volunteers interested in using their talents and abilities to improve the lives of the orphaned. Through fundraising, outreach trips, and positive relationships with organizations caring for orphans E.O. hopes to change the quality of life for orphaned children.

Now in its third year of operation within Jamaica, E.O. has completed a lengthy list of projects that benefit the orphaned and facilities that house them. Some of the projects include building and furnishing a playroom and library; facility maintenance work such as drywall, painting and electrical work; starting a preschool program that includes teacher training and supplies; funding dental check-ups; installing hands-on toddler toys and two commercial-style playgrounds; replacement of toddler cribs, paying overdue utility bills, and educating orphanage staff on childcare topics. Most recently Embracing Orphans teamed with Carribean Young Life to host the first Young Life Camp in Jamaica. The Windsor Girls Young Life Camp was free to the orphaned, abused, and neglected teen girls from St. Ann's Bay.

Through E.O. more than 150 volunteers from a dozen states and three countries have assisted in embracing the orphaned of Jamaica. There are many ways in which you, your church, business, or small group can get involved.

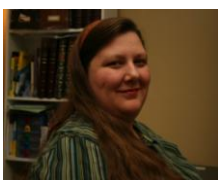
Join Mr. Robanske and other Embracing Orphans volunteers as they share the journey that led to Jamaica, how God is working in this ministry, and how you can get involved.



Breakout Leader: Carl Robanske

How to Help Your Drug and Alcohol Affected Child

A Mom's view on helping her child realize their potential. And a therapist's perspective on what to look for and the best ways to help your child.



Breakout Leader: Stephanie Howes & Krista Allison

Myths & Misconceptions

Why didn't anyone ever tell me_____? It can be shocking when our preconceived notions of the adoption experience differ so greatly from actual reality. Many of the difficulties of adoption are much more easily handled if you are just prepared for and/or expect them to occur. Come and learn about some of the common areas that might not quite live up to our expectations; yet, discover that adoption surpasses our greatest dreams in surprising ways.



Breakout Leader: Jana Sheehan

Families for Kids (Lutheran Social Services)

Families For Kids is a support service offered to foster parents, and folks who wish to become foster parents. Sara Clark is the Recruitment coordinator and Lila Rose is the Support/ Retention Coordinator for region 2. During the break out session we will touch on the need for foster parents in our surrounding communities. We will share some information on how many children are in care and some other information regarding our communities children. We will present some information on what it takes to become a foster parent, and how becoming a foster parent can make our communities stronger. Lila will also talk about the support that is offered in the community, and some of the fulfilling memories she has from being a foster parent herself.

Breakout Leaders: Sarah Clark & Lila Rose

If You Were Mine – DVD Series

Session 2- Making Basic Decisions



Breakout Leader: Trevor Macduff