

# Session 5 Breakouts

## Domestic Adoption Panel

The panel will include a diverse group of couples who have adopted domestically. Come and hear how they were led to adopt domestically and the joys and concerns of the process.

## International Adoption Panel

The panel will include a diverse group of couples who have adopted internationally. Come and hear how they were led to adopt internationally and the joys and concerns of the process.

## Adoption Essentials: Preparing for the Adventure

In this session we will be exploring the absolute essentials in preparing for adoption. We'll discuss personal preparation, environmental preparation, and understanding roles and responsibilities in the adoption process. This session is aimed at the prospective adoptive parent and the experienced adoptive parent who may want to go back and fill in the mission pieces.



**Breakout Leaders: Lynn & Jennie Owens**

## Bethany Christian Services - Agency

Bethany offers a number of adoption plans. Bethany social workers will explain the options to birthparents and adoptive parents and help them decide which option is best for the child and for themselves.



**Breakout Leader: Colleen Howell**

## The Forgotten Orphan

This session takes a unique look at orphan care through the eyes of an orphan who was not picked to be adopted. You will learn about the plight of the world's orphans and specific things you, your church, your civic group can do to make a significant difference in the life of the forgotten one!



**Breakout Leader: Dave Wood**

## China & Ethiopia Orphan Care – Harmony Outreach

The result of answering that call is that I became the founder and Executive Director of Harmony Outreach, a ministry to poor and vulnerable people in China. Harmony has six different outreaches in China. The cornerstone of our work is a home for orphaned and special needs children near Beijing called Harmony House. It is here that children who were born with special needs and abandoned by their parents go through our *Three Steps to Hope* (foster care, surgery, adoption) program. Harmony orphans have been adopted all over the United States and the world. Our inland projects include the Kaifeng Deaf School, the Dingbian orphanage for teens, the Catholic orphanage of DaMing, and an underground seminary which is part of the Back to Jerusalem (B2J) movement. Harmony also provides a great deal of surgeries for poor people and minority groups in Western China's remote Qinghai province. Harmony Outreach will soon be opening an all-new work in Ethiopia. <http://www.harmonyoutreach.org/>



**Breakout Leader: John Bentley**

## 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 Caribbean 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**

# If You Were Mine – DVD Series

Session 5- Welcoming Your Child Home



**Breakout Leader: Trevor Macduff**