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PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

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"Light shines on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart." PSALM 97:11



AGCI's History & Mission

> MISSION

All God's Children International is a licensed, nonprofit child-centered ministry, answering God's call to serve through adoption, orphan care and missions.

> VISION

AGCI strives to give hope and facilitate change for children around the world. We seek to provide a better life for children within their family of origin, country of birth, or with a forever family through adoption. We aim to achieve our vision by creating a culture of communication, honesty, ethics, compassion and commitment.

> HISTORY

AGCI was born in the hearts of the Beazely family in February of 1991 after the adoption of their daughter, Hannah, from Romania. Upon Hannah's arrival home to Portland, Oregon, other families began asking for assistance in adopting orphaned and abandoned children. Since that first adoption more than two decades ago, AGCI has united more than 2,500 children from 19 countries with their forever families. In addition to offering adoption services, AGCI extends compassionate care to children who may never know life beyond orphanage walls.



The Beazely Family

Through our Hannah's Hope program, AGCI provides quality care in a stimulating, home-like environment. All of our homes operate on a holistic care philosophy that a child's development goes beyond just basic needs. Children living at Hannah's Hope not only receive the very best shelter, medical care, education, Christian values, food and clothing, but also are surrounded by love and affection, bright colors and engaging sounds. Hannah's Hope stands as a refuge of mercy for children around the world who long for a place to call home. Today, All God's Children International is actively advocating for children in need worldwide. Through family preservation efforts, partnerships with orphan care agencies, mission teams delivering help and hope and domestic and international adoption, AGCI is committed to providing permanent solutions for these children who face each day without the love and support that every child deserves. What God initiates, He anoints. Where God guides, He is sure to provide. It is AGCI's desire to be God's heart poured out and His hands extended to the needy children of the world.

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"Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from Him." PSALM 127:3 NIV
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Welcome Note

Dear Host,

Thank you for your interest in hosting an **All God's Children International** Party With a Purpose. Your commitment to give hope and transform an orphan's life is appreciated by all of us and, most importantly, by the orphans and at-risk families we serve. There are an estimated 153 million orphans in the world, yet it only takes one caring individual to transform the life of an orphan.

In order to support you, we have provided you with our House Party Planning Guide. Within this guide you will find resources that assist you in preparation and implementation of a successful house party. Timelines, recipes and decorating ideas are all provided to aid and guide you as you personalize your party.

Every day 5,700 children become orphans. Since 1991 our mission to serve has allowed us to bless thousands of children and communities in Latin America, East Asia, Africa and Eastern European countries. With your help, AGCI has the ability to continue answering God's call to *"Defend the cause of orphans."*

Thank you for your generous commitment to host a Party With a Purpose. Your efforts will help transform a child's life. Together, we can provide the loving care, families and communities that every child deserves.

Once again, thank you for your heart for the orphan.

God bless,



Frank Betzer
Director of Orphan Care and Development



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*"Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans.
Fight for the rights of widows."* ISAIAH 1:17
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Party Guide Overview



> WHY HAVE A PARTY?

In 2004, international adoption was one of the few avenues to serve children who were living outside of family care. A total of 45,298 children found their forever family. However, international adoption has drastically decreased and only 23,000 children have found loving families this year. The reality of the situation is tragic as 342,876 children will NOT have been adopted into safe, permanent, loving homes that otherwise would have been if international adoption had continued on course. These children needlessly remain in baby houses, orphanages, group homes and on the streets. Many of these orphans pass away or grow into adulthood, never knowing the joy of having a family.

In light of this situation, AGCI tirelessly works to transform and bring hope into the lives of orphans throughout the world. However, we need individuals such as you to partner with us to bring about such immeasurable change in an orphan's life. One way to do this is by hosting a Party for a Purpose. Through fundraising and awareness, you can be the catalyst for a movement within your church, community or friends. You truly can be the difference in an orphan's life simply by advocating for the world's forgotten children.

> CREATING ADVOCATES & SUPPORTERS

Raising awareness and support is vital to combating the international orphan crisis. As a host, we encourage you to empower your guest with the knowledge to become an advocate for orphans. Share with your guests about the orphan care crisis and how AGCI's work serves this population of children. At AGCI's heart is the mission to serve orphans through orphan care, adoption and missions. Encourage guests to consider sponsoring an orphan or giving a one-time gift. As a monthly sponsor they will have opportunities to send a *Note of Hope* to the children and families that they are impacting.

- **Advocate:** Challenge each guest to share the information they learned with at least FIVE family members or friends.
- **Set a goal:** Determine a fundraising goal and share it with your guests.

Make a Difference in Ethiopia

FACTS: *80% of Ethiopian women can't read.*
60% of Ethiopian children will never attend school.
Only 18% of Ethiopian children who do go to school stay until grade 5.

> HEDASE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

In January 2012, an AGCI mission team led by Dan Wilson, retired Seattle Mariners catcher, and his wife, Annie, traveled to Addis Ababa to begin one of the largest community projects AGCI has ever undertaken. The Hedase Elementary School, in one of the city's poorest neighborhoods, received new restrooms, a library, and a soccer and basketball court to meet essential needs of 1,100 orphans and vulnerable children. Due to the improvements, Hedase's K-8 program has expanded to offer children an education through 12th grade.

Today the Hedase School library shelves sit empty and are waiting for books. Our goal is to raise **\$14,000**, which will fill the library with Amharic books for all 12 grade levels.

- \$25 for two books
- \$100 for a shelf of books
- \$50 for five books
- \$1,000 for one grade-level of books

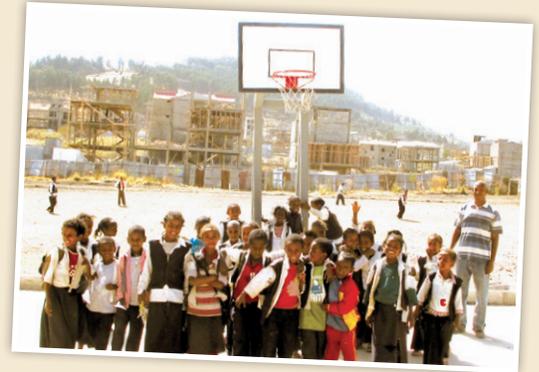
> HANNAH'S HOPE HOME

Hannah's Hope Ethiopia is a haven for children who have come out of desperation and into the sheltering embrace of hope. Hannah's Hope's holistic care approach recognizes that a child's development goes beyond basic needs. Children living at Hannah's Hope not only receive the very best shelter, medical care, education, Christian values, food and clothing, but also are surrounded by love and affection, bright colors and engaging sounds. Our special mothers work tirelessly, nurturing and caring for all these little ones. We are blessed with a wonderful staff that really loves the children.

In order to ensure each child at Hannah's Hope receives loving one-on-one care, AGCI relies on sponsors and donations to provide \$15,000 a month for this high level of care in Ethiopia.

Sponsor an orphan; transform a life

Join AGCI in giving hope and transforming the life of an orphan in Ethiopia. For about \$1 a day—\$35 a month—you can provide an orphan with the care that every child deserves.



Menu Ideas: Ethiopian

> ETHIOPIAN INJERA

This soft, spongy flatbread is used instead of utensils to scoop up stew or vegetables. It is traditionally made with teff flour, a type of grain grown in Ethiopia. You can substitute buckwheat or wheat flour for teff, which can be harder to find. Injera batter is usually prepared like a sourdough—a small portion from each batch is saved and allowed to ferment to be used in the new batter the next time it is made. This recipe uses baking soda and club soda to produce the same bubbly effect.

- 2 cups whole wheat flour (a finely milled type like whole wheat pastry flour works well)
- 1 cup unbleached white flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2–3 cups club soda

To Prepare:

1. Combine flour and baking soda in a large bowl. Add club soda; stir well to form a thin batter.
2. Heat a large non-stick griddle or fry pan to hot. Brush lightly with oil. Using a large cup or ladle, begin on the outside of the griddle and pour in a circle around the edges until the center is filled. Quickly tilt the griddle back and forth to fill in any holes and to spread thinly and evenly (similar to making crepes). Cook for 1-2 minutes until surface is spongy and filled with tiny air bubbles. Do not flip the bread, just slide off griddle or out of pan onto a large plate.
3. Arrange the cooked injera around the outside edges of a large plate or platter so that the centers overlap. Serve immediately with a meat or vegetable stew (place the stew in the middle of the platter) or use in a salad.



Menu Ideas: American Alternatives

> HOT SPINACH & ARTICHOKE DIP

- 1 cup thawed, chopped frozen spinach
- 1 1/2 cups thawed, chopped frozen artichoke hearts
- 6 ounces cream cheese
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

To Prepare:

1. Boil spinach and artichokes in 1 cup of water until tender, and drain. Discard liquid.
2. Heat cream cheese in microwave for 1 minute or until hot and soft.
3. Stir in rest of ingredients and serve hot.

> ANTIPASTO SAUSAGE SKEWERS

- Cooking spray
- 12 ounces fully cooked Italian-style poultry sausage, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup lightly packed fresh basil
- 1 12-ounce jar roasted red peppers, drained, rinsed and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2/3 cup sun-dried tomatoes, cut into 1-inch pieces if large
- 1 14-ounce can artichoke hearts, drained and quartered

To Prepare:

1. Heat a nonstick skillet over medium heat; mist with cooking spray.
2. Add the sausage; cook, turning 2 or 3 times, until warmed through and browned, about 8 minutes.
3. Thread 1 small or 1/2 large basil leaf onto a small wooden skewer.
4. Add a piece of roasted red pepper, sun-dried tomato, artichoke and sausage, arranging them on the skewer so that it can stand up on the sausage end.
5. Repeat with the remaining ingredients to make about two-dozen skewers.

Party Ideas

> THEME/DECORATION IDEAS

- Choosing food, decorations, music and apparel appropriate to Ethiopia allows your guests to learn about the culture. You can stream music from an Ethiopian radio station such as www.addiszefen.com or purchase an Ethiopian soundtrack such as “Memories of Ethiopia.”

Decorations:

- Ethiopian flags and scarves
- Coffee beans
- Pictures or maps of Ethiopia
- Ethiopian jewelry
- Wear clothing that represents adoption from Ethiopia

> WHO TO INVITE

- Friends, family and church family
- Download AGCI invite themes or send an invite at www.punchbowl.com.

> AGENDA FOR THE EVENING

- **30 Minutes Before:** Last minute touches, have “helpers” and any speakers arrive.
- **Party Starts:** Host acts as facilitator for introductions; serve appetizers and beverages.
- **30 Minutes:** Information session—share about Hannah’s Hope Ethiopia and Hedase School.
- **45 Minutes:** Have guests write note of hope to children and hand out pledge cards. Host requests support.
- **1 Hour:** Serve dessert—give people a chance to ask more questions.
- **End of the Evening:** Thank everyone for coming. Hand out favors, include AGCI follow-up information.

> ACTION STEPS

- Write letters of encouragement
- Join our prayer team at www.allgodchildren.org/help-orphan

> GET INVOLVED

- Adoption: www.allgodchildren.org/adoption
- Advocacy: www.allgodchildren.org/help-orphan
- Missions: www.allgodchildren.org/embrace-missions
- Sponsorship: www.allgodchildren.org/donations



Join Us

> DONATION COLLECTION

With financial support, your guests will join with us to give hope and transform the lives of orphans around the world. Our efforts focus on delivering holistic care for children without families. At the heart of our work is the understanding that the needs of the whole child—physical, spiritual, intellectual and emotional—are inseparably intertwined. When your guests have had a chance to digest how much of a difference their donation can make, request support and give them the opportunity to make a charitable gift. For example, you can share with them:

In the past hour:

- 1,625 children were forced to live on the streets by death of or abuse from an adult.
- 1,667 children under the age of five died from malnutrition and vaccine-preventable diseases (1 every 2.2 seconds).
- 115 children became prostitutes.
- 66 children under 15 were infected with HIV.
- 257 children were orphaned because of HIV/AIDS.

I hope the plight of the orphan has touched your heart as much as it has touched mine. Please join me tonight in supporting the work that AGCI does so that they provide the holistic care that every child deserves. Remember, just \$35 can support an orphan in Ethiopia for a month! Together, we can be the difference in an orphan's life. Our goal tonight is to provide support for (number) of orphans. Will you help us reach our goal?

Place your donation in the manila envelope at the front of the room as I will be sending all the donations directly to AGCI and they will acknowledge the gift with a thank you letter. If you are unable to donate this evening, please commit to becoming an advocate for orphans. Additionally, you are able to make gifts online at a website that will be in the information I send home with you. Once again, thank you!

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- I want to commit to being a monthly partner for \$35 a month!*
 I want to give: \$25 for two books \$50 for five books \$100 for a shelf of books \$1,000 for one grade level of books OTHER: \$ _____

Enclosed is a check payable to:
All God's Children International

Please charge my credit card:
 One Time Monthly Quarterly

Please designate my gift toward:
 Orphan Care Where Needed Most

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone (____) _____

Name on Card _____

Card # _____ Exp _____ / _____ CVS # _____

Signature of Cardholder _____