

A Profile Of Charitable Organizations

Following is a listing of organizations and people that we know and love. Our hope is that this will provide you with a starting point in finding, researching and supporting groups that help to make the world a better place.

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Adoption of Special Kids

Edited from the AASK Web Site: In 1973, Adopt A Special Kid (AASK) was formed with a very simple principle in mind: It is every child's right to be a permanent member of a supportive family. This was the vision of AASK's founders, Dorothy and Robert DeBolt. The DeBolt's have parented 20 children, fourteen through adoption. The children they took into their home were not those traditionally viewed as being adoptable. They were children past infancy who had multiple challenges, including physical and developmental disabilities.

Adoption of older, special needs children is truly a gift to those kids and those who choose to do it are angels of mercy. We have dear friends who have adopted six special needs kids and we have watched as they have developed and grown healthier. There are currently over 117,000 children who are waiting for adoptive placements. Many of these are older children or sibling groups which puts them in the category of special needs.

There are several agencies that can assist in this effort.

AASK - America

www.AdoptASpecialKid.org

2817 17th Street, Suite 207

Oakland, CA 94612

800.232.2751

North American Council on Adoptable Children

www.nacac.org

651.644.3036

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St. Paul, Minnesota 55114

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Adopt America Network

www.adoptamericanetwork.org

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Boy Scouts of America

www.bsa.org

National Council
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America supports more than 300 **local councils** that provide quality youth programs, including Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing. Scouting is committed to helping boys grow up and develop character. It teaches first aid, outdoor survival skills, orienteering (using a compass), life saving, patriotism and many other useful skills. Even though the media has ridiculed their conservative values, we support Scouting wholeheartedly and believe in it's underlying philosophy.

CRU Campus Crusade for Christ

<https://www.cru.org/>

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Dave and Kathy Cottrell
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Dave and Kathy Cottrell are wonderful friends of ours. Professionally, Dave spent many years as a computer programmer / consultant. In their spare time, Dave and Kathy opened their home to college-aged kids for bible study and discipleship. This passion turned to full time work in 2002. He has developed training materials and teaches biblical principles to current and future church leaders in various countries. He has developed deep relationships specifically in Nicaragua and in several former Soviet Republics.

Edited from the Campus Crusade Web Site: When Bill and Vonette Bright first launched Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) as a campus ministry in 1951, the underlying concept was to "Win the campus today and change the world tomorrow." More than 50 years later, the mission remains the same.

Community Ministries, Inc.

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Phoenix, AZ 85018
Walt Edman
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Walt is another dear friend who is now giving his life to train nationals in many countries to start churches and share God's love. In the last year he has taught groups in the Middle East, Cambodia, South Korea, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Laos, Nagaland and Calcutta. He doesn't stay in one place long, but the effectiveness of his training is impacting the whole Eastern Hemisphere.

Crown Financial Ministries

www.crown.org

1.800.722.1976
P.O. Box 100
Gainesville, GA 30503-0100.

This organization is dedicated to helping people worldwide discover what the Bible says about finances. Without the teaching of Larry Burkett— Crown’s late co-founder — we wouldn’t be where we are today.

Crown provides small group and video classes. Additionally they offer free budget coaching to folks who need more help than a small group can offer. They also produce a great budgeting computer program – MoneyMatters 2005.

They have two daily radio programs — Money Matters and How to Manage Your Money — that are heard nationwide on Christian radio stations.

From the Crown Web Site: Last year Crown was able to teach God’s Financial Principles to over 8 million people for just under \$15 million dollars. This means that it cost less than \$2 to teach a person these principles. As a result of this teaching, Christians across the world are decreasing their debt, increasing their savings, and dramatically increasing their giving.

Focus on the Family

www.Family.org

800-232.6459

No Street Address is needed

Colorado Springs, CO 80995

This organization is dedicated to strengthen families around the globe. Faith is foundational to its existence. Our family would not be where it is today if not for the influence of Focus on the Family and Dr. James Dobson, early in our marriage. They produce a wide variety of radio programs: Focus on the Family; Weekend Magazine; Adventures in Odyssey — kids adventure radio; Family News in Focus. Additionally they have thousands of printed resources, from magazines to books, for strengthening the family.

Food for the Hungry

www.fh.org

800.248.6437

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Phoenix, AZ 85034-1102

Edited from the Food for the Hungry Web Site: Food for the Hungry was founded in 1971 and helps some of the world's most disadvantaged people in 47 countries through child development programs, agriculture and clean-water projects, health and nutrition programs, education, micro-enterprise loans and emergency relief.

They have been recognized repeatedly as one of the most efficient charitable organizations in America. Their annual budget exceeds \$76 million and more than 93 percent of total income, including commodities, goes to field programs.

Joni and Friends

www.JoniAndFriends.org

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Agoura Hills, CA 91376

Joni Eareckson Tada was a terrific teen-age athlete until at age 17, she was injured in a diving accident, which left her a quadriplegic. After her rehabilitation and emotional healing, she started a ministry to encourage other disabled people. Her organization, Joni and Friends, has expanded to not only include reaching out to individuals, but also provides summer camp opportunities for families with disabled children. These camps

allow the kids to have a great time and provide the parents a respite. They are always looking for caring individuals who are willing to volunteer their time.

Wheels for the World is an outreach of Joni and Friends that has provided over twenty thousand wheelchairs to disabled individuals worldwide! They are delivered and fitted for each individual by a caring team of volunteers. The stories are incredible and will tug at your heartstrings.

This ministry is one of Abbey's (it started when she was only 11 years old) favorite to support.

New Tribes Mission

www.ntm.org

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Dr. Kevin and Debbie Ludwig

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Kevin and Debbie have five children and live on the island of Papua New Guinea. Kevin was Family Practice Medical Doctor for many years in Arizona. In 1994, he sold his medical practice and packed up the whole family to go live in the jungle. Kevin saves lives on a monthly basis helping missionaries that live out among the tribal people to diagnose and administer medication when needed. Kevin also takes care of all the missionaries and families who reside on the New Tribes Missions compound, including missionary children who live in the boarding school there. Thanks to many donations his small medical clinic is better equipped than the largest hospital on the island. They are making a huge difference in the lives of hundreds, if not thousands of people who live in that region.

They send out a newsletter full of pictures and great stories of lives Kevin has been involved in saving. Even if you can't support them financially, just ask and they'll put you on their mailing list — you'll be inspired.

CTen Ministries

<https://cten.org/>

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Art and Lisa Camarena

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Art and Lisa have lived and ministered in the city of San Lucas, Guatemala — in Central America since 1996. They have a very unique ministry that reaches the poor in their community through bible studies, hosting weddings and just being friends. Beyond reaching the neighborhood in which they live, God has allowed them great favor with many leading government and police officials. They have been allowed to present seminars on becoming a person of character to many of the leading officials in their area. They have even flown, with some of these officials, to the US to attend major conferences on Character and Leadership. Previously, they lived in Scottsdale, Arizona, but felt a real calling to go and serve the people of Guatemala. Because of Art's fluency in Spanish and a desire to reach out to hurting people they've had a huge impact there.

Teen Challenge

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Edited from the Teen Challenge Web Site: David Wilkerson, author of The Cross and the Switchblade, and pastor of the Times Square Church in Manhattan founded Teen Challenge in 1958. He was motivated by a desire to help kids who had been sucked in to the destructive habits that surround the drug culture. Since its first center opened in New York in 1960, Teen Challenge has grown to over 150 centers nationwide and over 100 centers in 60 other countries. In Puerto Rico the organization is building an AIDS hospital, the first of its kind.

Teen Challenge offers a number of services to the community, many times free of charge. For over 40 years, Teen Challenge has been going into schools around the world working with teens to educate them about the dangers of drugs. School teams consist of men and women who once had problems with drugs, so they know what they are talking about when they speak to teens. For younger children they have a puppet show that is used to educate them in a way that can easily be understood. Any school or Boy/Girl Scout troop that is interested in scheduling a visit should contact the nearest Teen Challenge center.

The Evangelical Alliance Mission — TEAM

www.teamworld.org

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Martin and Susie Gonzalez

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Founded by Fredrik Franson in 1890, TEAM's purpose is to help churches send missionaries to establish reproducing churches in other nations to the glory of God.

Martin and Susie Gonzalez are dear folks who have three kids and have been serving in La Paz Mexico, on the Baja peninsula since 1992. They help people discover God's love through: church planting; training of leaders; a prison visiting ministry and a medical ministry that brings US doctors and dentists to provide medical services for the community. Because of the work they are doing, they have been warmly accepted by local citizens and government officials. The culture in La Paz is ravaged by drug and alcohol abuse and Martin and Susie are making a difference.

Steve and Martin went to school together and were both on the Arizona State University Gymnastics team. If you can donate money or time to these folks, it won't be wasted.

Trans World Radio

www.twr.org

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These dear friends live on the island of Bonaire — just off the northern coast of Venezuela. They have six children (three are adopted) and three grandchildren. Richard is responsible for keeping the radio system up and running. He often climbs towers to repair the antenna (a woven web of wires) so the radio signal can continue to spread the message of God's love to millions of people all over the world. Richard is a super frugal and very handy guy. He takes the “junk” other people throw away — dead motorcycles, lawn mowers, cars and tools — and returns them to useful operation.

From the TWR Web Site: Trans World Radio was founded on February 11, 1952, as a nonprofit organization for the mass communication of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Burdened for the people of Spain, TWR founder Dr. Paul E. Freed realized that radio would be ideal to reach those in that spiritually needy land. He discovered an open door to establish a missionary radio station in Tangier, Morocco. Spain is directly across the Strait of Gibraltar, and was the 1st country to benefit from TWR broadcasts.

TWR now has transmitting sites all around the world.

Walk & Talk

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Alan and Pauly Heller

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Alan and Pauly have been dear friends of our since 1981 . . . whew that's a long time. Their ministry is dedicated to helping couples communicate better. They present seminars all around the country. Their Communication Workshops, for businesses and church groups, teach attendees to aim for the right target in their style of communicating. Their teaching style is friendly and the materials are extremely practical.

Other seminars include: The Marital Mystery Tour and Triple R Weekends.