

## Caring for Orphans

Why is it important to care for orphans?	
What scriptural basis is there for caring for orphans?	
HIM partners with House of Hope to care for orphan and needy children in Romania. What are some ways in which Sally Sebo and the House of Hope staff accomplish this?	
According to ShowHope.org, every 18 seconds a child becomes an orphan. What should the church be doing to help these children?	
Who do you know that has taken in foster children or adopted a child? What can you personally do to encourage and support them?	
If they are part of your local congregation, what can your church do to help them in their ministry?	
Pastor Iovan serves as the administrator of the House of Hope in Talpos, Romania. In the early 1990s, he felt a burden to reach out to orphans in his community. Though he was just an ordinary man, his small God-given vision has helped dozens of children hear about Christ and have their needs met. Can you think about something God wants you to do, but you haven't begun yet?	
What is holding you back?	
Jot down a small step you can take this week to begin accomplishing this vision. (Feel free to keep this to yourself. However, it is often a big help to let others know what you are thinking. They can help encourage you to follow through on your goals.)	
God uses many different methods to lead His children. Sometimes He places a very specific call on someone's life, even from a young age. But sometimes, just like Sally, He opens the right doors at the right time and helps us walk through them. How has God spoken to you in your life?	

If you want to learn more about how you can make a greater difference for orphans, we have provided further resources.

These are available from your service leader.