



*Orphans First Update May 2009*

Dear Orphans First Partners,

While many children celebrate Mother’s Day in May, millions of children feel afraid and abandoned—even in America. They don’t have a mother caring for them. In the USA, half a million children are in the foster care system. Many never make it into a real home and age out of the system at 18 years of age with no family to connect to. Results? Many end up on the streets, in prostitution or prison—their lives destroyed. Given these overwhelming facts, it’s hard to know how to help. Here’s a good place to begin—PRAYER.

May marks Foster Care Awareness Month (followed by the World Day of Prayer for Children at Risk the first weekend of June). Prayer vigils will be held all over America. (You might want to find one in your area, or gather with a few friends to pray.) If you would like to receive periodic prayer requests, and are not already subscribed to the Orphans First Prayer Chain, click on [orphansfirst.org](http://orphansfirst.org), then click on Prayer Chain in the text on the home page.

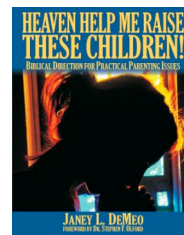


Meanwhile, I’d like to thank you for your contributing support for our children’s homes and ministries overseas—India, Siberia, Benin, Romania, Haiti . . . This month, we feature Agape Home in Pascani, Romania. Meet 9-year-old Andrei-Samuel (on the left), Andrei has two siblings in Agape Home. He is a healthy boy who enjoys eating polenta with cheese and cream. His favorite subject is Math. On the right, all the children are gathered to receive their



Christmas gifts. They enjoy living in a loving home and learning about Jesus—thanks to your donations! To see new photos of our children in various countries, please browse the pages on the site: [orphansfirst.org](http://orphansfirst.org).

If you’d like to find a special Mother’s Day gift to bless mothers and caretakers as well as making a difference in children’s lives, please consider my book, *Heaven Help Me Raise These Children! --Biblical Direction for Practical Parenting Issues*. The book has many special features including a children’s prayer plan, a 12 week plan to teach children the Bible, a chapter on spiritual warfare, humorous anecdotes, and touching stories on orphans. (For more details—including endorsements—or to order a copy, click on the book icon on the home page of the Orphans First website.)



Thank you for changing children’s lives through your giving,

*Janey DeMeo M.A.*  
President & founder - [orphansfirst.org](http://orphansfirst.org)

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