



*You are invited on a journey of hope for a child seeking a forever family!*

Here I Am Orphan Ministries is partnering with **Lifeline Children's Services** for a summer host program designed to help children find forever families. As a host family, you will be the conduit to show God's love to a child that may feel lost, abandoned, and unloved. Please prayerfully consider opening your home and heart to a waiting child this summer.

### *Journey of Hope 2018*

This year, Lifeline is working with Fundación FANA in Bogota, Colombia, to bring children from Colombia to the United States for an orphan host program **June 9-27, 2018**. We are seeking families throughout Texas to commit to hosting these children with the intent to adopt, or strongly advocate for their adoption before, during, and after their visit to Texas. **HIAOM is offering \$500 grants towards the mini homestudy fee for approved families!**

Lifeline and FANA work with Colombia's Family Welfare Institute (ICBF) to make all arrangements for getting the children to and from the Houston airport (flight arrangements, passports, and visas). A prerequisite for the children selected to participate in this program is that they are adoptable. Lifeline and FANA conduct medical exams and interviews with the children and create a personal profile on each child for the potential host family to review. Potential host families will need to be approved by Lifeline and FANA through a formal application process. ICBF requires that a Colombian chaperone stay with each family for 2-3 nights, and there will be 1 or 2 mandatory events while the children are here. These events are required by Colombia.

### *Ongoing Support for Families*

Translators and chaperones will be provided for the children and host families during the program. Lifeline is an accredited adoption agency and assists families with the hosting and adoption process from beginning to end. HIAOM is responsible for supporting host families during the program. Our Forever Families group is available to support families before, during and after the host program and adoption process. **HIAOM will have a required host family training on a Saturday, May 5 where we will help prepare families for hosting and adopting older children.**

### *Next Steps*

Please review the children's profiles available through the online portal, and contact [kidscamp@lifelinechild.org](mailto:kidscamp@lifelinechild.org) if you are interested in learning more about hosting one of these precious children!

We are grateful that you are considering this opportunity and look forward to partnering with your family as you reach out to a child in need.