



ADULLAM HOUSE IS A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS.

**“You cannot  
do a  
kindness  
too soon,  
for you  
never know  
how soon it  
will be too  
late.”**

**-Ralph Waldo Emerson**



**He sprawls on the kitchen floor like a human bouncy castle, while Jace and Max climb all over him.** He has five younger siblings, but for the past three years they have all been at Adullam House, with dozens of little, (and big), ‘brothers and sisters’. **They are like family.** They have shared bad days and good days. Mixed in with the happy memories, there have been some struggles and many things too hard for a little guy to understand, but they have known love, safety and lots of tender hearts cheering them on. In a couple of weeks it will be time to go home and be with mommy again. *For us, who have loved and lost, it is bittersweet.* This is what we are here for—to get them through the hard times and hold them safe until mommy can get back on her feet. And for Evan, who came to us three years ago at the age of 7, exhausted with the responsibility of trying to be the tough guy for his five little brothers and sisters, it is both exciting and scary. At our Thanksgiving church service, his little testimony said it all. *“And what are you thankful for Evan?”*

***“I’m thankful for one more day to be with friends and family.”***

We choked back the tears. *We are too, Evan.* Sooo thankful for the privilege of having had you and your five little brothers and sisters in our home for these three short years. **You may no longer be in in our arms but you will always be in our hearts.**

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# Annual Disney Day at Adullam House Christian Academy



It's becoming quite spectacular. I do believe that even Mr. Disney would have been proud of this turnout! Mr. Rich bought Maleficent her horns, Miss Emma made a Beast second-to-none, and even Monsters Inc. showed up. It seems like at Adullam House, some kids fairy tales really do come true. On the wall of one of our houses a plaque reads, *"It's never too late to live happily ever after."* Many, many thanks to all the hard working staff who made costumes for kids who positively shone with pride!



**Thanksgiving at Adullam House is always special.** This year there were so many of us, we celebrated under the pavilion. The weather cooperated beautifully, enabling the kids to play basketball, soccer, and shoot a potato gun. (Yes, really loaded with potatoes!!!) None of it would be possible without those incredible people who cooked and baked (see right), and gave financially to make Thanksgiving happen. ***We have a lot to be thankful for!*** Above, Coreen (16), J.T. (15), and Molly (13) help with the festivities.







## **The Vision—It's Still All About the Kids!**

This year saw the beginning of a new challenge for Adullam House. We visited Eastern Europe early in 2016, and lost our hearts to some *beautiful kids* that we met there. These were children who had aged out of state orphanages at age 16 and would have been abandoned on the streets without God's people caring for and housing them. We have been blessed to come alongside this ministry that has provided for them and to partner with them in this great work. ***Adullam House has been instrumental in bringing one of their young men to the USA to attend bible college.*** Artiom had lived in an orphanage with 700 other children most of his life. After giving his heart to the Lord he has gone on to become a certified soccer coach and last year told us of his dream to "go to seminary". Thanks to the kindness of Summit International School of Ministry in Grantville, PA, he was given a scholarship. Adullam House flew him over and he is now part of their student body, growing in God and in faith. ***Amazing!***

Another of their young ladies received a proposal of marriage from a young man in the US who had ministered in the work overseas. *Adullam House stepped in and was privileged to host their wedding at our church, with the receptions at our pavilion.* It was absolutely *a fairy tale come true* for this young couple and how blessed we were to witness it. **No matter how devastated and lost a life may be, when Jesus steps in miracles happen.**

Some of our older Adullam House kids are becoming young men and women. Last week one of our 18 year old girls had the amazing opportunity to go with a senior staff member to pick up a new born from the hospital who was coming to Adullam House. She proudly sent us a picture of herself cradling the tiny baby. Naomi choked back the tears as she looked at the picture. ***"Oh my gosh!", she gasped! "Our babies are bringing home our babies!" How true! Now it is their turn to step up and become what God intended for them to be. They, above all people, know how these children feel.***

Years ago, a movie was released called "Failure to Launch". It told the story of a young man who still hung on to his mother's apron strings and hadn't left home. The title of that movie has been stuck in my head lately. We cannot 'fail to launch' these young people. God has plans for them beyond our wildest dreams. We need to launch them to become the best that they can be in the Lord, and to become the answer to this world's problems. Perhaps some of our Adullam House children will be ministering in Eastern Europe to kids who have known heartache all of their lives. ***Who knows? They, above all people, know what these kids feel.***

**God is rewriting the story—their stories! He never ceases to amaze me. He continues to use the most unlikely ones to accomplish His task, so that the Glory might be of God and not of us. We are excited to see where God is going with this unfolding story of love in their lives. Meanwhile, we are delighted to partner in this great work of rescuing even more kids at risk.**

## Election Backlash?

Typically our finances improve in October. Usually we hold our breath for 2 or 3 months at the end of the summer and remind each other, "October is coming—help is on the way!", but this year it didn't happen, for some reason or another. I have heard that the elections are to blame for our slump. Hopefully they are right and things will improve, but with 14 babies in our Nursery, not to mention the gang of towering teens who like to eat you out of house and home, our presidential choices are of little consolation. **Thank God we have a Heavenly Father who is bigger than any political cycle or any lack of donations.** He is the Ruler of heaven and earth. His eye is on *our* little sparrows and I know He is aware of **our many, many needs** this December. We are trusting Him each day to help us through this season just as we have before. *Please pray, and ask the Lord how you could help us this month.* **God's methods continue to be men.**

### Needs List for December/January

- ♦ Spray disinfectant
- ♦ Saline nasal spray
- ♦ Baby Wash
- ♦ School paper & pens
- ♦ Paper Products (plates, cups, paper towels, napkins & toilet tissue)
- ♦ Cleaning supplies
- ♦ Laundry detergent (by the ton!)
- ♦ Cough Syrup
- ♦ Body wash & Shampoo
- ♦ Neosporin & large Band-Aids
- ♦ Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- ♦ White Bath towels
- ♦ Lots of prayer for protection and provision

## Our Vision for 2017

- **Protecting & Rescuing** kids at risk.
- **Educating** them to be the best that they can.
- **Salvation** through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- **Sending** them into all the world.

*Philippians 3:13-14* "I **PRESS** toward the mark for prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."



**Our matching grant offer will expire at the end of 2016!** Our golf tournament brought us part way towards meeting this challenge and being awarded the entire \$50,000, but we are not quite there yet. Our new school wing is so desperately needed and we are praying that we will be able to claim these matching funds. If you or any one you know care deeply about the education of our children, please call our office or send a designated gift this month to help to make this miracle happen!



### Christmas is upon us!

With that in mind, we would like to suggest a way you can help bring in some much needed funds for our kids at this busy season. Do your Christmas shopping online at Amazon Smile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), pick Adullam House as your designated charity, and a **percentage of all your purchases will go to help our children. How easy is that!**



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