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**FIRST LADY LAURA BUSH ENCOURAGES AMERICANS TO RESPOND TO THE  
CRY OF THE ORPHAN**

*"The Cry of the Orphan campaign is helping caring people learn how they can bring new hope to children who don't have families."*

-- Mrs. Laura Bush

**(October 30, 2008)** -- *Cry of the Orphan* is on a mission to raise awareness and show Christians and churches across the United States how they can **take action right now** to be involved in caring for the world's 130 million orphans -- and **Mrs. Laura Bush is among those responding to the cry.**

*"I have visited with children in orphanages around the world and what each of these children has in common is the desire for a family to love and to call their own," explains first lady Laura Bush in a new public service announcement for the Cry of the Orphan campaign. "You can make a profound difference in a child's life -- whether through adoption, mentoring a foster youth, or starting a ministry for orphaned children at your church." ([Listen/download MP3](#))*

Mrs. Bush's public service announcement will soon be heard on radio stations across the country. You can also listen to it on [CryoftheOrphan.org](http://CryoftheOrphan.org). The Web site has tapped into the extensive resources of FamilyLife, Focus on the Family, Shaohannah's Hope (founded by award-winning musician Steven Curtis Chapman), and the organizations involved in the Christian Alliance for Orphans to help people learn about the many opportunities to help orphans.

The site now includes an easy-to-use tool that provides you with a **personalized list of ways to get involved** in orphan care. Along with tips and tools to help people care for orphans and better understand God's heart on this issue, CryoftheOrphan.org is also offering more ways to explore the plight of the orphan, including an updated directory of organizations involved, a Google Earth exploration tool, and facts and stories that will inspire and instruct.

Along with its new Web site, *Cry of the Orphan* will be reaching out to millions of Christian radio listeners across the country.

**Nov. 17-21:** Popular radio hosts **Dr. James Dobson of *Focus on the Family*** and **Dennis Rainey of *FamilyLife Today*** plan to devote their daily broadcasts and combine their organizations' resources to show people how they can play an important role in responding to the world's 130 million orphans.

**MEDIA NOTE:** Programming details for *Cry of the Orphan* week on *FamilyLife Today* and *Focus on the Family* radio broadcasts are available at [www.CryoftheOrphan.org](http://www.CryoftheOrphan.org)