



Dear Pastor, WMU, and Church Leaders:

“Rise up and shine, for your light has come.” (Isaiah 60:1)

This Thanksgiving, will you and your church answer God’s call and rise up to reach thousands of abused and neglected children who need to hear an offering of hope? There has never been a more critical time to reach even more people with the healing touch of Christ.

Many of you already have shined a light of generosity on our ministry. We have seen that most recently in our fight with the state to keep our deeply-held religious beliefs. Sunrise is pleased to announce that by God’s wonderful grace we have reached a contract with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. We are proud to be that partner and will continue to do our best to help children and families across this commonwealth. We are thankful for this day and opportunity. We are blessed by all of you who have stood beside us in our fight for Kentucky’s kids. But the fight’s not over.

There is a cost for every battle. During these past months, we have experienced decline in child referrals, decrease in foster parents, and loss of staff and revenue. We stood tall for our faith and First Amendment rights. Will you continue to stand with us?

This Thanksgiving, we are looking for partners who share our values and beliefs and who will walk alongside us as we continue the work of caring for our state’s most vulnerable children and families. We need partners who will prayerfully and financially help us.

This year, we are asking for **200,000 people** to give **\$20 each** to our ministry. Will you prayerfully consider giving at least \$20 to your church’s annual Sunrise Thanksgiving Offering? In doing so, you will have a tremendous impact on our ministry.

To participate, first get the word out to your congregation. You can go online to www.sunrise.org/thanksgiving to download or order Sunrise Thanksgiving Offering materials. All orders must be received **by October 13**. After you collect your offering, you can send donations by mail or online. If you send your donation through the mail, please mark as “Thanksgiving Offering.”

This has not been an easy road, and we have been knocked down many times. But we are now ready to get up and fly. Join us. Stand beside us. Walk with us. And let’s fly together toward the future that God has set before us as we serve Kentucky’s most vulnerable.

With a Thankful Heart,

Dale Suttles
President

