



Is your church doing VBS this summer?

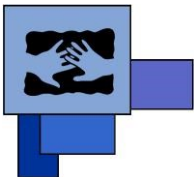


We would love to come for a visit! If your church needs a little help this summer, we would be happy to bring our puppets and help! We can talk to your kids about the Home, help with a class, or show a short puppet film about prayer!



Visit our Facebook page for lots of great pictures. "Like us" and get daily updates!

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HELP to children.
HOPE to families.
HEALING through Christ.

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We are looking for Houseparents!



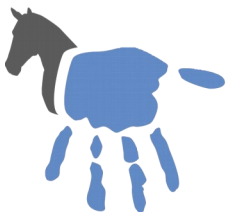
This Could Be...



The Zion Home Needs YOUR Help!

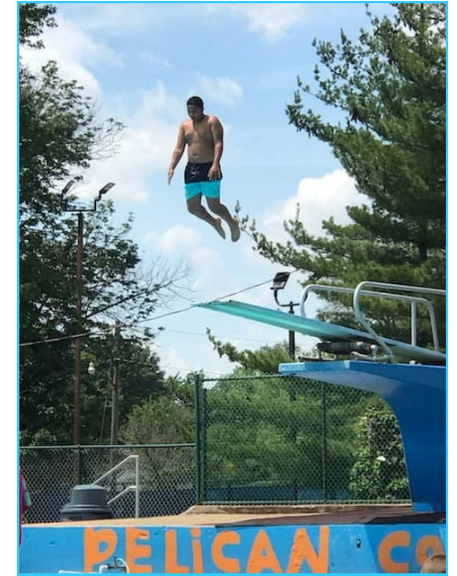
For nearly two decades our boy house, the Zion Home, has helped the Oblong Children's Christian Home with the healing of children from all over the world. Our houseparents of 16 years have just retired and now we need your help! Are you called to minister to the youth? Has God placed children on your heart? Do you want to partner with a ministry that has brought safe refuge for kids since 1969? If you have said "yes" to these questions, call us today. (618)—592—3633 or go to our website OblongChristianHome.org

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." ~James 1:27



Horsemanship Therapy

Self-confidence, self-esteem, self-discipline, the joy of accomplishment, and independence. These are the fruit that comes from the healing ministry of our horsemanship therapeutic program. How many kids these days can say "I can saddle a horse, and I can ride." I think we can all agree this world needs a few more good cowboys and cowgirls. Pictures are worth a thousand words, just take a look at these...



“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.” ~ Mark 13:28

Congratulations class of **2022**



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- * Daily updates on our ministry!
- * Pictures of our wonderful children!
- * Information on our therapy programs!
- * Dates on our family fundraising events!



In Loving Memory



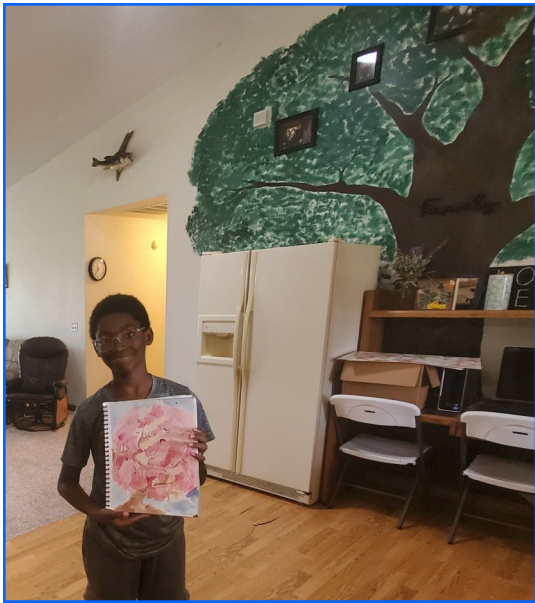
In Memory

Tim Kolb, David & Sara Murphy, Jim & Nita Stone, Jackie & Jill Grounds, Shane & Helen Gray, Jack & Jeanne Inboden and Jane Rosenbohm in memory of Tyler Inboden ♥ Lynn & Charles High, Lynn & Marsha McCool, Mark & Margaret Sue Kilburn, Ron & Kaye Mikeworth, and James & Donna Kilburn in memory of Murray E. Correll ♥ Dennis & Sherry Paddick, Tony & Judy Cork, Lee & Inez Smith and family, Jerry & Sarah Ping, Cindy Baker, Pam Batman, Karen Roberts, Oblong Antique Tractor & Engine Assoc. Inc., Betty Finney and family, Shawn Paddick, Abe & Ava Lemmon, Snider Farms, Roger & Deb Chapman, Rita Grimes, Carolyn Hain, Janet Phills, Donnie & Joanie Bailey, Roy & Phyllis Dillman, Rick & Carol Wallace, Gary Tussey, Earl Buckner & family, Dianne & Richard Purcell in memory of Gary Goodwin ♥ Michael Robison in memory of Debbie Robison ♥ Jeff & Dena Kuhn in memory of Eleanor Spray Seals ♥ Ruth Smith in memory of Dean Smith ♥ Lyle & Linda Bailey in memory of Jim McNair ♥ Pete & Gloria Belew in memory of Brent Morgan ♥ Nancy Kraus in memory of Clea Kraus ♥ Lyle & Linda Bailey in memory of Bill Cox ♥ Kim Bou, Tom & Judith Davis, and Fred Olds in memory of Norma Jean Olds ♥ Judy Rathe in memory of Allan Rathe ♥ Greg & Debra Buchanan and Jennifer Buchanan in memory of Tabitha Collard ♥ Michael & Judy Henry in memory of Darlene Fielder Ferguson ♥ Michael & Judy Henry in memory of Nila Kay Short ♥ Kenneth & Bea Grove, Ray & Rosalee Elliott, Joan Sons, Jimmie & Linda Grove, Steve & Teresa Courtright, Marge Hawkins, Clinton & Debbie Legg and Carolyn & Terry Legg in memory of Bernard Grove ♥ Michael & Judy Henry in memory of Autumn Reese Tennison ♥ Lyle & Linda Bailey in memory of Bill Cox ♥ Michael Robison in memory of Mike & Judy Robison ♥ Rick & Sharon Kirk in memory of Lewis Lee Henry ♥ Marsha Wagner, Diane Hollis, Glen & Faye Clapp and Dale Schagemann in memory of Rowena Wagay ♥ Mt. Zion Sunday School in memory of Marilyn Gabel ♥ Scott & Jana Ackman in memory of Shirley Marshall ♥ Doyle & Barbara Purcell, Brad & Chris Gurley, Brandon & Melissa Gurley, Harold McCormick, Jim Hart, James & Cheryl Parker and Bob Crocker in memory of Anna Dee Wells ♥ Jess Newton in memory of Jason Newton and Roy & Pauline Hill ♥ Lila June Davis in memory of Stanley Davis ♥ Michael Robison in memory of Debbie Robison ♥ Michael & Judy Henry in memory of Sharron Thompson and Betty Sprague ♥ Mt Zion Sunday School in memory of Marilyn Gabel and Allan Rathe ♥ Ruth Smith in memory of Dean Smith ♥ Catherine Walberg in memory of Marie Woods ♥ Pete & Gloria Belew in memory of Wanda Clayton ♥ Gregory & Elaine Smith in memory of Skip Thomas ♥

In Honor

Larry & Donna Miller in honor of Chris Martin ♥ Alice Mullinax in honor of Dr. Ron Gill upon his retirement ♥ Louise Newbold in honor of Shirley Marshall ♥ Carla Gayer in honor of Benny Gayer ♥ Kansas Christian Church in honor of Clella Camp ♥ Harmon Parrott in honor of Bill & Missy Greenwood ♥

“ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. “ ~ Philippians 1:6



CAMERON, 12

A Work of Art...

One of the great ways we see children grow is by investing in what they are talented at. It's a blessing to take part in something that Jesus has gifted them with, take for example Cameron. Like his Heavenly Father, Cameron loves to create!



This Issue's Highlighted House



Today...

"my child, rise up!"

The McCarters are the houseparents, and the house is at full capacity, blessed with **TEN WONDERFUL GIRLS!**



In 1999...

Our Lord gave us provisions to create the Talitha Koum house! When it was built it doubled the capacity of children that we could serve. We have been so blessed to have seen the children served in the decades that it has helped with the Great Commission.

"Talitha Koum" Means...

Talitha is a term of endearment. It's a word that would've been used to describe a "little lamb" as well. In Mark 5:41, we see Jesus use these words to resurrect a dying little girl. Our Lord says to her (in modern speak) "my little lamb, it's time to get up." Beautiful!



Be a Warrior

Our "Stand in the Gap" warriors are making a difference! By committing to give to the Home just \$100 a year, four separate times (that's only \$25), it has been the difference between a working A/C unit in the heat of the summer or a working vehicle on the road. Contact the Home to find out how YOU can stand in the gap today!