



#### NEW MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTERS

Starting this fall we are looking forward to keeping everyone up to date on a monthly basis with our new monthly e-newsletters.



#### THE BRIDGE

Every week we are coming together as one body to pray and intercede for those who are in need of prayer.



#### PRAISE REPORTS

May the Lord's mighty hand never cease to amaze us and may we never cease to give him the glory.



#### THE SHAPING DESTINY FAMILY

This is a new and informative guide for everyone involved in the ministry family.

# SHAPING DESTINY



## May We FALL More in Love this Season

God has been and continues to do incredible things in and through Shaping Destiny. God continue's to bring children to us who are in desperate need of a loving, God fearing home and we are thankful for you and the rest of the Shaping Destiny Family that supports and helps us to have the means to provide for God's children. We want to do our absolute best in keeping everyone informed about the ways that God is using Shaping Destiny for his Kingdom so that we can all lift up praises to His name and share our gratitude for how much we appreciate and need your prayers, time and giving; it is these actions that truly make a difference in the lives of the vulnerable. Starting this fall we will begin sending **monthly e-newsletters** to everyone apart of the SD Family. These monthly e-newsletters will include praise

**Ascribe to the LORD, O sons of the mighty, Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in holy array.**

reports and updates of what God is doing, prayer request and inviting you to send any prayer request that you or your family may have so that we may become one body, supporting and encouraging the Lord's family.

**The Bridge Prayer + worship + fellowship**

What a joy it is when we feel and hear God asking us to take another step forward in ministering to his people. Because our headquarters is located in Austin, Texas we have felt the call to not only pray for the lost and the broken hearted as a ministry but to also invite and get the people of Austin involved in interceding for those in need as well. The Bridge is a group of Christ followers who meet every Thursday 6-8 p.m. for prayer, worship, and fellowship. We have seen God create beautiful ordained times of fellowship amongst those gathering to lift up the brokenhearted. It truly is a generation rising up to fill in the gap between God and the hurting. We believe that God's all powerful hand is moved through faithful prayers so as we continue to pray with expectancy, seeing



God answering prayers through this weekly, two hour prayer time we are asking you to play a part by allowing us to pray for you and your family. We believe that these changes that God has laid on our hearts is just another step forward towards the continuous transition of making us one body. So we ask you to please send in any prayer request that you and your family may have at any time and know that there is a group of people sending up prayers with you to our Sovereign King.

With The Bridge inviting local Austinites to join in with us during this time of prayer, we also feel called to serve our local Austin community. We are doing this by connecting with and building healthy relationships with other non profit organizations in the area in order to pray, serve, or be a blessing to them in anyway that we can for their hard work and dedication to the Kingdom. If you know of any local non profits in the area or have one of your own that we can be praying for or serve with let us know and we would be happy to connect.

**Praise Reports**

**THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE SHAPING DESTINY FAMILY**

Recently God has entrusted us with two precious lives at the Shaping Destiny Transition Home. Here is a story that God deserves all he glory for; it is a testimony of God's goodness and his sovereignty over all of the universe including being the author of divine timing. Recently, a beautiful and faithful family were finalizing their adoption from Cameroon, West Africa, as finalizations were being completed,



our staff needed to make one last visit to the young girl's biological mother (who is physically and mentally ill). While they were visiting her biological mother it was brought to our staffs attention that her biological mother had recently given birth to twins and lacked the knowledge and means to care for the two children. In fact she was asking and begging other locals in the community to take the children from her because she did not want them. Knowing the mothers mental state and inability to care for the two children we were able to take the children back to the Transition Home after realizing that the two were extremely malnourished and needed medical attention quickly. We praise God for his perfect timing. The family who had just got their adoption finalized had gone through several obstacles to get their daughter, including periods of waiting without having much knowledge on the next steps or when they would actually get to bring their daughter home, but this family being

so faithful to God was able to see that if their adoption would have been approved or held off a day's difference that the chances of them and the SD staff coming across this biological parent and her children that were severely malnourished would have likely not happened. If it would have been months sooner, she would not of yet had the children, and if it were days later the children could have taken on a terrible sickness, or been given to someone who could have taken advantage of the them.

Now the two children, Mary and Isaac are in the Transition Home, continuing to receive proper medical attention, nutrition, love, and prayer. They are growing and improving every day. Once the children are healthy and a bit older we hope to find them a wonderful local

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Matthew 18:20

**A Personal Testimony**

"Attending The Bridge has stripped me of certain walls I had held up. It has been used to break me and then fill me with truth and encouragement, as well as surround me with a strong group of believers."

-AmberKelly



Cameroonian family that will nourish, love, and disciple them into God-fearing children. Please join us as we continue to lift these two precious lives up to our Heavenly Father.

### FRISBEE FOR THE FATHERLESS 2015

Earlier this year we got to hold our first annual Frisbee for the Fatherless Ultimate Frisbee Tournament in Austin, Texas with the hopes to spread orphan care awareness. We were so blessed and overjoyed by the turnout of the event. It was a joy to see people coming together from all over Texas to take part in this event, to simply support and raise orphan care awareness. We hope to host a tournament at least once a year in the future and see this event growing to become a yearly highlight for the ministry and for all those who make it possible for us to continue serving orphans! If you, your family, company or organization want to be involved in the event either by participating, volunteering, setting up a booth, or sponsoring the event email us at [info@shapingdestiny.org](mailto:info@shapingdestiny.org).



### WELCOME HOME BLANDIS

Adoption is beautiful, it is a beautiful representation of who Christ is and his love for his children. We have been adopted into a family of believers, into a forever home because of Jesus Christ our Savior. How beautiful is that, and how in awe are we of being taken in, beat up, bruised and ugly then undergoing a constant sanctification through love. We are thankful to see our adoption in Christ being represented in families today. It amazes us to see how God connects people. God connected a family with three biological children to a young girl in Cameroon, and laid it on their heart to pursue this sweet little girl, to take her in as their own and to love her unconditionally. Through the devil's attacks and the temptation that comes with time without knowledge little Blandis is now in a forever home that cherishes every piece of her. Welcome home Blandis! May God guide your every step.

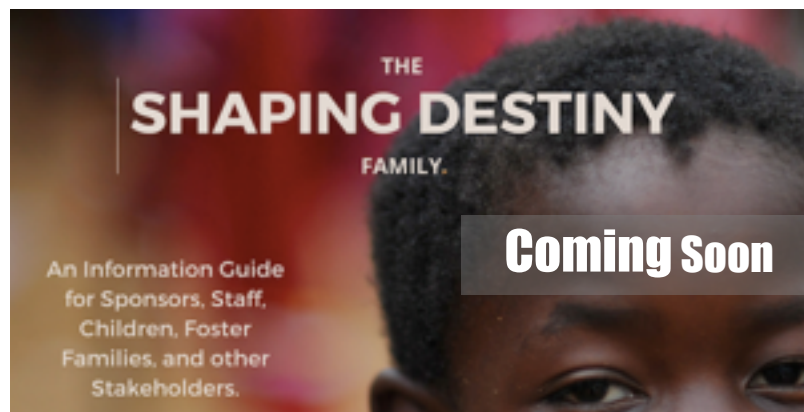


**A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.**

Psalm 68:5

### The Shaping Destiny Family Information Guide

As Shaping Destiny continues to grow, caring for more families and children we also want to be growing in unity with all of those who make this possible; we want everyone involved to have a good and clear understanding of what we are all about, our heart, mission and vision as a ministry. We have just recently created an information guide for sponsors, staff, children, foster families, and other stakeholders so that we are all pursuing the same goal and know what to expect as each of us plays a different role in seeing God use this ministry to play a part in his Kingdom. We will be sending the new informative guides out to all of the SD family in the near future so be keeping a lookout for it. You will also be able to find the soft version online soon by visiting [www.shapingdestiny.org](http://www.shapingdestiny.org). We hope that this guide gives you a better understanding of what it is that we feel God has called us to and answers any questions that you may have. If you have any questions that you felt were not answered in the guide please let us know by contacting us through email at [info@shapingdestiny.org](mailto:info@shapingdestiny.org). We look forward to sharing this guide with each of you and pray that it informs you and encourages you to continue to pray for the ministry and the lives that are being transformed by your support.



**“O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.”**

Psalms 34:3



On November 8th, join Christians around the globe rising for foster youth and orphans.

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Thank you to everyone who has made a difference in the lives of God's Precious children!  
May your fall season be filled with love and many blessings.