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Dear Believers in Christ:

A news article came across my desk today regarding a 12-year old boy from Greensburg, Indiana that was beaten to death by his mother over a period of several hours. According to the article the boy's mother and boyfriend had just been interviewed by the Department of Child Services days before the child was beaten to death but no action was taken at that time. The child's family case manager supervisor was also brought up on charges with delivery of a controlled substance, official misconduct and distribution of obscene matter. According to RTV 6 these charges were related to the case manger supervisor using his position as a DCS worker inappropriately in another case. He had previous convictions for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia when he was 18, which were disclosed on his DCS application, officials said.

This letter comes to you with a heavy heart for the children in our communities and a **call for our churches to lift them up in prayer**. According to 2009 child abuse statistics, there were 110,431 reports of child abuse in Indiana with 24,754 substantiated. Thirty-eight cases resulted in fatalities with 79% of the children being under the age of 3.

Please ask your **church body to fervently pray** that:

- The eyes of our state and federal government are opened to the needs to our children.
- The eyes of our world leaders will turn toward Christ and Satan will be defeated.
- Together Open Arms Christian Ministries and the churches can make a difference, save lives, bring families and children to a knowledge of Christ.
- God will fill our beds at the Miriam Home residential home at OACM
- God will provide additional godly foster parents to raise HIS children in Christian environments.
- God will help the helpless beginning with you and me.

Psalm 82:3 states that as God's people we should "Defend the weak and the fatherless; upholding the cause of the poor and the oppressed (NIV). Let's pray churches! His children need us.

Sincerely,

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