**New countries that checked in on the map! 85 Countries!**

Morocco, Egypt and Madagascar!

**THAILAND**

Bishop B in Northern Thailand sent out to 3,200 churches under her leadership, creating a small toolkit for Orphan Sunday.

**JAPAN**

Thru the Orphan Sunday site being translated into Japanese by volunteers, Japan launched Orphan Sunday for the first time this year. “A joy to remember and pray for the 39,000 children without homes in institutions across Japan on Orphan Sunday (みなしごサンデー) at [All Nations Fellowship (ANF Japan)](https://www.facebook.com/anfjapan/). [Thomas Wilson](https://www.facebook.com/thomas.wilson.9638718) shared about his family's adoptions and God's heart for orphans. “

**PHILIPPINES**

Pastor’s Joe and Ruby De Ocampo are adoptive parents and active volunteers in the Orphan Sunday movement. They appeared on a radio station as part of Far East Broadcasting Company on Orphan Sunday.

**AFRICA**

Orphan Sunday continues to spread across Africa, and this year was observed in many small African nations, like Burkina Faso and Burundi. A missionary who was in the bush in Botswana discovered that the church there was observing Orphan Sunday.

**INDIA**

Orphan Sunday was observed in 5,800 churches across India. In all regions of the nation.

**ITALY**

First year.

5 churches

Collected supplies for children in a local orphanage

Held a prayer service that evening, used the Orphan Sunday prayer guide and even watched the Zambia’s Gift to the World video!

**LATVIA**

“Once again we had a wonderful Presidential reception with over 300 kids and families this year, and the first lady standing up especially against placement of babies in Orphanages. “

**HONDURAS**

Orphan Sunday was recognized and celebrated throughout many churches in **San Pedro Sula, El Progreso and Santa Barbara Honduras.**

Many orphans and vulnerable children were invited to participate in worship, sharing of a meal with the congregation, received clothing and shoes, played games, etc. Many of the churches are now wanting to connected again with these children on a regular basis, PRAISE GOD!

The churches are asking what the date is for Orphan Sunday next year and are looking forward to mentoring more to these children.

**WESLEYAN CHURCH**

The Wesleyan Church has made Orphan Sunday a day of the denomination.

“The Wesleyan Church has identified Orphan Sunday as a special Sunday emphasis that is worthy of denomination-wide observance.”

The Wesleyan Church had grown to an average of 516,203 adherents weekly in around 5,800 churches worldwide and is active in almost 100 nations. In North America alone there were 146,996 members in 1,700 congregations, with an average worship attendance of 231,339.[[1]](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wesleyan_Church#cite_note-1) The growing statistics for 2015 reveals the church is now around 1 million strong worldwide.

**KENTUCKY**

14 Zaxby’s across Kentucky participated in Orphan Sunday and donated a portion of their proceeds to a local orphan ministry. The governor of Kentucky endorsed Orphan Sunday and recorded a video for the Coast to Coast tour.

**FLORIDA**

Over 100 organizations signed up to give thousands of pounds of diapers to kids in Foster Care, including Publix Supermarket.

**NORTH CAROLINA**

A coalition of 45 churches across the Charlotte, FOR CHARLOTTE MISSION NETWORK area all participated in Orphan Sunday, focusing on city-wide recruitment of potential foster or adoptive parents from within network churches.

**ARKANSAS**

Out of hundreds of Instagram posts, we enjoyed this post from a bakery in Little Rock that made Orphan Sunday cookies.