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**XYZ Church Participates in the**

**James Project of Latin America Church Challenge**

**In Honor of International Orphan Sunday**

**City, State** – International Orphan Sunday will be recognized around the world on Sunday November 10th. In honor of International Orphan Sunday, the XYZ Church will participate in the James Project of Latin America Church Challenge from October 27th – November 10th. Through activities and prayer, the congregation will focus on the plight of vulnerable children and women, and celebrate foremost God’s deep love for the fearless…and for each of us as well. The JPLA Church Challenge seeks to inspire and equip the church congregation for action.

“During the JPLA Church Challenge, the XYZ Church will learn more about the plight of women and children worldwide who are suffering through poverty and abuse. A variety of engaging activities are offered during the challenge to encourage our thoughts, prayers, and efforts toward those in need,” said Pastor X.

The James Project of Latin America, located in Monjas Guatemala, is an organization committed to restoring childhoods and instilling hope for abandoned, abused and trafficked Guatemalan women and children. The James Project, a Christian organization established in 2001, has helped thousands of abused and abandoned children and women through the Shadow of His Wings Children’s Home, the Redeemed Women’s Business Program, the Evangelical Freedom School, and transitional programs that foster opportunities for young women as they reach the age of adulthood. The James Project currently serves approximately 75 children in six children’s homes located on their Shadow of His Wings campus, 150 students at the Evangelical Freedom School, and 10 women as part of the Redeemed Women’s Program.

Tiffany Applegate, JPLA Executive Director, expressed, “James 1:27 teaches us that to take care of widows and orphans is to do the will of God. In a country where 50% of the population is below the age of 18 and poverty and violence are abundant, the need is great. The JPLA Church Challenge reminds congregations of the plight of children and women who are abused and neglected, living in extreme conditions and in need of our love and support.”

Additional information about the JPLA Church Challenge can be found at the James Project of Latin America website at [www.jamesproject.org](http://www.jamesproject.org), or contact Executive Director, Tiffany Applegate, at 785-422-2127 or email tiffany@jamesproject.org.