



## Home Mission Board Disaster Relief Adoption Ministry

Part of our redemptive response is called the **Adoption Ministry**. There are three areas of adoption: **CHURCHES, FAMILIES AND PASTORS**

**The texts supporting the Adoption Ministry are: Ephesians 1:3-6 and Matthew 25:34-40**

We are asking Adopters to enter into a Covenant with Adoptees for a minimum period of three months to a year. After a year, the Covenant can be renegotiated to the satisfaction of the Adopting Church, Family or Pastor.

### **The Adoption Ministry Objectives are:**

1. To assist in what ways are available to get a Church, Family or Pastor on their feet again
2. To provide the Adoptee with a point of contact for empowerment
3. To provide the spiritual linkage necessary for the ministry of comfort and encouragement.

#### **Adopt a Church: Period of one year or more**

1. Enter into a Macedonian Covenant making the relationship official.
2. Provide financial assistance where possible. Some assistance may be available through the Home Mission Board's Disaster Relief Fund
3. Assign Intercessory Prayer Partners to the church
4. Provide material and , or supplies

#### **Adopt a Family: Period of one year or more**

1. Enter into an Acts 2 Covenant making the relationship official
2. Provide the family with clothing, shoes and other essential items
3. Provide the family with Intercessory Prayer Partners
4. Provide the family with a counselor(s)
5. Provide information that will lead to both temporary and permanent housing. This means working with the Housing Commission of the National Baptist Convention USA Inc.

#### **Adopt a Pastor: Period of one year or more**

1. Enter into a Timothy Covenant making the relationship official
2. Seek to provide the pastor with teaching opportunities
3. Assist the pastor and family to secure those things needed for empowerment
4. Serve as mentor, prayer partner and mediator of services and, or, vital information from the Home Mission Board Office

More than one congregation, family or Pastor may be adopting the same family if necessary to assure each will receive the services needed.

Those who adopt in any of the three categories will have access to the directory of resources that has been developed, and continues to be developed, by the Home Mission Board. The Home Mission Board will assist your efforts to bring the Master's Mercy and Might to those who need them the most.