

HAPPY Mother's Day

NEWSLETTER OF BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

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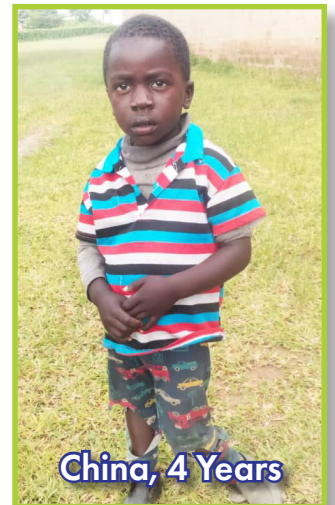
Dear Friend,

Happy Mother's Day! Being a mother (and grandmother) is one of the greatest joys of my life. What a blessing to raise the three children God entrusted to my husband and me. - A blessing and a great responsibility. God's grace allowed us times of laughter, ministry, and wonderful memories. His sustaining love brought us through some difficult times that all families experience. To celebrate Mother's Day, would you give a gift in honor or memory of a mother in your life? It could even be in honor of one of our housemothers caring for BCH children.

I love this quote by Elizabeth George: "What is a godly mother? A godly mother is one who loves the Lord her God with all her heart, soul, mind, and strength and then passionately, consistently, and unrelentingly teaches her children to do the same."

Elizabeth's words make me think of all the mothers we have at BCH who are caring for children - their own, and some who are not their own. These mothers are inspirational.

Jeni and Mary are "Grannies" in Zambia who are each raising eight grandchildren. China (4), the newest grandchild to come into Jeni's home was dropped off at Christmas time wearing only dirty, ill-fitting pajamas. Jeni lovingly welcomed him into her home. When he first came to her home he cried because he wanted to return to his village.



China, 4 Years

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Don't sleep on this year's project! Give the children in our care the items they need for a good night of sleep. Learn more and see all our VBS resources at bch-inc.org/sweetdreams.



Now he wants to stay with his grandmother, cousins, and siblings. He is thriving under the loving care that he is receiving.

As a grandmother, I cannot imagine the challenge of raising eight grandchildren at this stage of life! Yet Jeni and Mary rejoice that BCH is partnering with them so they can raise the children in a peaceful environment without worrying about nutritional or educational needs any longer.

I think of Junia. She and her husband cared for children in the New Hope Home in Myanmar. About a year ago, her husband went to be with the Lord. Junia, even while grieving, has continued to love the Lord her God. She lovingly cares for the children as a godly mother.

There are so many wonderful, godly mothers caring for our children. If I could, I would share all their stories in this update, but we have highlighted a few. Will you pray for God to encourage them in their love for Him and for the children for whom they care?

This Mother's Day would you give a gift in honor or memory of a mother in your life? I also invite you to give a gift in honor of one of our loving BCH mothers. If you would like to write a note or a prayer to them with your gift, I will make sure that our mothers caring for children receive them.

Thank you, and may God bless you.

Sincerely,



Linda Brooks, President

Send a special note
to our mothers
with your gift.



Mary, 14 Years



Choolwe, 11 Years

Ministries Update

We love connecting with churches! If your church or group would like an update and presentation about the ministries of BCH, please let us know. Video calls are available, or a representative can visit – depending on availability. Visit bch-inc.org/request to begin the process today. We are excited to share all the ministry updates with you!



Wayne, Priscilla and Karson
representing BCH

Grace Home Myanmar Update

The "Grace Home" got its name because Grace is the housemother of the home, but it has become a special name. It is by God's grace that the family is now getting a home. We started construction on the house last year. In 2-4 weeks, we hope they can move into the home. Grace, Kim, and the children cannot believe they will have a house. When God introduced us to Grace, we knew that the children could thrive if we partnered together. Can you imagine that soon the children will be sleeping in new beds, playing outside in their own yard, and growing vegetables in their garden? Thank you for your help and prayer for our Grace Home.



Haiti and Dominican Republic Update

It has been one year since we started our family homes in Haiti and the DR. We quickly learned just how much more desperate the need for safe, loving Christian homes is than we had imagined. Our partners in Haiti and the DR are faced with an insurmountable number of vulnerable children who need care. Risks for abandoned and neglected children there are tragic, including servanthood and trafficking. Our mission in Haiti and the DR is an encouraging example of our commitment to family and permanency for all our children. The influence of our small, loving homes on the children can be seen on the face of Carmelle Rose from one of our families in Haiti. Pictured (left) is Carmelle's first day with us compared to her recent



one-year anniversary (right). Carmelle is now 4 years old and has grown so much! Her radiant smile shows the effect of her loving family. What a difference a year makes! When you sponsor a child through our Hearts of Compassion ministry, a child gains a prayer warrior, and your financial contribution helps us fund more children's stories of hope like Carmelle's. Our goal is for every child in our care to receive 10 prayer partners. Visit bch-hearts.org to begin your sponsorship journey today.

*Bear one another's burdens,
and so fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 6:2*



Homes of Compassion Update

We recently had a client who was brave enough to flee a domestic violence situation. As is often the case, the shelter did not have a family room available. Because of our ministry, this mother was able to stay at the shelter while her daughter came into our Homes of Compassion's care. When her daughter was with one of our Care Families, mom worked on her goals. Many goals involved preparing for life beyond the shelter, but some involved resting and healing from her traumatic experiences. Homes of Compassion was able to help quickly and protect their privacy so they can make steps toward a healthier and safer future.

WAYS YOU CAN PRAY FOR THIS MINISTRY:

- More churches and volunteers to be involved.
- Our growing relationships with service providers in the community.
- Past, current, and future clients and their children.
- Staff of HoC as they minister to families and volunteers.

A Day to Remember

We love to provide special, memory-making days for our children in care. Recently our Agape home in India enjoyed a picnic and day at the park. At the park, the children enjoyed playing on the grassy field. They enthusiastically watched the fish in the lake. Some of the children had never seen a beach!

Bananas, ice cream and some sweets were on the menu while everyone enjoyed the beautiful Veli Tourist Village. For lunch they had rice in banana leaves, fish, buttermilk, and fried vegetables. The children said this was a fantastic day, and they did not want to leave. The children were amazed by the boats, park, and all the beautiful sights. Thank you for your giving which makes special days like this possible for our children.

