



HARVEST

BCH FALL NEWSLETTER

Dear Friend,

A favorite verse of mine is Galatians 6:9. *“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”* This includes the good work in each new phase of our ministries:

HOMES OF COMPASSION MINISTRY

We have learned that Lake County, Indiana has an average of a thousand children a month who are determined “in need of services.” These are families who live about twenty minutes away from our office. We can help families in need when they do not need foster care. Children with this kind of need are why our Homes of Compassion ministry is so vital. Helping nearly one thousand children a month would require the support of many churches and volunteers. **See page 2** to learn about what our team is doing and how you can be a part of it.

HEARTS OF COMPASSION MINISTRY

This is a new way of connecting our BCH friends on an individual level with a specific child. Our care for children is not changing – but it is expanding, and we are getting to know each child one at a time – and there are almost 800 children!

On page 3, you will see the children’s pictures and stories and understand why this ministry matters so much. “Hearts,” as we call it, is the future of providing for their needs, giving high quality care, and expanding the ministry to children in new homes and countries.



I am sponsoring David Brooks, age 15. He lives in Liberia and is named after my husband. Learn more our Hearts children on Page 2 or at bch-hearts.org

A VBS UPDATE

Joseph and his wife prayed for this farm for over ten years before I heard about it. If they had given up, they would not reap a giant crop of fruits and vegetables every year. Our VBS project this year was to buy a truck for that farm in Myanmar. I cannot wait for you to read about what God did with this truck – see more on the back page.

Will you give to help more children in need?

With Thanksgiving,

Linda Brooks



Hearts of Compassion Ministry

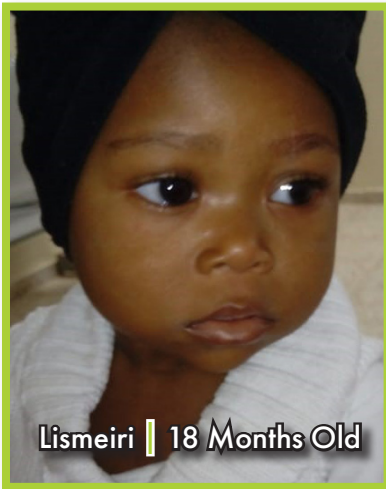
EVERY CHILD HAS A STORY

In our Hearts of Compassion ministry, the children we care for may live far from us, but they are closely connected to our hearts. We currently care for almost 800 children in 7 countries. We are committed to providing for our children in small family environments modeled after God's plan for the family.

Receiving the firsthand accounts of the way our Father has provided for each child in our international ministries fills our hearts and calls us to pray on their behalf. Our Hearts of Compassion program can bring this experience to you.

By becoming a Hearts of Compassion Sponsor, you not only are contributing to the physical care of our children but are also a prayer partner. You will be able to connect on a personal level with that child. Our goal is to find 10 sponsors for each child.

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Lismeiri | 18 Months Old

Little Lismeiri is only 18 months old. She lives in one of our newly established homes in the Dominican Republic. Lismeiri loves to be cared for. She is a sweet baby, and her care family parents are looking forward to

watching her learn and grow.

Hriiba is 11 years old and lives in our Havilah Home in India. Hriiba likes to learn about science and play Carom (a game like billiards). His plan is to become



Hriiba | 11 Years Old

a police officer. Emily Sui is 7 years old. She is a little behind in her education because her village school closed. She loves to play with the other children. New to our New Hope Home in Myanmar, Emily Sui needs your prayer for her salvation. She is interested in listening to Bible stories. Emily Siu loves to play "house" and says she wants to be a teacher when she is grown.



Emily Sui | 7 Years Old

Funds raised through our Hearts of Compassion ministry are combined to provide for the needs of every child in care. Your commitment to pray for and provide for a specific child personally connects you to the child and home, while helping BCH sustain and grow our international ministry.



Homes of Compassion Update

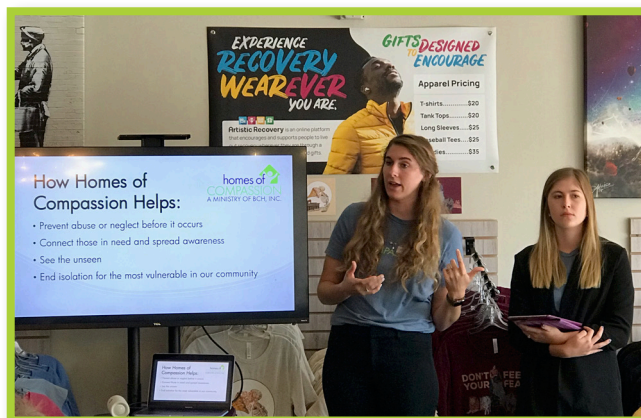
Homes of Compassion (HoC) Ministry has been building lasting relationships with churches, getting volunteers involved, and helping parents get through their crises and, of course, caring for children! One of the ways we were able to do that recently was extra sweet – ice cream!



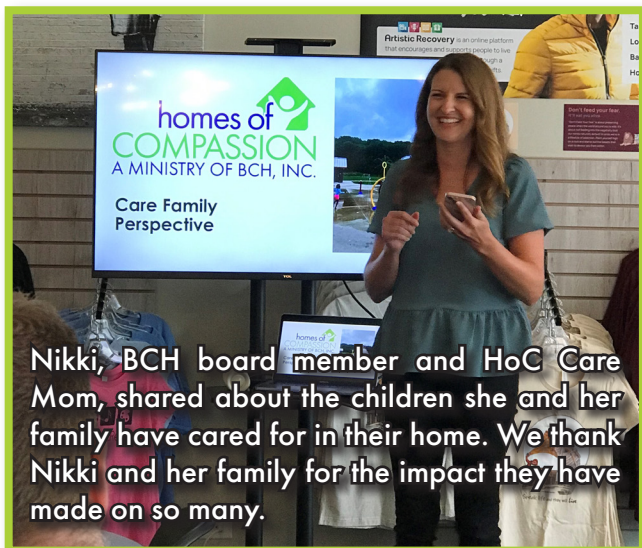
Two of our children in HoC care turned 8 and 10 years old! Their mother did not want to miss celebrating their birthdays even though both of her children are staying with a Care Family.

We were on the guest list and brought an ice cream cake. The birthday girls, our HoC staff, the Care Family, and the girls' mom had a fun day at the splash pad! It was a special time to incorporate everyone involved in their care during this time.

This is exactly how Homes of Compassion supports the children and their parents. The girls had a great birthday, and we worked together to show Christian love and support to this family. The visit was filled with genuine laughter, fun, and loads of ice cream.



We also had a Homes of Compassion information breakfast! It was so exciting to see church leaders, local Department of Child Services workers, and HoC volunteers interact about our ministry. Please join us in praying for more churches and volunteers to be involved. Hailey (left), Kortney (right), and Linda presented to our group about how people can get involved!



Nikki, BCH board member and HoC Care Mom, shared about the children she and her family have cared for in their home. We thank Nikki and her family for the impact they have made on so many.



Farm Truck Update

This summer thousands of children across the country gathered for a week of VBS. They learned about Jesus, had fun, and gave their offerings toward a truck for our GEM Farm in Myanmar!

I love hearing inventive VBS ideas! One church had a fun competition. What was it? Boys against girls, of course. The first night, the children brought in pennies. The second night nickels, then dimes, and finally quarters. Each night the coins were weighed to see who brought in more. Together these 20 children **raised more than \$800!**

It was so exciting to send the funds to purchase the long-awaited truck. We had some challenges along the way recently, but God intervened in such a clear way that we are encouraged by His care. When Joseph went to purchase the vehicle, the price had increased from \$40,000 to \$68,000.

Joseph and his wife, Nuampi, prayed before going to another dealership. When they arrived, they realized that their doctor and his wife owned the dealership. This doctor provides his services to our children free of charge. Joseph and Nuampi shared our need. Here is the response in Joseph's own words:



"This is our testimony! They have a Ford Ranger, which we are looking for. It only has been used for 1000 miles. She is offering it to us for \$42,227. It is still new and is a beauty!" They also said that they were so thrilled with God's blessing that they hardly slept that night!

God knew the problem of the cost of the truck before we had any idea. He already had the solution planned. Joseph and Nuampi just had to pray! We are so thankful to God and for all the churches, families, and friends who made this entire story happen.



**THANK YOU
VBS CHILDREN!**