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VBS Projects

We are raising funds to buy a farm truck for the Elim Farm in Myanmar. Plan on joining us as we help children across the globe. More details at BCH-inc.org or you can call us at 219.462.4111

Dear Friend,

Mother's Day and Father's Day are quickly approaching. I have a renewed perspective on these holidays this year. Our partner in Myanmar, Lian, said he and the children in care had a special request of me.

The request was, "Can we call you Mama Brooks?"

I said, "Of course!" Since then, our relationship has grown and flourished. Though we are separated by many miles, I consider them children of the heart. Because of that, I view them with the heart of love that I would show my own children.

With 783 children in care, it is obviously a role I cannot accomplish alone. That is why I am inviting you to consider becoming a spiritual parent and support children in our care.

We have many new opportunities coming through Baptist Children's Home. I am so excited to share about our new mission in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Please read more about that on page 4. The number of the children in our hearts is growing. When you see their pictures and hear their stories, you will understand why we want to grow this ministry and care for many children who need homes and families.

Your support makes all this possible, and I am so grateful to you on behalf of our BCH family, and the many children we care about throughout the world.

God bless you!

Linda Brooks

Linda Brooks
 President



New home in Haiti! See more on page 4

Meet Our Housemother Grace



I am Grace. I would like to be a faithful and a good mother of orphans. When I was five years old, I was extremely sick and close to death. Both

of my parents, my older brothers and sisters, my church pastor, and the deacons prayed for me. My parents dedicated my life to God and said, "Lord, if our daughter becomes, well, please, let her serve for you all her whole life." The Lord answered their prayers.

I am the youngest daughter among seven siblings. While I was so young, I loved all the kids in my neighborhood

and cared for them washing their dirty faces and legs and clothes.

After completing my coursework at Berean Baptist Bible College & Seminary in Bangalore, India, I saw so many poor Buddhist children playing in the muddy ground, on the street sands, and under the hot sun. I began making friendships with them and teaching them free English, gospel songs and Bible stories. This led to the Grace Baptist Children's Home opening on March 15, 2013, in Yangon, Burma (Myanmar).

My God calling is found in Psalm 68:5 "A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his habitation." And Psalm 41:1 "BLESSED is he that considers the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trou-



Sending love to BCH from the children in Myanmar.



Grace and the children are excitedly exploring the land chosen for their future home.

ble." I have a burden for the fatherless children, the widows, and the poor through these Bible portions.

In my life as I am serving the Lord by faith, I have faced, and I am facing some problems, difficulties, and hardships. However, I feel joy and

peace in my heart while serving. Thank God.

My prayer request is please do pray for my good health, especially for my neck Spondylosis. I have been suffering from this pain and dizziness since 2006. Please do pray for my

home children, for their good health, to become faithful to God, plead for God in their daily Christian lives, and some day, to become as the Master uses them for His Kingdom.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Grace



The children enjoyed outings to the park in safe, small groups



Children from the Grace Home at their "Groundbreaking ceremony"



What a treat for the children to play freely outside at the site of their new home.

Foster Homes Haiti and Dominican Republic

For several years, Predestin has been a friend to us at the ministry. He operates My Father's House, a large orphanage in Haiti. My Father's House is a good ministry to some very vulnerable children in Haiti.

We have been exploring some type of partnership with Predestin and My Father's House. Predestin and I began exploring the possibility of having a foster home ministry. These children are some of the most vulnerable in Haiti. The children would live with trusted pastor families and would stay with them to become a true part of a family.

When Predestin explored this idea with pastors in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, they were eager and overjoyed to begin this ministry! We are beginning with five families. This will mean a safe home for at least 25 children right away.

As we continue this program, we believe it will grow quickly. Children in Haiti and the Dominican Republic are at an extreme risk of kidnapping, sex trafficking, and being sold into slavery. The largest reason children in Haiti are admitted to the hospital is due to starvation. This knowledge is heavy on my heart, and we long for these children to have a different life of hope.

When I told Predestin that our board had approved the project, Predestin wrote: "Praise the Lord! I am very glad to hear about that. Alleluia! It came from the Lord; it is a miracle in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made. Which is for us a subject of gladness and joy." Read more from Predestin on page 7. Learn more about how to help children in Haiti at bch-inc.org/haiti.



We pray for these children to have a life full of hope.

One Sunday night, I received this picture. Our first group of foster children is now in care in Port Au Prince, Haiti. Please pray for this new initiative. Also, consider becoming a prayer and supporting partner through our new Hearts of Compassion. You will receive regular updates on the child you are supporting. Visit bch-inc.org/haiti to learn more.



Esther



Vincent

Meet our Housemother Kim



I am Kim. I would like to be a good mother for these children.

My God's calling is James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before

God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Both of my parents were orphans. They loved and cared for orphan children at their home while I was young. Now those children are all grown, married, and have built good Christian homes.

When I was 10 years old, I decided to leave school and help my parents. I was taking care of all the children of my siblings.

When I read James 1:27, I felt strongly and more burdened to take care of children, especially the father-

less. Therefore, I have committed to serve the Lord for my whole life by taking care of the orphan children (at Grace Baptist Children's Home in Myanmar) and to be a godly mother to those children.

Please pray for my health and for the health of all the children. Pray for our children to grow physically and spiritually. I pray for each of our children to become a child who fears God and lives for pleasing Him. Pray for them to become great and faithful men and women of God who glorify God through their daily lives.

Thank you so very much!

Kim

Mothers in Ministry



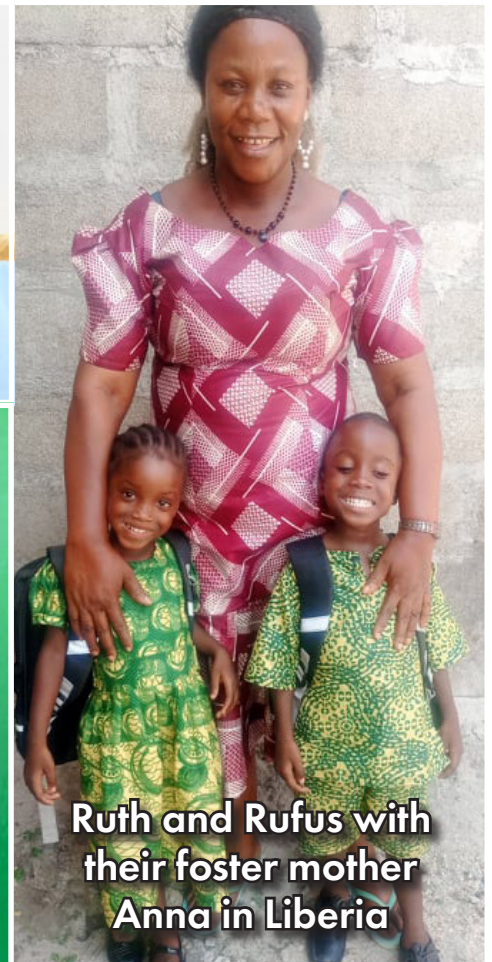
Zambia "Granny" Jeni, her daughter and granddaughter



Grace in Myanmar pictured with some of her children at the park



Logos Bible College Graduate Achengliu with her son and husband in India.



Ruth and Rufus with their foster mother Anna in Liberia

Zambia Grannie Home Update



Mary and her grandchildren looking happy on their new porch

Over the last few months much has happened for our two grannies in Zambia. Mary, Jeni, and the children have moved into their new homes, and everyone received a new bed.

You can see the joy and celebration on each of their faces in the pictures. Recently, they put in organized closets (hooks, shoe rack, shelves, storage space). The children are unaccustomed to anything but living in heaps. We received a ministry update from Rachel:

“Our granny homes are a whole new concept for us and for the church. We are charting new territory in the oversight and holistic care of these families. I’m frankly



Jeni's newest little grandchild

grateful for the opportunity to influence and impact these kids and the remaining shrapnel of their families. It is redemptive.

All the children are being physically cared for at a level they’ve never

known before. They each have their own bed with sheets and blankets, live in a house that doesn’t leak, eat three meals a day, go to school in new uniforms, and attend church with their grandmothers. We are adding to their houses with shelves, hooks, curtains, etc. It’s a work in progress. Their grandmas smile more than they used to. Your help has eased their HEAVY burdens.”

She goes on to explain that in addition to biblical teaching, they are beginning their individual spiritual care and mentoring moments with the children in their new, more structured living environments. She has great updates on Mary’s household: “Mary’s husband continues to regularly come to church—he is the first in the home to arrive at church. The single, widowed mothers of Mary’s grandchildren have been counseled on areas of responsibility and spiritual needs.”



Jeni & her grandchildren outside their new home.

United States Homes of Compassion

Our Homes of Compassion ministry (HoC) provides a unique opportunity to come alongside families in partnership with the local church. It is our mission to express the love of Jesus by welcoming children into Christian homes for temporary care offering parents time to work through their immediate challenge. Below is a testimony from Dawn, one of our care coaches. It demonstrates how Jesus is working in the hearts of two children placed in a HoC home.

Our twin 6-year-olds have been enjoying being in 1st grade and being in a loving HoC Home. In January, the twins were able to attend "Paintball Wars" a church outreach ministry event. The children had a blast, as you would expect, but the night got better. During the devotional time the twins accepted Christ as their Savior. While on one of my home visits "K" asked me, "Guess what Miss Dawn?"

With the biggest smile he tells me, "I asked Jesus in my heart." His sister was quick to add, "Me, too!" They went on to share with me that Jesus is with them always. They also received



Bibles and brought them to show me. I encouraged them to be sure to read stories out of the Bible so they could learn about God and Jesus. They said they already have been. The Care Family has already been seeing some changes in them. They love attending AWANA on Wednesday nights and are getting a good foundation in biblical truths.

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Predestin's Report in Haiti

Today I would like to give an update about the foster home program and how pastors have received this program in Hispaniola Island.

In Haiti, and even in the Dominican Republic, there is a lot of suffering among children. The children have malnutrition, cannot go to school, and do not have a home. Many of them live on the streets and are in danger due to a lack of supervision. The arrival of BCH in Haiti and the Dominican Republic is a great relief for these children. The pastors

received this program with great joy. We are starting with five foster homes in total. Three homes in the Dominican Republic and two homes in Haiti, but I already have a waiting list of more than 25 homes. We hope to have the families and resources to help children in these homes soon.

The children are also very happy. They begin to know a new life. They feel hope and an assured future. You are making positive impacts in the lives of orphaned and abandoned children in Hispaniola Island. I thank

you for what has already been done, and I ask you to consider helping more children.

Pastor Predestin

P.S. If you would like to help children in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, please visit www.bch-inc.org/haiti. You have the option to give a one-time gift or to sponsor a child in Haiti and continue their care.

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