

Bringing Children Hope's mission is to provide holistic Christian care to families in crisis. While this calling involves many facets, I want to take a moment to focus on the significance of the word "holistic." Each of us is an intrinsic being, created by God with interconnected parts—physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. Holistic care recognizes that true healing occurs when all these aspects are addressed. Only then can a person truly flourish and be restored to the fullness of what God originally designed for them.

To illustrate this, I'd like to share a story. Last month, Monica, a BCH Family Care Advocate, and I had the opportunity to install a donated washing machine for a mother we've been supporting through a difficult season. She is a mother of four children, all under four years old, so her life is undoubtedly busy and challenging. She doesn't have a vehicle and lacks support from her biological family. During our visit, we were able to meet a vital physical need—she had been spending nearly \$13 on each load at the laundromat. Providing a washing machine at home not only saved her money but also spared her the difficulty of arranging transportation and managing four young children in a public place. The machine itself isn't fancy, but for her, it's a significant blessing.

Yet, meeting this physical need is just one step on her journey toward wholeness. We recognize the importance of addressing her mental and emotional well-being as well. Through our *Brightcourse* training, she's learning essential skills like budgeting and parenting. Emotionally, we're encouraging her to stay connected with others. She's been introduced to a local ministry that helps women with similar experiences build supportive relationships. Spiritually, we've guided her toward finding a church home. She was excited to show us her baptism certificate, which was recently mailed to her. Seeing her actively pursue this sense of spiritual completeness is truly inspiring.

I'm grateful to share this story because it highlights that each of us plays a role in guiding families toward wholeness. While we know that complete restoration won't happen fully this side of heaven, taking intentional steps toward healing—both in our lives and in the lives of others—brings immense joy. Let us praise God for His redemptive work in our lives and in the lives of those we serve.

In Christ,



Craig Freyenberger, CEO



A small yet significant blessing