



Fall Newsletter 2024

Good News Backpacks

This school year, BCH provided backpacks full of school supplies for children whose families are struggling financially. We distributed them at churches and a park in various school districts. While the principals were very happy to have assistance for their children, something much deeper happened that day.

Our backpacks were full of the usual pens, pencils, paper, etc., but they had a unique difference. Each backpack included a children's Bible. That's why we call them "Good News" backpacks. We also included information about how we can minister to a family. Beyond the blessing of school supplies, the loving connection we made with the families we met seemed to



You can help equip children with the supplies they need for the school year and give them a copy of God's Word by returning the enclosed Giving Card with your gift.

touch their hearts the most. BCH staff didn't just hand out backpacks; we shared smiles, offered words of encouragement, and prayed with the families of NW Indiana. We listened to their stories. One father of five has been out of work for several months. Faced with the long list of back-to-school requirements, he was thankful for the help.

In those brief moments of connection, we were reminded that our mission is about so much more than meeting material needs. It's about showing up for people when they need it most, offering a hand to hold, a prayer to share, and, most importantly, bringing the message of true Hope that can light their way.



Local children help fill the Good News Backpacks



Ready to go back to school!

Our favorite part of the day? Seeing the excitement on a young girl's face when she received her very first Bible.

Sponsor a BCH Child

OPEN THE DOOR TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Bringing Children Hope Child Sponsors impact families. Because our faithful friends invest in the lives of children, we can support families like Rani's. Rani is the mother of Abhianaya (14) and Abhinesh (13) in Trivandrum, India. Her husband has abandoned the family. Rani also cares for her aging parents, all in her crowded home.

As the only provider for her household, Rani works as a shopkeeper to earn 250 Rupees per day (\$2.99). Rani's family needed help to provide food for the five of them, meet the medical, food, and educational needs of the children.



Rani Abhianaya & Abhinesh

"My daughter, Abhianaya, is suffering from leg issues. She has difficulty walking long distances. Their school is 6-7 km from our home. My children are good students and long to study. Due to my financial condition, I did not plan to send them to school this year.

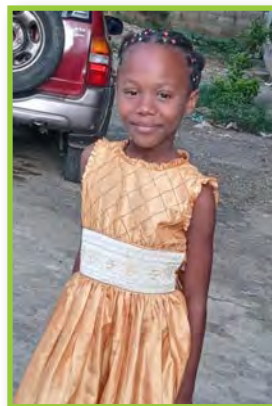
But then I heard of Bringing Children Hope. I am asking for your help for my son and daughter."

When we heard Rani's story, we knew we could help. Less than \$100 a month provides food and covers educational and transportation costs for the children. Abhianaya will not have to walk the distance to and from school anymore!

Imagine impacting the future of a family like Rani's. With a small but meaningful commitment, you can open the door to a brighter future for a child in need. Rani no longer must choose between her children's medication or education.


Here are some more children impacted by the generosity of our sponsors.

Christy | Dominican Republic



Christy is a joyful 9-year-old girl living with BCH foster parents, Pastor Alfredo, and his wife, Domicette. Pastor Alfredo and his wife tell us she loves playing outside with friends and she is ready to embrace the new school year!





Christy's journey has not always been easy, losing both parents to illness. But Christy is now thriving like never before as she is surrounded by support and encouragement. We are thrilled to witness her growth and look forward to the wonderful life ahead for her.

Bawi Lian | Myanmar



Bawi Lian has goals. Now age 11, Bawi's journey started roughly. The youngest of seven children, his widowed mother needed help providing for and educating her children. Within the six years in our home, Bawi has discovered drawing, fishing and he says his favorite subject in school is English. The Gospel has reached to Bawi's heart, He loves Jesus, and his

favorite song is a Burmese favorite: "We Don't Own Tomorrow." He has an ambition to play soccer when he is grown. With your sponsorship, Bawi can work on those goals!

Children are the foundation of our future, yet many face unimaginable challenges. Whether it's a lack of access to education, adequate nutrition, or a safe and loving home, these barriers can prevent them from reaching their full potential. Through a BCH Child Sponsorship, you can help break these cycles of poverty and hardship, offering a child the daily reminder of Christ's love and the tools they need to succeed.

When you sponsor a child, you are not just making a one-time gift—you are creating a lasting impact that will echo throughout a child's life. You can get involved today by filling out the enclosed response card or by going to bringingchildrenhope.org.



You can be a part of helping these children and others continue their educational pursuits by returning the enclosed card with your contribution. Check the Back-to-school box.



Reaching an Entire Village in Jesus' Name



We are overjoyed to announce that our mission to care for children and families in Liberia is once again flourishing! Together we are not just touching lives—we are transforming an entire village with the love of Christ! In the heart of Gbonota, one of the most impoverished villages

in Liberia, we are bringing food, education, medical care, and, above all, the life-changing message of the Gospel!

Our goal with this village of 3000 residents is to strengthen families and help vulnerable children avoid orphanage care.



Thank you for joining us in this great ministry! Serving an impoverished village means we have a lot of ministry to do. On our first mission trip we were able to bring food, detergent, and personal hygiene items. When the villagers saw the laundry detergent, they were curious. They had never washed their clothing with detergent. One of the babies, Godwill, is wearing diapers for the first time in his life.



most personal, powerful ways. We are blessed to serve beside loving, dedicated, and Gospel-focused Liberian team members. They are ensuring that this village receives the care and attention it so desperately needs.

Our second mission trip to Gbonota was to provide medical care – a first-time experience for each person in the village. The trip was literally lifesaving as the Liberian team treated everything from leprosy to cholera –diseases that could have ravaged this village without intervention. Thanks to your prayers and support, we were able to send the necessary medicine to heal these families and protect our team from infection.

The people are so thankful for the help. This village has never been assisted in its entire existence. We learned that a politician once came and promised them care but lost the election and never provided help.

More exciting news...since BCH began caring for Gbonota village, the village church attendance has grown from 75 people to 175 each Sunday! We are looking forward to sharing stories of salvation and spiritual growth. As God leads you, please pray and give toward this brand-new ministry.





Education Provides Opportunities

Throughout this newsletter we hope you have seen the need and the value in educating children who come from challenging circumstances, whether that be in the US or in some of the poorest countries in the world where we serve.

As you know, teaching the children about Jesus is life-changing, in this life and for eternity. Building on a foundation of faith, it is important that a child receives an education. Our families in Liberia tell us that a sixth-grade education will provide a child with the opportunity to have a career that can help them leave intense poverty. Unfortunately, a sixth-grade education is currently not possible in Gbonota village. The school they currently have has been described as a “Death Trap.” Even more, there are no desks, papers, textbooks, or even pencils.

By faith, in October 2024 we will be breaking ground on a new school for Gbonota village. Some of our team members will be on site for that celebration. The cost to build the school is \$70,000. That cost is

so much lower because the people in the village will have the honor of building their own school

under the direction of our volunteer professional project manager. Your gift to bring this dream of a school to reality will be such a blessing to the children of Gbonota. Any gift, large or small, will help build the school and fill it with the items the children need for learning.

A general gift for our “Back to School” needs will help each of our children attend school with the proper uniform, and textbooks in 7 countries as well as provide assistance to children and families in the US.

With your help, our children worldwide can focus on learning and thriving. Mark your gift “Back to School” to help with this important need.



The village's current run-down school building.

New Hope Children Learn on Computers!

Our students in the New Hope Home, Myanmar, now access the technology they need to succeed thanks to



your generous contributions to last year's BCH Back-to-School drive. The children are thrilled to grow

their skills on their new laptops! Access to these new computers opens a world of possibilities for their education and future.

Your donations have equipped our students with the tools to learn, grow, and thrive in today's digital age. For many of these children, a computer is more than just a device—it's a gateway to knowledge, creativity, and opportunity.

Home leader Junia says. “Thank you so much for upgrading our lives through your kind support.”



Our Back-to-School Drive Sows Seeds of Hope

A global pandemic and military unrest were no match for the determination and creativity of the high school students in our Grace Home in Myanmar. With no local schools open and growing danger in the streets around them, the students were faced with uncertainty about their education. But all glory to God and His divine plans, as we were able to enroll them in Grace Baptist Bible College! Their house mother, Grace, was also able to attend and graduated with them. Congratulations to the Grace Grads!



...And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.

Deuteronomy 31:8



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US Ministries: Meeting Families Where They Are



Just before she was arrested, a young mother learned she was expecting her third child. She had already seen her two older children placed in the care of their grandmother, a situation she tearfully admits was a result of her own choices. As she faced the reality of giving birth behind bars, she reached out to BCH for support and guidance, knowing she wouldn't be released until the end of summer, long after her baby was due in July.

Our staff at BCH stepped in, meeting with her both in jail and at the hospital, offering her not just practical help, but also a message of hope. While in jail she has participated in Bible studies and through them she came to Christ! She says she has been drastically transformed by the Gospel. Now she wants to work on her sobriety, goals, and getting her children back in her care.



BCH staff and our Care Mom were able to pray with Mom at the hospital before she welcomed her precious little girl. As Mom placed her baby girl into our care, our Care Mom shared her heart behind the ministry and her faith. Lisa, our Care Mom, even spent the night in the hospital with the baby after mom returned to jail. Baby girl is doing great in our care, and we are pleased to share the love of Christ in this tangible way. Want to learn

more: If you live in NW Indiana and are interested in what it means to be a Care Family, contact us at info@bch-inc.org or visit bringingchildrenhope.org and select Become a Care Family.

In another situation of need, a local dad reached out to our team in a moment of need. He was desperately looking for someone to care for his two young children while he worked. We quickly realized the depth of his pain. With a voice heavy with sorrow, he explained that he and his wife had recently lost their baby—a loss so devastating that it had shattered their world.

His wife, overcome with grief, had tried to take her own life. Now, she was unable to care for their children. This husband and father was left struggling to keep his family afloat, torn between the demands of work and the urgent need to care for his wife and children. With no one to watch over his family, his job was at risk, and the very future of his family was hanging in the balance.

Our team didn't hesitate. They listened with compassion, quickly connecting him with wraparound services designed to provide the support and stability his family so desperately needed. But they offered more than just practical help. They prayed with him, shared in his grief, and held out a lifeline of hope in his sadness.





We Love Our Churches!

You, Church Family, are our Child Champions! Together we share the heart and soul of our mission. Your prayers, hospitality, and unwavering support empower us to achieve so much for the families we serve.

Thank you for welcoming us to your church or to a zoom call as we share how BCH is helping families provide essential care and education for their children in the name of Christ. You share our stories and ministry updates, hand out our international sponsorship cards, and recruit NW Indiana Care Families. You are our community, and you help us strengthen families both here in the US and in seven more countries: Haiti, The DR, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Zambia and Liberia!

You partner with us on all fronts coming alongside as we pour the love of Christ into every family we encounter. Because of your prayers and gifts, we can help families build a stronger foundation through our training and classes. You truly are our partners in prayer, gifts and talents allowing us to serve families in our community and offer the prayer and support they need. Together, we are Bringing Children Hope!

Stay Connected!

Thank you for reading our newsletter. Fill out the Return Card enclosed with your email address to receive our monthly Prayer and Praise and information about other BCH news and events.

Trauma Awareness

Our US BCH Cares trauma training is bringing awareness to trauma in our communities. This biblically-based training provides information about trauma and how it affects a child through a biblical lens which tells of God's power and the hope He brings.

We have been offering this training in person as well as online, live. Technology allows us to

present this training anywhere. Soon we will have an "on demand" version so you (or your church family) can access it at your convenience. This training answers two main questions: "How can I help a child" and "Why isn't my love enough." Learn the answers to these questions as well as what it means to "Flip your lid." For more information, contact us at www.bch-cares.com

