

For over 100 years, Methodist Home for Children (MHC) has served God by working to make sure children grow up in safe and loving homes. MHC provides family counseling, foster care and adoption, residential group homes and a child-care center that welcomes kids with special needs.

MEMORY VERSE:

“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

MATTHEW 25:40



Monday Mission Moment

Miguel got into trouble, broke the law, and was sent by a judge to live for awhile at a MHC group home. He always fought with his mom, so when Miguel earned the privilege to visit home on weekends, he would go to his grandmother's instead. It was important for Miguel and his mom to get along, so MHC counselors worked with them to replace their anger with patience and love. Thanks to God's grace and this support from MHC, Miguel's heart softened towards his mom and now they get a long great! Miguel completed his stay with MHC and is now living at home and enjoys being back in his mom's care.

DEAR LORD: *We give thanks for special people who come into our lives at hard times and help us figure out what is wrong so we can fix it. Thank you for the work of Methodist Home for Children, and we pray that you will bless Miguel and his mom, plus all the children and parents served by this ministry. As we bring gifts to help those in need, we bring you our honor and praise and love. Amen!*

Tuesday Mission Moment

Shanita was sad almost all the time, and these feelings led to issues with her weight and cholesterol. She went to stay in a MHC home for girls who need extra help to become healthier. Thanks to support from her counselors and her doctor, Shanita has started to change! She has lost weight and her cholesterol is lower, plus she now feels better about herself. Shanita worked so hard to get healthy that she was picked to go to a Carolina Hurricanes hockey game as the guest of one of the players. She got to ride in a limousine and sit in one of the best seats in the hockey arena, which made her feel very special!

DEAR LORD: *We thank you for reminding us that our bodies are a temple and should be taken care of faithfully. Thank you for the work of Methodist Home for Children, and we pray that you will continue to bless Shanita and the other girls in her home, plus all the children and parents served by this ministry. As we bring gifts to help those in need, we bring you our honor and praise and love. Amen!*

Wednesday Mission Moment

Christy and her brother Tommy lived with their mom, who was not able to take good care of them. Sometimes Christy and Tommy went without food for more than a day, and they were not treated very well. It was not safe for them to live at home any longer, so Methodist Home for Children was asked to let them live with a loving couple who wanted very much to have a family. These adults were trained by MHC to provide a warm and welcoming home for Christy and Tommy, who were loved and cared for as if they were this couple's own children. In time, Christy and Tommy were adopted by this couple and now they have a forever home with parents who take wonderful care of them.

DEAR LORD: *We thank you for Christy and Tommy and for their forever mom and dad who love them so much. We pray that children like Christy and Tommy will always get help when they need it, so they can have happy homes to grow up in. Thank you for the work of Methodist Home for Children, and as we bring gifts to help those in need, we bring you our honor and praise and love. Amen!*

Thursday Mission Moment

Mr. Jones had two granddaughters who really needed his help. Their mom and dad got in very bad trouble and could no longer take care of them. Mr. Jones became guardian for his granddaughters and moved with them to a new town, but he had a hard time finding a decent home. A worker from Methodist Home for Children helped Mr. Jones find a good place to live and a nearby church helped his new family get settled. Seeing the girls enrolled in a new school and doing so well, Mr. Jones wrote a letter of thanks to the church and to MHC: "When I thought there was no hope, hope came," he said.

DEAR LORD: *We thank you for Mr. Jones and his granddaughters. We praise you for helping them find a good home to live in, and we thank you for the church that helped them settled into their new community. Thank you for the work of Methodist Home for Children, and as we bring gifts to help those in need, we bring you our honor and praise and love. Amen!*

Friday Mission Moment

Miss Debbie had a sister who couldn't afford to take care of her own children. She took these kids under her roof and raised them with her own family — now there are 12 children living with Miss Debbie! One of these kids attended the childcare center that is part of MHC and the staff soon learned that this family did not have a bed for every child to sleep in. A nearby church and loving friends raised money to buy six bunk beds and all new bedding so each child would have a place to sleep. Miss Debbie was overjoyed and thanked God for sending such caring folks to help her in a time of very great need.

DEAR LORD: *We thank you that Miss Debbie's family has enough beds to sleep in and that you sent such loving people to help her when she needed it most. We rejoice that members of your church work to care for people they do not even know. Thank you for Methodist Home for Children, and as we bring gifts to help those in need, we bring you our honor and glory and love. Amen!*

A Blessing for Gifts Collected for 1K for 1 Kid

DEAR LORD: *We commit these gifts to you and to the work of your kingdom through Methodist Home for Children. We thank you and praise you for all the children and families that have been helped. We ask for continued blessings as more people in need are served through the generous offerings that are being placed before you. As we bring gifts to help those in need, we bring you our honor and glory and love. Amen!*

In service to God, MHC's mission is to build upon the social, physical, emotional, and spiritual strengths of children, youth, and families, and to affirm their worth.

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