

SEEN & CELEBRATED

FOSTER CARE

Although Krista* was making progress in her case plan to be reunited with her daughters, her car broke down, and she could not afford to repair it or buy a new one. She was devastated.

The Vitales*, a longstanding foster family with One More Child, have consistently shown remarkable compassion that uplifts not only the children they care for but also their biological mothers like Krista. In a display of compassion and generosity, the family, the community, the church, and their support system worked together to buy Krista with a car, enabling her to continue participating in unsupervised visits with her daughters. The joy on Krista's face when she received this unexpected gift was profoundly moving.

The dedication of our foster families is a reminder of the power of selflessness and of the extraordinary lengths we can go to support one another. We are honored to partner with foster families like the Vitales whose acts of compassion exemplify the heart of fostering and reflect a beautiful picture of the Gospel.

SINGLE MOMS

Recently, Single Moms program staff celebrated a full-circle moment when they hosted an in-person Single Moms Community Program training. One More Child's Single Moms Community Programs are led by a team of volunteers who facilitate a 10-week curriculum designed to assist mothers on their journey to self-sufficiency.

Not only was this training a resounding success with passionate volunteers sharing their ideas and talents, but a single mom hero was present. A graduate of One More Child's Single Moms residential program, Tomasa's remarkable story is an example of the impact community can make on a family. With the support of One More Child along with her own self-discipline and determination, Tomasa saved \$10,000 during her time in the program, pursued her education to become a licensed therapist, and was able to purchase her very own home.

Today, Tomasa serves at her church and is a testament to the courage and determination of single mothers. Her tearful declaration, "God made this happen!" was a powerful ending to the training session and a reminder of the powerful impact a community of support can have on one struggling family.

**Names have been changed for privacy purposes.*

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

Stephanie's* journey mirrors that of many mothers who seek support at pregnancy care centers when facing the challenges of unplanned pregnancies. Struggling with job loss and financial strain due to her pregnancy, Stephanie felt overwhelmed, and abortion seemed like her only option. Despite her underserved and impoverished circumstances, the pregnancy care center, with the assistance of One More Child, provided vital support to Stephanie and her family.

At the center, Stephanie not only received Biblical counseling and a safe environment to explore her options, but also found comprehensive assistance when she chose to continue her pregnancy. Something like simple diapers, provided by One More Child, brought tangible relief to Stephanie and other mothers like her.

We are thankful to God for that we can, together with pregnancy care centers, one more mother and her family, today and for eternity.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Natasha* reached out to One More Child in desperation. All five of her children were in foster care, and she had about given up hope of ever getting them back – until she was connected to our Family Support program.

Despite the overwhelming emotions of hopelessness, hurt, and humiliation, Natasha bravely committed to taking the necessary steps to improve her situation and save her family. She knew she needed support to enhance her parenting skills and her immediate goals were to make her home a safe, structured, and sustainable environment for her children.

Natasha was an eager learner and immediately put much of what she learned from her One More Child Parent Mentor into practice. Not only did she complete the Family Support program, but throughout, Natasha consistently requested additional skills and resources to aid her growth.

Recently, One More Child celebrated Natasha's successful reunification with one of her children.

**Names have been changed for privacy purposes.*

GLOBAL

One More Child serves children and families in various places with different struggles, many of which are no fault of their own. But they all have a need that together, through God's provision, we can meet.

Recently, we met a single mother named Loretta* through one of our global ministry partners. She was struggling to feed her three young children and was also deaf, communicating solely through sign language. In addition to providing her with food and essential resources, one of our partners proficient in sign language encouraged Loretta to participate in our programs for single mothers, aimed at providing support for social mobility and overcoming poverty.

Loretta attended all the sessions, and at her graduation, she expressed, "This experience has changed my life, and I feel God's presence with me."

Isn't that wonderful? Loretta's story is proof that, through the generous giving of people just like you, we can make the lives of single mothers across the world a little bit easier.

ANTI-TRAFFICKING

As an underage mother and survivor of trafficking, Lana* faces challenges that many of us could never imagine. Yet, with the support of One More Child, Lana has been able to build a life in which she and her baby not only survive but also *thrive*.

When Lana was first assigned a Peer Mentor from One More Child's Anti-Trafficking program, she was hesitant to engage. Eventually, Lana began to seek comfort and advice, building a bond with her Mentor who became a lifeline in her tumultuous life. Through their bi-weekly sessions, Lana not only learned valuable parenting skills but also found the support she needed to balance her responsibilities. Juggling school, part-time work, and caring for her baby, Lana faced each day with determination and resilience.

Today, Lana's story is one of triumph. With the ongoing support of One More Child and her dedicated Mentor, Lana is thriving. Her healing journey serves as a testament not only to the power of resilience but also the importance of providing a team of caring individuals rally around survivor moms like Lana in support.

*Names have been changed for privacy purposes.