



Baptist Children's Homes of NORTH CAROLINA

sharing hope...changing lives

Dear Friends:

Hope is alive! Its distinctive heartbeat can be heard echoing throughout Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina's (BCH) caring locations that stretch from the mountains to the coast. Through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina's Mission Resource Plan and the dedicated support of North Carolina Baptists, hope is being shared with North Carolina children and families dealing with unfathomable challenges.

Kimani Finds Hope!

Kimani's bedroom used to be a dark closet that his family locked him inside every night. The boy was always hungry from being deprived of the food his young body needed to grow. And when his family did offer him something to eat, Kimani was afraid the food could be poisoned.

Kimani and his family lived in a North Carolina community, however, his daily torment went on for years unnoticed.

"I was told it was my fault," Kimani remembers. "I thought everything was my fault."

Kimani's life completely changed when he came to live at Broyhill Home, BCH's beautiful campus located in the mountains of western North Carolina. When the twelve-year-old first arrived he weighed only 32 lbs. and wore a size three toddler clothes. Kimani received his own room and a bed for the first time in his memory. He was taken shopping for new clothes within hours of arriving. His houseparents fed him regularly – three nutritious meals a day – and gave Kimani the love and care he desperately needed.

"This was the first time that someone did something nice for me," he confides. "They told me they loved me. There was food – I was happy I got to eat."

Today, Kimani is healthy and happy. At BCH he was introduced to God's unfailing love and has accepted Christ as his Savior. The life of this North Carolina child has been forever changed because friends, who have a heart for children, have given to the mission of Baptist Children's Homes.

"I have hope," Kimani says. "I have a home, and I have Jesus in my heart."

There is a mission field all around us!

Kimani's story shows the storms opposing North Carolina children and families every day. It is because of Kimani, and others like him, that Baptist Children's Homes exists. There are children across the state, right around the corner from our churches, schools and homes, who are hurting emotionally, suffering physically, and are in desperate search of hope.

70% of Baptist Children's Homes' residents come to us unchurched and unreached.

When North Carolina Baptists unite with Baptist Children's Homes, there is an amazing opportunity to shine the light of God's love in the lives of North Carolina children and families. Last year, we had the privilege of serving 6,905 children, families, aging adults, and special needs adults through our statewide ministry. A total of 65 residents made a decision to follow Christ; what an incredible blessing!

Thank you!

We are grateful for the prayers and support of our Cooperative Baptist Fellowship churches and especially the Mission Resource Plan. The lives of many North Carolina children and families have been forever changed, but the needs continue to be great. Let us minister together to ensure hope's pulse is healthy and strong so the hearts of the hurting may beat with new joy, new purpose and new hope.

Sincerely,

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