

# The One

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If this was easy, wouldn't everyone be doing it?

Life Care of Brandon began their Birth of a Family Program in 2006. I was there for the first year and a half. We had six clients in our first class and five Family Coaches. Some days we had fewer and on others we had many more.

On days when there were only a few clients we kept on going because of something one of the Family Coaches said. "If we can help one child have a father and a mother, then it's worth anything, any amount of money, anything."

A decade later, having served hundreds, we can confidently agree, it has been worth it. It doesn't always feel like it is worth the effort when we have only a client or two or three. Nevertheless, always, always remember the one. Just one, that's all it takes to make it worth everything we do. The One is why we do what we do. The numbers grows larger each day... 'one by one.'

Never lose sight of the one and you will less often be discouraged. Always know with certainty that, even when no one seems to notice or appreciate you...One does. So do I. When the opportunities seem so enormous and the laborers seem so few, be thankful for each new one. That's one more than we had yesterday.

I am enormously burdened by the number of opportunities that fall beyond our reach for lack of laborers. Each one missed grieves me. We continue to strive in our quiet but diligent way to reach one more, one at a time. We will take one at a time if that's what it takes because, as you know, one makes a difference, not only in their lives, but the lives of their children. Stay the course and be thankful for each one. I am very deeply and humbly grateful for each one of you.