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– FROM GENESIS 33

## They need a family

Hanna, 5, and Dillon, 8, don't live with their birth parents anymore. Drug addiction wrecked their family years ago.

At first they were placed in foster care while a judge gave their parents the chance to fix their lives and reunify with their kids. But as time dragged on – one year, going on two – their mom missed visits with them and their dad failed court-ordered drug tests.

The wait was hard on Hanna and Dillon. By the time they were cleared for adoption, they had lived in five different foster homes – with five different families – and five different sets of parents. At one point, the line between caregiver and parent was so blurred that Hanna asked a babysitter if *she* was her new mom.

There was one saving grace: Hanna and Dillon had each other. They were never separated in foster care. They were a constant in each other's life.

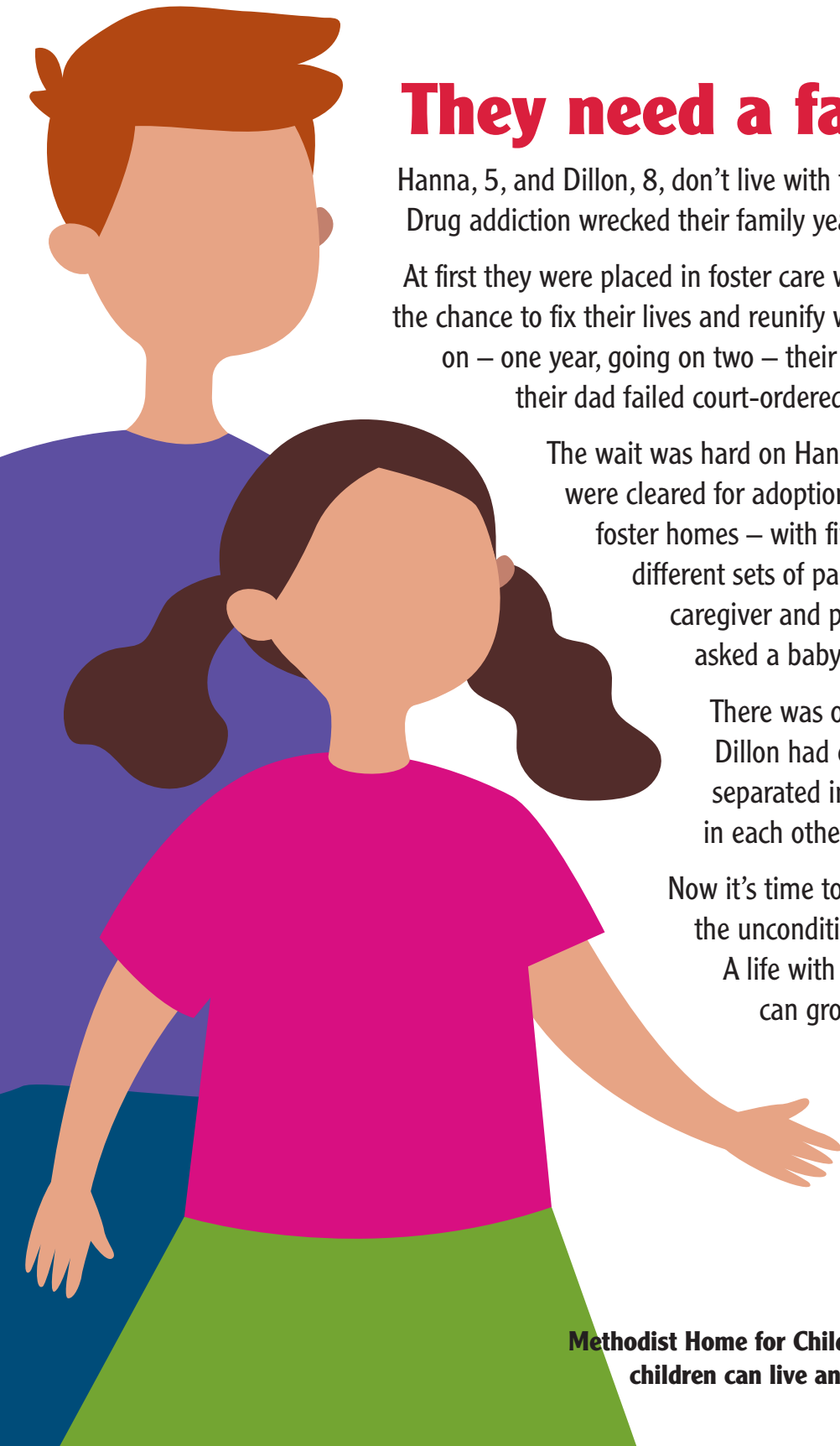
Now it's time to give them what they deserve – the unconditional love of an adoptive family.

A life with a normal rhythm. A life where they can grow up together.

**Will you help?**

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## She needs her mother

Gabriella is an 8-year-old with autism, and that makes her uncomfortable around people and places she doesn't know. She struggles with school and friendships.

Carla is Gabriella's mother, and nobody loves this child more – or knows her better.

But there's a problem.

Carla is overwhelmed as a mother of three, including two other children with sensory processing disorders, and she doesn't know how to get help. Carla grew up in the foster care system, starting at age 10, and she didn't have strong role models to show her how to be a good mother when times get hard.

Now, social services is involved, and Carla is facing the prospect of losing her own children to foster care.

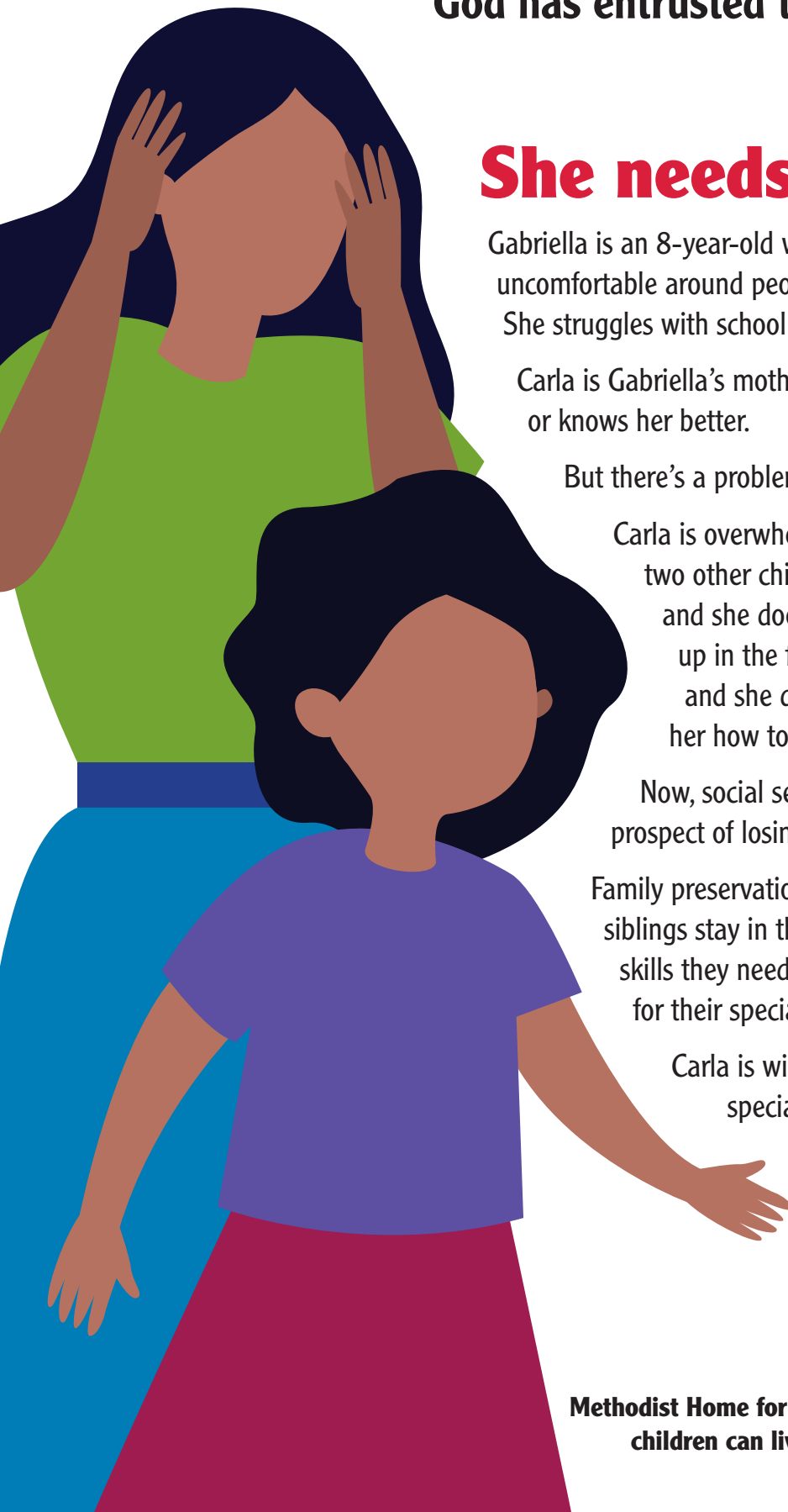
Family preservation workers can help Gabriella and her siblings stay in their home by giving their parents the skills they need to be better caregivers and advocates for their special needs.

Carla is willing to do whatever it takes. She needs specialized mentoring.

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## He needs a safety net

In the neighborhood where Ramon grew up, trouble was always just around the corner – or right on his doorstep.

His role models were not going to school or getting a job. They were recruiting young kids into gangs, giving them a “street” family, buying them clothes and phones, making them feel like they belong.

Ramon fell in with them, and by the time he was 14, he was heading to youth prison for stealing a car.

That was the lowest point of Ramon’s young life. But it was the point also where he began to realize God has a plan for him – and it’s so much better than running the streets or dying young.

Today Ramon is a soft-spoken 16-year-old who needs someone to care. He needs a safe place to live while he finishes school, gets a job, and figures out a career. He needs a place where he can learn the skills he needs to live on his own.

Ramon sees himself differently now. He sees his potential. But he can’t get there without a safety net and people who want him to succeed. His life hangs in the balance.

**Will you help him find his way?**

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