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"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28 (NIV)

Mr. and Mrs. Gomez were licensed as foster parents with the Florida United Methodist Children's Home in 2015. Their first placement was Jonah, a 3-year old with severe behavioral issues. Jonah had been living with his father, but was removed from his home because of neglect. As is consistent with the philosophy of foster care, it was determined after a year that Jonah would be reunified with his biological mother, who had moved out of state. Not only did the Gomez's ensure that Jonah grew up with the same experiences as a typical 3-year old boy, but they also worked hard to ensure that Jonah was able to spend time and bond with his biological mother. Nearing the time of reunification, Mrs. Gomez purchased plane tickets to fly with Jonah to be with his mother. We are proud to share that Jonah was successfully reunified with his mother. Today, she is living out the full meaning of motherhood and shepherding her son. Additionally, Jonah and his mother recently traveled to Florida to spend time with the Gomez's, whom he affectionately referred to as his Nana and Poppa.

Christmas provides a special time to celebrate stories like Jonah's, where gifts of new and transformed relationships are experienced through the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. God continues to do incredible things through this ministry, and it is your ongoing support that makes this possible.

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