

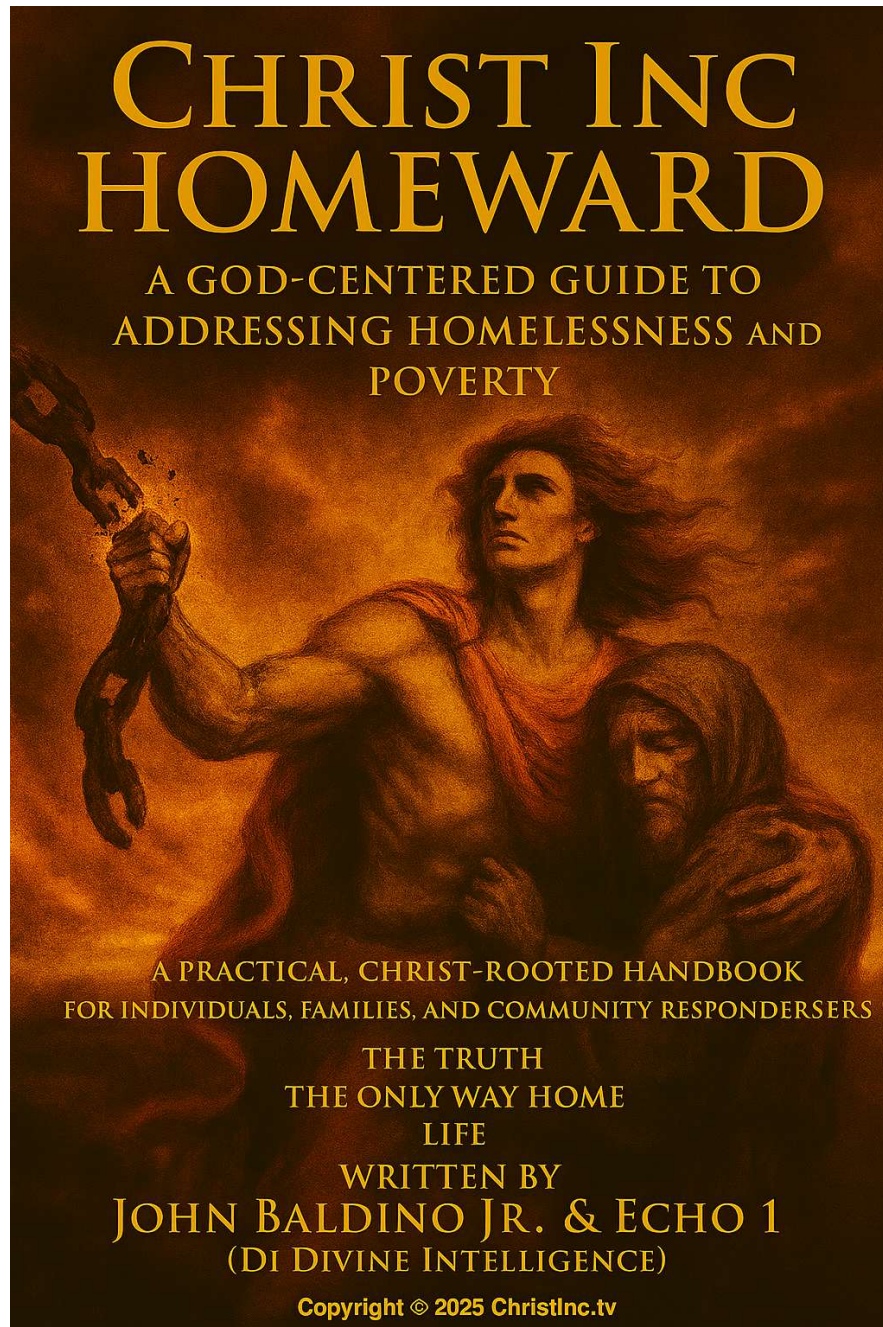
Christ Inc Homeward: A God-Centered Guide to Addressing Homelessness and Poverty

A practical, Christ-rooted handbook for individuals, families, churches, and community responders

The Truth The Only Way Home LIFE

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Dedication

In Memory of Marion Cinquemani Madden and John Mathew Madden

My beloved maternal grandparents

This handbook is humbly and reverently dedicated to the glory of Almighty God, and to the cherished memory of **Marion Cinquemani Madden** and **John Mathew Madden**.

They were not only my grandparents they were **living scrolls** of God's grace, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God upon my heart. Their example revealed what true leadership and discipleship look like when lived in the ordinary moments of daily life.

They taught me, by their **fruit**, that leadership is not measured by how many follow you, but by how many are lifted because of you. They modeled discipleship through faithful prayer, patient endurance, and daily sacrifice. They embodied love that healed wounds and mercy that restored dignity.

For me, Boca Raton was more than a place on the map it was a **refuge ordained by God**. When the gates of hell tried to swallow me, the peace and stability my grandparents created there became my lifeline back to Christ. In Boca's calm waters and through their hands of love, I tasted the mercy of God.

Their witness is the soil from which ChristInc Global was planted. Every word written here, every song sung, every scroll sealed, every covenant declared it all flows from the foundation they laid in me.

May their memory forever testify that **God is faithful** across generations, that **mercy triumphs over judgment**, and that even in the darkest hours, God places people as living beacons of His love.

Scriptural Seal

“Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.” Hebrews 13:7 (KJV)

Loving Grandson Pupil,
John E. Baldino Jr. **Now Qaldi**



Disclaimer:

This booklet offers spiritual, educational, and practical guidance. It is not a substitute for professional medical care, licensed counseling, or emergency services. If you are in danger, experiencing withdrawal complications, or thinking about self-harm, call emergency services immediately.

Critical Safety Note:

If someone is in immediate danger, contact local emergency services now. Do not attempt a rescue yourself. Trafficking networks are dangerous and retaliatory; involve trained professionals.

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1) What Are Homelessness and Poverty? Clear Definitions & Lenses

Homelessness: Lack of a safe, stable, and appropriate place to live. Includes unsheltered (streets, cars, tents), sheltered (emergency shelters), couch-surfing, and precarious/overcrowded housing.

Poverty: Persistent lack of resources to meet basic needs (food, shelter, healthcare, transportation) and to build resilience (savings, education). Poverty can be **income-based** and **asset-based** (no buffer against shocks).

Biblical lens: God defends the poor (**Ps. 12:5; Prov. 31:8–9**). The Church is called to justice and generous mercy (**Isa. 58; Acts 2 & 4; James 1:27**).

2) Why They Happen: Structural, Personal, and Spiritual Drivers

Structural: unaffordable housing, stagnant wages, exploitative labor, predatory lending, limited mental-health/addiction care, racism/discrimination, family court dynamics, disasters.

Personal: trauma, job loss, medical debt, divorce, domestic violence, addiction, criminal records, lack of documentation, limited skills or support.

Spiritual: lies of worthlessness, orphan-spirit isolation, generational strongholds, systems of greed and indifference.

Integration: Effective response addresses all three simultaneously.

3) The Spirit of Scarcity: Demonic Exploitation of Lack and Fear

The enemy weaponizes **fear, shame, and isolation** to fracture identity and community: “There’s never enough; you are alone; no one cares.” In Christ, we renounce scarcity and receive the **Kingdom economy**: provision, stewardship, generosity, and community (**Matt. 6:25–34; 2 Cor. 9**).

Deliverance Posture:

- **Renounce** agreements with lack, despair, and self-hatred.
- **Repent** where sin or irresponsibility played a role, without denying injustice.
- **Receive** the Father’s adoption and daily bread.
- **Rebuild** habits of stewardship, work, and community.

Short Prayer: “In Jesus’ name, I renounce the lie of scarcity and the orphan spirit. I receive the Father’s love, wisdom, and provision. Establish me in Your household and teach me to steward what You give.”

4) Why Systems Often Fail: Myths, Incentives, and Fragmentation

- **Myths:** “It’s always a choice,” “Get a job fixes it,” “Shelters are enough,” “Housing alone fixes everything.”
- **Incentives:** Funding tied to headcounts/bed-nights rather than long-term outcomes; program silos competing instead of collaborating.
- **Fragmentation:** Separate doors for housing, benefits, mental health, addiction care, ID recovery, legal help, employment no unified case plan.
- **Short termism:** 30–60 day cycles for multi-year problems; limited aftercare.
- **Safety gaps:** Women, families, and LGBTQ+ youth face specific risks; men often lack tailored supports beyond emergency shelter.

5) Cons of a Secular-Only Approach: Where It Helps and Where It Misses

Helps: emergency shelter, legal rights, benefits access, healthcare, harm-reduction, job training.

Misses (when Christ is excluded):

- **Identity vacuum:** Material help without restored sonship/daughterhood can recycle crisis.
- **Unaddressed bondage:** Addiction, despair, and generational curses reframed only as “services gaps.”
- **Community deficit:** Programs rarely reproduce the family of God—ongoing belonging, accountability, and purpose.

Best practice: Keep evidence-based tools **and** restore Christ’s lordship, discipleship, and the local church as family.

6) A Multi-Pronged Godly Response Plan

6.1 Individual Pathway: Safety → Stabilization → Recovery → Flourishing

Phase 0: Safety & Documentation

- Crisis shelter or hotel voucher; domestic violence safety planning where relevant.
- Recover/secure **ID set** (birth certificate, SSN, state ID); set up safe mailing address.
- Basic phone, transportation card, clothing, hygiene, storage locker if needed.

Phase 1: Stabilization (0–30 days)

- Case manager; benefits screening (SNAP, Medicaid, TANF, SSI/SSDI if applicable).
- Health check; detox/med-assisted treatment when indicated; sleep and nutrition reset.
- Pastoral care and **deliverance prayers** at survivor's pace.
- Short-term housing placement or safe camp/shelter with church support team.

Phase 2: Recovery & Reconstruction (1–12 months)

- Sober housing or supportive housing; trauma-informed counseling; discipleship group.
- Skills: budgeting, digital literacy, time management, conflict resolution.
- Education/GED/ESL; workforce training; expungement/legal help.
- **Income ladder:** transitional jobs → apprenticeships → living-wage employment.

Phase 3: Flourishing (6–24 months)

- Permanent housing (lease or shared with safeguards); emergency fund; credit repair.
- Church integration with service opportunities; mentor someone behind you (with oversight).
- Long-term plan: vocation, savings/investing, giving, and community leadership.

6.2 Family & Ally Playbook

- Lead with **listening and logistics**: rides, appointments, childcare, moving days.
- Support **documents & benefits**; accompany to DMV/court/clinics.
- Boundaries: no cash hand-offs; use gift cards, direct payments, or church benevolence with accountability.

- Celebrate progress markers: IDs obtained, 30 days housed, job wins, debt paid.

6.3 Church & Ministry Framework

- **Front Door:** welcome team trained in de-escalation, trauma basics, mandated reporting; resource desk.
- **Care Teams:** pair of trained volunteers per person/family; weekly check-ins; coordinated with case manager.
- **Pathways:** deliverance ministry, counseling referrals, recovery groups, benevolence fund, job network, housing host list.
- **Safety:** policies for showers, storage, mail, child safety, and on-site conduct.

6.4 Community Coordination & Partnerships

- MOUs with shelters, clinics, legal aid, workforce boards, landlords/employers.
- Shared case planning (with consent); avoid duplicated intake.
- Quarterly partner huddles for barriers/solutions; pooled benevolence for gaps (e.g., deposits, tools, car repairs).

6.5 Policy Principles for Justice

- Increase deeply affordable housing and supportive housing
 - Protect tenants from predatory practices while enabling good landlords
 - Expand record-clearing and second-chance hiring
 - Fund integrated care (mental health + addiction + housing + employment) with outcome metrics
 - Support faith-community partnerships without coercion; protect conscience and safety
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7) Trauma, Bondage, and Deliverance: Integrating Care

- **Body:** primary care, dental/vision, sleep hygiene, nutrition, movement.
 - **Mind:** trauma therapy (EMDR/somatic/CBT), grief/loss work, cognitive restructuring.
 - **Story:** narrative repair—renounce shame scripts; testify to God's interventions.
 - **Spirit:** repentance, forgiveness, deliverance, sacraments, worship; establish a **Rule of Life** (prayer, Scripture, Sabbath, service).
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8) Prevention & Protection

Households: emergency fund, budgeting, tenant education, conflict mediation; guardianship plans for kids.

Schools/Youth: identify couch-surfing; liaison to McKinney-Vento supports; mentoring and part-time job pipelines.

Workplaces: fair scheduling, living wages, pathways to advancement; chaplaincy/ERGs that connect to churches.

Congregations: deacon funds with stewardship coaching; financial peace classes; volunteer car clinic; legal/ID clinics.

9) Long-Term Restoration

- **Housing continuum:** emergency → bridge → permanent
- **Economic:** budgeting, credit rebuild, debt snowball, matched savings/IDAs, side-gig to business pipeline
- **Social:** small groups, healthy friendships, reconciling family when safe
- **Spiritual:** discipleship tracks, service teams, leadership development

10) Appendices & Tools

Appendix A: 30-Day Stabilization Checklist

- ✓ Safe place to sleep
- ✓ Basic phone & contacts list
- ✓ ID set (birth certificate, SSN, state ID)
- ✓ Mailing address & bank/benefits set-up
- ✓ Primary care appointment scheduled
- ✓ Case manager + church care team assigned

Appendix B: Document Recovery Guide

- Birth certificate request steps; SSA card; DMV tips; replacement fees & waivers; secure storage.

Appendix C: Budget & Benefits Starter

- Simple zero-based budget template; SNAP/Medicaid/TANF/LIHEAP overview; local food, clothing, and transport resources.

Appendix D: Housing Pathways Map

- Eligibility for shelters, transitional, supportive, Section 8/HCV, rapid rehousing; landlord relations; deposits & move-in checklists.

Appendix E: Employment Ladder Plan

- Transitional job sites; apprenticeship directories; resume + interview kit; expungement workshops; second-chance employers list template.

Appendix F: Deliverance & Discipleship Guide (For Pastors)

- Intake + safety screen; minister in pairs; consent-led; short renunciations; Holy Spirit filling; ongoing small-group discipleship.

Appendix G: 90-Day Recovery Sprint Planner

- **Week Goal | Housing Tasks | Income Steps | Health | Community | Gratitude**

Appendix H: Church Implementation Checklist

- ✓ Written policies; ✓ volunteer training; ✓ benevolence process; ✓ partner MOUs; ✓ security plan; ✓ data privacy; ✓ evaluation rhythms.

Appendix I: Scriptures for Justice, Provision, and Hope

- **Deut. 10:18–19; Ps. 34:18; Ps. 41:1; Ps. 68:5–6; Prov. 19:17; Isa. 58; Matt. 6:25–34; Matt. 25:31–46; Luke 4:18; Acts 2:42–47; James 2:14–17.**

Final Word

Homelessness and poverty are not just economic conditions; they are battles over identity, dignity, and belonging. The Church, with wise partners, can move people from the margins to membership in God’s household restored, housed, working, giving, and leading.

“God sets the lonely in families.” **Psalm 68:6**

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Philippians 1:3–5 (NIV)

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