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Dear Friends,

BROKEN TREASURES

Does anyone else feel as though winter will never end? The snow just seems to keep on coming. I am so ready for spring or at least a few days on some tropical shore.

Anyone who knows me... knows I love the sea. One of the things that relaxes me most... is a quiet walk along the shore. Vivian says she could probably get me to exercise more here at home if she would just throw some seashells down along Notestine Road.

We have different shelling techniques. She spots the “shinys”, I analyze by shape. (I think it’s one of those “man/woman” things.) Every once in a while, one of us will find a beautiful, exotic shell and will call to the other to share the excitement of discovery and appreciation for God’s creation. We return with hands and pockets full of shells... some as delicate as a wafer and some no bigger than your thumb.

Most of the shells are imperfect... broken... damaged by the pounding of the waves...the inner spiral or sculpted lip, all that remains. We comment, “It would have been a beautiful shell if it were whole.” But it’s hard to mourn long for broken shells... knowing that, in the end, they make up the powder-soft sand beneath our feet.

There are many life lessons to be learned from the sea. Life is delicate... so is the soul. The beautiful, broken shells remind us of the boys and girls who come to the Woodburn Christian Children’s Home. Life’s been harsh; they bear the marks of struggle on their face and in their hearts. Now, I can’t mend a broken shell, but God can mend a broken soul. And when it occurs, it is far more rewarding than any walk along the sea. And so I say to you, one more time, “Thank you, Dear Friends, for your faithful support. We are partners together in a vital ministry.” Your help is even more important in these financially challenging times. Without your help, it cannot be done.

If you made a contribution in February, your receipt is enclosed. Thank you for your faithful support.

God bless,

Lee Bracey
Executive Director

P.S. The Woodburn Christian Children’s Home will be happy to supply materials and a representative to visit your Camp or Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in sponsoring us as your mission, just call our WCCH office at 260-632-5551 today. To schedule me to preach and/or present our ministry at your church, you may call me directly at 260-495-9545.