

## Reflections On The First 3) Years

This year ~~CCC~~ marks the 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Woodburn Christian Children's Home. The occasion will be celebrated with reunions and special events; but the years, themselves, may be marked in a variety of different ways.

How do you measure the years? Do you measure them by the sheer number of boys and girls who have come to our home? Do you weigh them by the development of property and program or the success of a financial campaign?

I measure the success of those years by sons and daughters, now adults, who come "home" to visit and bring their children to enjoy their family. It's personified in high school graduates who never thought they would hold a diploma and college students who never thought they would have a chance to try. I see it in grown-up boys and girls from days past, now contributors, who serve as volunteers and even on our board. I witness it demonstrated in the changed lives of productive citizens who pursue worthy dreams and whose lives are committed to Christ. That's how I gauge the success of those years.

I measure the years, also... by faithfulness to a vision. Over the years, the Woodburn Christian Children's Home has remained constant and steadfast in its adherence to its founding values. Since 1972, WCCH has remained faithful to ministry principles that guide and direct everything we do.

What does an anniversary mean? This year... IT'S A PARTY. In the long term, it means many more years of promise built on thirty-five years of trust.

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