

## A Special Ministry

“Mr. Bracey, why do you work at the Woodburn Christian Children’s Home?” (The question, asked by a 12 year old boy in the middle of a WCCH Question and Answer session was sincere and to the point.) The unspoken question was, “Mr. Bracey, You’ve worked at the Woodburn Christian Children’s Home for as long as I can remember. You’ve been my Missionary at camp more years than I can count. How come? Why have you been there so long?”

Now, I’m proud to say that I am not the only one who has been here a long time. A quick calculation reveals that the average tenure of our present staff is about 12 years. I’m confident that I can speak for all of us when I say:

- I’m proud to be a part of the Woodburn Christian Children’s Home because it fulfills a mission that is central to the heart of Christian ministry. The Bible says, *“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world”*. (James 1:27) WCCH fulfills an essential part of that spiritual directive.
- I’m proud to be a part of the Woodburn Christian Children’s Home because it’s focused on ministry to others. Sometimes people say, “I’d like to invite you to come and speak at our church but we can’t promise you any support.” I always reply, “It’s not necessary to promise support. Someone in your church may know a child who needs a home. One of your families may be challenged to serve on this or another mission field some day. Some individual may have the means and desire to help in some special way. Perhaps the presentation today, will sow the seed for cooperation in the future. Who knows what good thing might be produced in the kingdom if we are *not focused on what we can get out of this today.*”
- I’m proud to be a part of the Woodburn Christian Children’s Home because it provides a home for children with little or no ability to pay and it does it without government money. Most children’s homes today are built by churches and funded and populated by government agencies. WCCH is different. Our staff, our referrals and our funding all come from churches, individuals and other organizations that strongly support the life-changing Christian focus of this ministry. WCCH is committed to this principle. (It’s not always easy.)
- I’m proud to be a part of a ministry that consistently earns high marks from inspections conducted by various Indiana State Licensing Agencies. While we do not accept public funds, the Woodburn Christian Children’s Home is fully licensed as a Residential Child Care Facility by the State of Indiana.
- I’m proud to work with board members and staff members who are committed to work together in harmony for the cause of Christ. You know, it’s not always easy to care for troubled children. You’re not going to get many “thank-yous” from a rebellious teen. Our staff members are

faithful and confident in the knowledge that success in this work is not measured by the response of today but in a lifetime of change and souls saved for eternity.

Would you like to have a part in supporting this vital ministry? You may send your contribution to: WCCH, 24902 Notestine Road, Woodburn, IN 46797. For more information, call: 260-632-5551.