



**WOODBURN
CHRISTIAN
CHILDREN'S
HOME**

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Dear Family,

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Everyone has a story to tell, a story of God's glory. The staff members at Woodburn Christian Children's Home live out a story of sacrificial living, commitment, and a deep love for the wellbeing of children. For example, Dave and Kendra Smith, having served at WCCH for nearly 30 years, are quick to point out their longevity in ministry flows from the longstanding grace of God. Daryl and Miranda Woolard, the Noah Ark Houseparents have a story of longing to serve at a Christian children's home, and now they are living out their story. For them houseparenting is not a job, or a career, it is a calling from God on their hearts. Hal and Carol Rogers, program directors, have been consumed by a radical love for children, and a deep desire to help kids overcome life's obstacles while embracing Jesus the Christ. Everyone has a story to tell, a story of God's glory.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord tell
their story (Psalm 107:2).**

Your story may include joy-filled experiences, or painful wanderings in the desert. But in either case the challenge remains: proclaim your story of God's glory. Even in the pains of life we are challenged to not waste the pain, but to proclaim our sufferings as an expression of faith. In his book *Second Guessing God*, Brian Jones states, "Suffering is pointless when it is without meaning, and suffering is without meaning, ultimately, when what we've suffered isn't put to some greater use" (2007). In this way God uses us as wounded healers, allowing our experiences to benefit others.

At the Woodburn Christian Children's Home we are privileged to minister to children and families in this way, showing them how to embrace God's great story of Love. Our program of transformation is rooted in God's eternal power, the teachings of the Bible, and the restorative nature of salvation through Jesus Christ. We teach the children in our care how to overcome, how to embrace their story, and how to proclaim God's glory. At WCCH we don't raise victims, we raise overcomers by the grace of God.

HAPPENINGS

- **Summer is in full swing**, our staff and volunteers are spending extra time with the children teaching life skills and modeling how to live as a Christian family. In May we welcomed Becca Paden as our summer intern. Becca is attending CCU while pursuing a degree in Business. Her dream is to launch a not-for-profit ministry to help inner city children. The Lee Bracey roast video can be found on our website. Thank you to all who participated, it was an awesome event.

OPPORTUNITIES

- **Volunteer Work Groups and Life Skill Lessons**, WCCH is looking for volunteers to complete various projects and volunteers to teach our children various skills such as finance, cooking, carpentry or sewing. Please contact Hal Rogers, Program Director for more information, 260.632.5551.

If you made a contribution in May, your receipt is printed on the back of this letter. Once again, thank you for your faithful support. Always remember... We are partners together in a vital ministry. Without your help, it could not be done.

God bless,


Joe Heins
Executive Director

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

- WCCH "Forever Family" Alumni Picnic, June 16
- 18th Annual Benefit Golf Outing, September 15
- 14th Annual Benefit Auction, October 13

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