

2018 newsletter

Greater is He

that is in you

**than he that
is in the world.**

1 John 4:4

May the God of hope fill you with all
joy and peace as you trust in Him, so
that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 15:13)



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FROM MY HEART



“Come here, kids... I want to tell you something.” (That’s how I envision the “conversation” as I write this, my final article, for the WCCH Newsletter.) To our many WCCH family members, now grown and with families of your own and to the boys and girls who live at the Woodburn Christian Children’s Home today... while I have your attention, I have some important things I want to say.

I want you to know how much we love you. As long as we live on this earth, you can be sure that you have someone who loves you and believes in you and has your best interest at heart. And, when we are no longer here, you can be confident that we’ll be up in heaven, looking down and cheering you on. It just doesn’t get any better than that.

Many people have joined together to give you a good home and the opportunity to succeed. But if that is all that we have given you, it wouldn’t be nearly enough. I want to challenge you to follow Jesus and never turn back. It won’t always be easy but I can assure you that it will be worth it. God has something important for you to do. Some people will tell you, “Never bite off more than you can chew.” But I say, “I’d rather choke on greatness than nibble at mediocrity.” Pray and ask God to give you something significant to do for His Kingdom and then do it with all you heart, mind and soul. Follow Jesus. Don’t ever turn back. And we’ll all be together in heaven someday.

Finally, when the hard times come... and they will... remember what we have taught you. We need not be defined by the difficulties of our lives. As surely as you are likely to fail, God is willing to forgive. Always remember, “We don’t raise victims at the Woodburn Christian Children’s Home. We raise overcomers!” The scripture teaches us, “Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.” (1 John 4:4) Own that promise. Teach it to your children. Find a good church and make it your home. Live out your faith every single day of your life. And you will be a bright and shining star for all the world to see.

God bless you, family. We love you very much.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Bracey', written in a cursive style.

Lee Bracey

WCCH Executive Director from 1984 through 2017

GRATITUDE IN ACTION



I am thankful for the many opportunities God provides through the ministry of the Woodburn Christian Children's Home.

Our staff, together with our many partners in ministry, provide a Christ-centered home where children are empowered, encouraged, and given the chance to embrace a new vision of life through faith in Jesus Christ. Together we provide hope, a firm confidence in a positive outcome, and we provide healing, education, and physical development. To participate in these opportunities brings fulfillment, and a future filled with usefulness in the Kingdom of God.

In view of these opportunities, and the grace of God, we find a great responsibility. Through His power, and desire to bless our efforts, we seek to responsibly carry forward the vital ministry of WCC. Our commitment focuses on the responsibility to uphold the core values of private funding, private placements, and the willingness to welcome a child into our program regardless of their family's ability to pay. In addition, we are responsible to show children how God uses the Christian family as His chosen medium for the transmission of godly lifestyle and values.

The results of the opportunities and responsibilities are found in the lives of children who gain a new perspective on God's love. For example, Heather an 8th grader, defines hope as a spark of life, as a result of her faith in Jesus. Together we are responsible to provide opportunities for all children. Our gratitude toward God finds expression in these acts of service in His name.

We are thankful for your willingness to participate in this vital ministry, without your help it cannot be done.

May God bless you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Heins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joe Heins, Executive Director

The Woodburn Christian Children's Home is a 501(c)(3) organization and receives no public funds. We depend entirely on donations from individuals, churches, businesses and organizations. This State-Licensed Residential Child-Care Ministry provides a Christian family environment for children who need a home. Our cost of caring for a child is less than half the average cost of residential child-care throughout the tri-state area. Over the years, we have provided a home for many children who had NO ABILITY TO PAY. YOUR PRAYERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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