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**WOODBURN
CHRISTIAN
CHILDREN'S
HOME**

Monthly Newsletter

Dear WCCH Family,

Our hearts are filled with joy as we prepare for the first Christmas party in the Learning and Counseling Center. This simple party conveys deep meaning. The gathering helps each child come to believe God cares about their lives and needs. For many, this is a new feeling. The default setting for many children is low self-esteem produced by an identity crisis. "Who am I?" is the resounding gong - the heartbeat. Feeling less than is the "noise" within their hearts. Abuse and neglect reinforce their worthlessness. The child wrestles, but in the end succumbs to a self-depreciating identity: "I am a mistake." This identity produces frustrating antisocial ideas and behaviors. It all begins in the heart.

However, we know God has a plan. We know Jesus solves our core need of identity and value. Faith in Jesus fills the cup and changes the tune so that Love beats the heart. The upcoming Christmas party, in the new ministry setting, creates a horizon of hope for the children. The simple party will always be a memory for the children: "God loves even me!"

At Woodburn Christian Children's Home, we do not have expenses, we have faithful investments in the lives of children. We count these investments as privileged opportunities and responsibilities.

Join the choir! Proclaim hope this Christmas season.

No gift goes unnoticed.

Each prayer, every note of encouragement, every sacrificial act of giving is magnified through the grace of God. Filling the pantry conveys sustenance. Continuing to give financially teaches commitment.

When children ask, "Who am I." Unequivocally, the answer is: "You are a child of God." Your gift powers the heartbeat of love at WCCH. May God bless you!

In Service to Him, Joe Heins Executive Director

Transformation: Before and After

Transformation is a key word at WCCH, both in hearts and our ministry environment. This is played out in the new Learning and Counseling Center. Dedicated to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the center is a stage of hope, enabling WCCH to minister to children, communities of families and a Kingdom of churches. The new center helps children discover God's calling through biblical studies, academics, vocational investigation, while healing from abuse, neglect, and trauma. The center knits together our mission to minister to children physically, emotionally, educationally, and spiritually. Discouraged children come to WCCH, but will leave as the next generation of Kingdom workers.

Funding the new center also voices our commitment to the WCCH core values. Specifically, only accepting funding through the Christian community while not accepting any government funds. This is a very unique characteristic of WCCH. This commitment calls us to *feed on God's faithfulness*.

As we approach the funding goal for the new building, we are grateful you have embraced the WCCH vision. As a result, we find ourselves only \$600,000 away from the goal. We appreciate your faithful consideration.

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Family-Church Resources

WCCH would like to visit your church or organization. Every week our staff travels to share the Gospel with biblical truths on child and family development. The sermons and workshops are Kingdom commitments. For more information or to schedule a visit, please email preachers@wcchonline.org or call the office.

If you contributed in November, your receipt is on the back of this letter. Thank you for your faithful support.



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