

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! It is somewhat sad that we live in a country where those words have become offensive. But we do. We live in a country now that is so divided on so many issues, a country that our grandfathers would not recognize. I'm thankful that we, at Tipton Children's Home, are insulated from the evil and ungodliness in this world. For some of you who read this letter, you go to work every day in a place where God is not first nor is He mentioned. You work in a place where sin is glorified and honored. I know it's very hard for you to grasp just how far we are from that world. TCH children are raised by loving and caring parents and loving and caring administrators. No, we are not perfect. We make mistakes every day, but we strive to put God first in our lives on a daily basis.

So that brings us back to the world and how we at TCH can make a difference, one child at a time. We believe that each child, upon reaching adulthood, represents a ray of hope, love, and light in this world. If we can get our children to love one another and to love others, the world will know that they are followers of Jesus Christ (John 13:35). Also, we can teach our children that one of the ways the first-century church grew was through unity. We try to teach our children that you don't have to see eye to eye with someone in order to walk hand in hand with them.

During this holiday season, please keep in mind that we at TCH accept your gift of love with great humility and awareness of what is at stake in the big picture of this world. We know that every child God has put in our care provides us with an opportunity to show Christ to the world. Thank you for all that you do for us and as always, please remember us in your prayers.

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"Help Us Help Children"

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