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From The Director's Desk:

Hello Friends:

Thank you for taking your time to read our Children's Home newsletter this month. We are entering the month of May with 42 kids on site, another school year over, and summer school beginning. April was busy with lots of events, and our summer events are in the final planning stages.

Be sure and check out our Camp Meeting, Youth Camp, and Ladies Retreat info on our website. Just yesterday, we had 68 motorcycle riders at the Home sponsored by Pastor Robbie Fultz, Freedom of Worship Church in Norton, Virginia. Pastor Fultz has set up this event for the last 6 . 7 years. Sister Trent was kind enough to fix a %country lunch+for Alice and me on Friday. Wow, she is a great cook!

If you have ever spent any time with me, you will know that I am an optimist, love to read leadership books, and, according to Alice and every staff who has ever worked with me, I am eccentric, a %big picture+person, and not good with small details. I was asked at yesterday's motorcycle rally what advice I would give to a young worker who dreams of a better job and wants to serve the Lord through their vocation or workplace. This is a passionate subject for me and one on which I feel qualified to give good advice and guidance. The **first** thing I would tell someone is to **start where you are**. Before I came to the Children's Home, I had no idea that the tasks required by other jobs were preparing me for the destination God had in His plan for me. You should perform every job as if God assigned it to you personally. **Second, write down your goals.** Proverbs 3: 3-4 says it best: *"Let not kindness and truth forsake thee. Bind them about thy neck; write them upon the tablet of the heart; so shalt thou find favor and good*

understanding in the sight of God and man." Writing out your goals is powerful. **Third**, no matter your current position or job, **act as if you "own" the company.** I honestly feel as if I have never worked for anyone a day in my life. When I had a paper route in Middlesboro in the fifth grade, I delivered those newspapers as if I printed them myself. **Fourth, take more risks.** This is something that most successful business people say they wish they had done earlier in their careers. **Fifth, work on yourself daily;** learn to laugh at yourself. Stop being so serious. Laugh, enjoy your family life, your co-workers. Read something to improve your mind daily, listen to great speakers, hang around with people smarter than you. **Finally, pray and believe.** Matthew 21:22 says: *"All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."* Be persistent in your prayers, write a letter to God, believe that you will receive those things you ask for. You will notice that I said nothing about money. If you will follow these steps, money will follow you as if you are a magnet. Remember my favorite verse: *"But thou shalt remember Jehovah thy God, for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth."* (Deuteronomy 8:18) See you next month; may God prosper you in health, finance, and favor.