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HEAD OUT THE WINDOW, JESUS IN THE HEART**

When my daughter accepted Christ as her Savior three years ago my father said, “Well, Son, you are two-thirds of the way there.” With Madison’s salvation, two of my three children had accepted the Lord. Since that day, I have often thought of the day when I would possibly be 100% of the way there. My youngest son, Alex, has asked many questions about salvation in the past year or so. During a recent car ride, Alex said to his mom, “Mom, while I had my head out the window, I asked Jesus into my heart.” While I don’t suggest it as a common practice, this might serve as a lesson to all Christian parents that maybe your child’s having his head out of the window in a vehicle is not all bad. Alex and I then talked about what it meant to ask Jesus into our hearts, and while he is only seven years old, I believe he understands what it means to be a sinner who accepts God’s gift of forgiveness and eternal life. On October 5, 2013 I was blessed with a 100% parental success rate. While I have so many other things I want to see my three children accomplish, I will sleep well at night knowing their salvation and eternity are secure in Christ Jesus.



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As I grow to love our student body as I love my own children, my prayer is that they all come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior or grow in their faith if they already know Him. The Lord recently blessed us with revival on our campus. We had a speaker from Ohio and a former local student who led in musical worship. The former student who led in worship told our young people that while they may not realize it at the time, being a student at a Christian school is a tremendous blessing. Throughout the course of seven services, many of our young people gave their hearts to the Lord. My heart was blessed as I watched so many of our students walk the aisle and pronounce their newfound faith in Christ.

Our young people come to our campus with their heads out of the window looking for so many things. They come looking for better grades, a diploma, friends, freedom from addiction, work ethic and job skills, safety, love, respect for authority, and more. The list could go on and on, but the most important thing our kids can find here is the Lord Jesus Christ. Our students attend seven worship services each week, and while some of them may feel Christianity is forced upon them, I know when the Holy Spirit moves, our efforts with these services are more than worthwhile. Our students also have devotions, campus ministry events, and a loving faculty and staff available to them around the clock.

Whether seven or seventeen years old, new believers in Christ have the opportunity to grow each day as they walk in their faith. I want to encourage each of you to grow in your faith, to remember what it was like when you first found Jesus, and to share that faith and love with all you encounter. I can’t wait to see Alex and our other OBI students get baptized and then grow and mature in their faith.

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