

## *Why We Do What We Do*

When Jeremy arrived in the home of Mike and Jo Ann as a foster child, he couldn't dress or feed himself and he wasn't potty trained. He had been seriously neglected.

In his new family, he received good food and a sense of safety, and he was sent to nursery school and speech therapy.

Over one summer, Jeremy grew two inches and gained two pounds. His vocabulary also expanded, and he was no longer afraid of the dark. Then, three months after he had arrived in the home of Mike and Jo Ann, the state sent him to live with his grandparents.

As Jeremy was driven away, Jo Ann remembered back to when the family was struggling to cope with Jeremy's problems. At that time, she had asked Mike, "Why are we doing this?" The answer came several months later as she and Mike attended church together. The pastor read from the Scriptures: "He (Jesus) then took a little child whom He set among them and embraced, and He said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes a little child such as this in my name, welcomes me.'"

Mike nudged Jo Ann and whispered, "*That's* why we do this."

The Lord never called any of us to be successful – only to be faithful. Our success lies in His hands and our reward comes from His supply.

Our obligation is to do the right thing. The rest is in God's hands.

– Beecher Hunter