

Our God Is a Faithful God!

We are very pleased to report that Woodstream Christian Academy is in the final stages of the accreditation process with the *Association of Christian Schools International* and *Middle States Association - Colleges and Schools* accreditation agencies. *The ACSI consultant, who conducted a site visit the week of October 8, was very impressed by the students, staff, facility, and our progress.*

Accreditation is important because it encourages and facilitates improvement through a systematic process, a self-study. The self-study requires a school to ask why it exists, to establish a vision of its future, and to determine specific objectives for reaching that vision. The process requires a school to analyze and evaluate the status quo, strategize for the future, while building capacity and developing sustainability plans. Accreditation also provides a means for public accountability and fosters stakeholder involvement and commitment, i.e., school, home, and community.

Woodstream Christian Academy has been involved in the accreditation process for the past three years. Please keep in mind that it is not possible for a school to seek accreditation for a Kindergarten through 12th grade program until there is enrollment in all grade levels. Woodstream will have a 12th grade, graduating class in place September 2008. Consequently, at that time WCA will meet the accreditation requirements for a K-12 school.

We will need your assistance in the upcoming months – completing surveys, working on subcommittees, and most importantly praying for God's favor upon the Academy. We will receive concurrent accreditation from the Association of Christian Schools International and Middle States Association – Colleges and Schools by the end of 2008. Because the accreditation process validates to the public the integrity of a school's program and student's transcripts, the graduates of the *Class of 2009* will be recognized by all institutions of higher learning.

It is important to note that only 20 percent of ACSI member schools have received accreditation!

Soli Deo Gloria! To God Alone Be the Glory!