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building up the church one investor at a time



Leaving a Legacy

The word that came to my mind was - "legacy". This was after I had spent a few days in Cameroon while traveling with Dr. Gordon Harris to see the work that the NAB has helped to set up and perpetuate over the past 100+ years. We went this past April, and we were guests to the Cameroon Baptist Convention's Triennial Conference.

From the extensive medical work, which includes three major hospitals, more than 25 clinics, a nurse's training college, a surgeon's training college, an AIDS hospice care unit; to the 700+ primary schools and many secondary schools; to the 800 churches and two seminaries - it was amazing to see what can happen when people are faithful over the long haul.



It was a humbling experience for me to realize that all these ministries have been established in a country that, at best, can be described as hot, muggy and dirty. It wasn't a place that I would have asked God to send me, yet hundreds have heard the call, and came, and stayed, in spite of... in spite of the exhausting heat, of the strange food, of the complete lack of comfort, and in spite of the loneliness. Often we think that missionaries are somehow different, that they have been given more of "something" than us -

more patience, more grace, more fortitude; yet what I saw was just some ordinary Christians who have considered their faith to be meaningful enough to do something about it. It isn't that they were any different than us; they have just been faithful where many are not.

The missionaries I met weren't people who lacked opportunity to do something "successful"; they were just people that realized they had a skill that was needed in a place that could easily have just been forgotten. For what did this place have that made all this sacrifice worthwhile? It wasn't for the thanks I'm sure, for the people were busy, like everywhere, just trying to figure out how they could get by.

Yet, it never deterred from the continuation of so many sacrifices, even when it was one step forward and two back. In my time



there it wasn't clear to the casual observer what made all this sacrifice worth paying. It took looking at it differently, through a set of eyes that had done a similar thing, and gave up His life for you and I.

A hundred years and counting, that's a legacy.

What will be your legacy? What will be mine? What is it we have been called to? May He find us faithful.

by Les Collins
Director of CEIF

BIBLE quote

Show me your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.

-Psalm 25:4-5



KITCHEN CORNER

"Light 'n Fruity Pie"

- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) strawberry Jello (can use diet)
- 3/4 cup boiling water
- 2 cups ice cubes
- 3 1/2 cups Cool Whip, thawed
- 1 cup strawberries, sliced or chopped
- 1 shortbread pie crust
(or pie crust of choice)

Dissolve Jello completely in boiling water, stirring about 3 minutes. Add ice cubes and stir constantly until gelatin is thickened, about 2 or 3 minutes. Remove any unmelted ice. Using wire whip, blend in whipped topping, then whip until smooth. Fold in strawberries and chill until mixture will mound. Spoon into pie crust. Chill 2 hours. Garnish with additional fruit if desired.

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If you have a special recipe that you would be willing to share with others, please email us at newsletter@ceif.org.

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Jesus Christ as well as enable them to reach the lost souls in their communities. By people like you and I investing in this ministry since its start in 1973, we have been able to aid the vast majority of our NAB churches with loans to purchase, build or expand their buildings, which has enabled them to more effectively carry out the Great Commission that God has called them to. CEIF needs your help. Will you help us spread the word about CEIF and the need for others to take the step to invest in this unique and incredible ministry, by telling one person about the CEIF ministry? If you would like us to send you the most recent and updated information to hand out, please call us at 1-800-543-CEIF(2343) or e-mail us at ceif@ceif.org. Mention the CEIF Newsletter and receive a free gift from CEIF that you can display proudly.

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Five Year	5.00%	5.50%
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A bittersweet goodbye...

Tom Vogt, who has served as CEIF's Controller for the past 6 years, has felt the call to relocate to West Michigan where he and his family lived prior to coming to CEIF. He'll be serving as Director of Finance for an institution that is a think tank promoting Christian values and morality in the world of economics. Tom's friendly demeanor, diligence and hard work will be greatly missed by the CEIF and NAB Staffs. We would like to wish Tom, Sue and their family God's best as they start this new journey in their family's lives. We will miss you Tom!

We would like to introduce you to our new Controller Greg Hartzler. If you are thinking that you have already heard this name associated with CEIF, you would be correct. Greg has served as Secretary and Director on the CEIF

...and a welcoming hello

Canadian Board for the past 7 years. Greg's past experience includes owning his own accounting firm for the past fourteen years; providing various financial services, including full service bookkeeping, complete personal and corporate tax preparation and church administration. Greg's experience also includes serving as a full time business manager for two years at a local church and seven years experience at a trust company where he served as a Mortgage Banking Manager and as a Senior Mortgage Investment Officer. Welcome Greg, Val and family. We look forward to serving with you and tapping into the vast experiences you bring with you to CEIF.

Ecclesiastes 3:1, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."