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39 Ways you can get more involved in the CES Community

Dear Saints,

We (John and Jenivee) are excited to report that the Schoenheit house in Charlotte, NC is under contract and slated to close on August 28, at which time John, Jenivee and Karly will move to Camp Vision near Bloomington, IN.



There is a lot to pack, and we, with a host of friends, are steadily getting the work done. The house that the Schoenheit family will move into is an "Arts and Crafts" era home, built in 1925 by Mr. Sears, the general manager of an Indianapolis furniture factory. Over time the house fell into disrepair, and it needs a lot of work, but work is being steadily done to make it a blessing to live in. Once in Indiana, I (John) will begin working at the Home Office once a week and will be working the rest of the time from an office on the Camp Vision property. Look in upcoming *Sowers* for our new address and phone information. It will take a while to

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1. Become a CES Partner and start receiving the Tape/CD of the Month, *The Contender*, and a 15% discount on most materials in the CES bookstore.
2. Enroll other people to be CES Partners. Send them gift tapes and books that have blessed you.
3. Do internet witnessing and tell people about what CES has to offer.

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get up and running, but we are looking forward to being on location for all the Camps, Conferences, Study Seminars, and meetings that will take place on the Camp Vision campus.

Thanks to all who are keeping us in your prayers as we make this busy transition, and move into our new home. This is an answer to many prayers over many years to be able to be closer to the Home Office. Our prayers have been exceeded, because we never dreamed we would be moving into such a beautiful location that will also (by God's grace) become a place for our ministry to conduct camps and conferences.

Much love to all of you in the CES Community,

John and Jenivee Schoenheit

[The following is something John wrote for Father's Day, the day his son Sam left home to join the Marine Corps. We thought you would be blessed to read it.]

The Best Father's Day Present

"What do you want for Father's Day?" Because I have a child over 20, I have been asked that question many times, and have had many wonderful Father's Days. I have received lots of things that I wanted, and a few surprises. There have been relaxing meals in restaurants, and there have been favorite meals at home. There has been a rare and relished breakfast in bed, some nice shirts and, interestingly enough, one colorful balloon bouquet (definitely the girls idea).

Once Jenivee and the kids took me fishing. They planned for this

outdoor adventure far in advance-I know because the June day dawned as if it was March. It was cold (about 40 degrees), and windy (about 30 miles an hour). The ladies retreated to the safety of the idling car, while Sam and I sat on the bank of Lake Norman. It was even too cold for the fish, who would not so much as nibble at our worm-offerings. Nevertheless, the fact that the non-fishermen of the family planned the entire thing made it a wonderful and memorable Father's Day (and my fingers are only a little cold now).

Another memorable Father's Day present that I wanted was the propane grill that I so enjoy. Actually, as a father I can't take full credit for the grill since 1/2 of it was a Mother's Day present. Nevertheless, the grill surface is definitely a Father's Day thing, and I, and many Father's besides me, have crowded around it to bake, barbecue, and sometimes burn various parts of the five basic food groups. The grill is a gift that keeps on giving, and for years now it has been giving back to my family and friends.

This year, 2003, I am getting a far different kind of Father's Day present--one that in essence defines the word "father." Any father worth his salt wants to "father," beget and raise, love and teach, children who grow up to be wonderful men and women. The father of a son wants to feel that he has made significant and indelible contributions in the life of his son, such that he will grow up to be a godly man and a good citizen.

18 1/2 years ago the Lord gave me a small, needy, and impressionable little baby boy. I have not always been the best father, and God and others get a

load of the credit for the way my son Samuel has turned out, but it blesses me to think that I had a hand in it too. Samuel is now taller than I am, faster, and stronger. He loves God, is a responsible person, cares about others, and knows a lot of the Bible. He is wise for his age and is well prepared to meet the next stage of his life head on. Today he leaves the Schoenheit house on Rea Road to join the United States Marine Corps. Today as a father I get the best Father's Day present ever, what I wanted those many years ago and have wanted and prayed for through the years--to give to the Lord, and send into the world, a godly man and a good citizen.

God bless you, Sam, go with God, and never forget you have a father and family who loves and supports you. Our hearts and our house are your home always.

Love,

Dad

Father's Day, June 15, 2003

2003 Men's Conference

Come join us Wednesday Oct. 8th at the new camp, *Camp Vision* in Bloomington, IN. We will have dinner and "hang time" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

We will start Thursday morning with fellowship and work Thursday afternoon, Friday afternoon, and all day Saturday.

NO SKILL NECESSARY!

- Good fellowship
- Good fun
- Combination of fellowship/work

Please contact us at CES@CESonline.org for more information.

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4. Get on the CES e-mail list and receive regular updates about promotions and events. Make the CES website a hyperlink in your e-mail signature.

5. Attend as many CES events as you can and make new friends, get to know the servant-leaders of the CES Community (they don't bite), and get inspired and healed by the fellowship in the Word.

6. Get involved in or start a fellowship and become a member of the CES Fellowship Community.

7. Become a pen pal with a Third World minister who is standing with CES.

8. Become a pen pal with one of the many prisoners who are being blessed to learn the truth through CES materials.

9. Join the CES Intercessor Team and pray daily for the people and needs of the CES Community.

10. Become involved in one of the many CES Committees and contribute your skills and abilities to benefit the Body of Christ (Research and Development, Finance, Compensation, International Outreach and Translations, Counseling, Arts and Music, Fellowship Community, Youth and Children's Ministry, Curriculum Development).

11. Sign up on the Web in the Believer's Directory and let us know what skills and abilities you have to contribute.

12. Move to a city where there is an active CES fellowship or church and be a giver.

13. Share your faith with others and let them know about the great things you have learned from the Word and from whom you have learned them.

14. Have a garage sale and send the proceeds to a CES leader overseas (non-tax deductible).

15. Purchase CES materials and books and donate them to your local public, college/university or prison libraries.

16. Contact your local cable company and arrange to broadcast the *Free Indeed* video ministry in your area.

17. Volunteer at your local cable television station, get trained in videography, and help us produce video classes.

18. Purchase an ad in local media, billboards, etc., and share something you have learned from the Word through CES.

19. Contact local talk radio stations that have Christian subject matter and arrange an interview with John, Mark, John, or others.

20. Organize a weekend event with the local believers and invite someone to come teach and/or minister.

21. If you have a good reading voice, volunteer to read one of our books out loud so we can make our books into audio books.

22. Write a letter, an article, or a poem and send it in for possible publication in *The Contender*.

23. Write a song with biblically accurate and inspiring lyrics and submit it for consideration in the CES Songbook (Melodies of the

Heart, which is now posted on our website).

24. Start a praise and worship band and play at CES events or record a CD to be sold in the CES Bookstore.

25. Go door to door in your neighborhood announcing your start-up fellowship and all the great things you will be learning and doing.

26. If you have a strong English background, help us edit and proofread our publications.

27. Leave copies of *The Contender* or *The Sower* in Doctor's offices—old issues are fine—no one will notice.

28. Pray for open doors for CES books and tapes to get into the hands of people who can help us market them.

29. Make friends with key employees at Zondervan, Baker, Bethany House, or another major Christian publishing house and help us get our books published.

30. Write a letter to the editor of your local paper and opine about current events and refer to CES materials.

31. Go through all the CES materials every two years, and write to us and tell us ways we could improve them.

32. Help collate biblical references in CES materials to compile a master scripture reference.

33. Help transcribe our tapes and CD's into text for electronic use, posting on the website, etc.

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2003 Teens & Twenties Camp—Wet & Wonderful

The fourth annual CES 2003 Teens & Twenties Camp had an unwelcome guest this year at Camp Hope near Waynesville, NC—a tropical depression that dumped rain for three days and three nights—not exactly a storm of biblical proportions, and not enough to dampen the spirits of the 128 campers and 30 staff. Working together to abandon tents and adjust sleeping arrangements, the staff and campers made the most of the wet conditions and the camp went on with or without dry clothes! Camp staff made a couple of emergency runs to Waynesville to dry out clothes for those whose tents were not up to keeping rain out for three days at a time.

The sun finally came out in full force on the final full day of the camp, just in time for us to celebrate the close of a wonderful week and to dry things out for the ride home. Few of us could recall a time when we were more thankful to see the sun.

More than once the campers were reminded that the experience was a part of life, and those who came unprepared for even mild rain learned the value of a good tent and rainwear. On the bright side, the weather actually provided an opportunity for greater closeness among the campers and so was a blessing in its own right.

The theme of the camp was “The Plan and the Man,” and again the focus of the camp was Bible study. Every camper had his own research books, and worked in teams to find the answers to the questions in an excellent study guide put together by John Schoenheit, Sue Carlson, and Amy

Calello. This year the campers were divided into three groups for the study sessions: Alpha, Beta, and Gamma/Delta. Gary and Karen Theisen, Mark Graeser, Sue Carlson/John Schoenheit led each group, respectively.

Each day started with a flag raising. Around the flag, Sue Carlson shared inspirational readings concerning the faith and providence of the founding fathers and the events of the American Revolution. This was followed by scripture and prayer. After breakfast, a time of praise and worship got the campers focused on God and the Lord Jesus, and then they broke into their study sessions.

After lunch, on most days, the campers had free recreational time until small groups met. Recreation involved trips to Sliding Rock and East Fork Trailhead swimming hole. During small groups personal spiritual needs were addressed and campers practiced their proficiency in the worship manifestations of the spirit.

After dinner we had an evening session that featured three or four inspirational and practical teachings by staff and campers, followed by the popular campfire circle. The campfire has become a key feature of Teens & Twenties Camp, where campers worship and sing together, and share their struggles and their victories quite openly, with a lot of love and support for one another. Staff members resist the temptation to direct or intervene in the sharing time, creating a space for the campers to share among themselves what they are learning and how they are growing with God. Many share how meaningful the experience of Teens & Twenties Camp is for them and how much they anticipate it throughout the year.

Coordinating the kitchen crew once again was Greg Paules of Charlotte NC, ably assisted by Katherine Brumm of Ft Wayne IN, Crystal Mosher of Port Huron MI, Sherry DeBruhl of Weaverville NC, Sharon Whitaker of Asheville NC, Greg and Gayle Hall of Awendaw SC, Deb LaValley of Richmond VA, Marilyn Schneider of Jackson MI, Carolyn Pais of Charlotte NC, and Pam McVey of Canon City CO. Several other staffers helped as needed. They all outdid themselves once again producing amazing meals out of the small Camp Hope kitchen that is pushed to the max to feed the hungry campers and staff.

When rain made an outdoor campfire circle impossible, it was moved inside, and was just as powerful. The camp divided up into men’s and women’s meetings during one of the evening sessions, with many reports of spiritual deliverance and healing resulting.

Each year we hold this camp we are more convinced that our youth are catching the vision of this ministry and making it their own. Though the consistent feedback from the campers is that they don’t want to split the camp up by age or region, we are having to face the fact that we have maxed out the capacity of the facilities and infrastructure at Camp Hope, and will need to find a larger facility if we are to keep the camp intact.

The potential of Camp Vision in Bloomington, Indiana is yet untested and would not be able to accommodate more than Camp Hope for the foreseeable future. We need the Lord’s help to handle the growth of our youth ministry in a way that is wise and considerate of the campers’ desire to stay unified for now. **If you know of a camp**

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Raising Up Workers for the Harvest

2003 Servant-Leadership Conference

Luke 10:2

He told them, "The **harvest** is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the **harvest**, therefore, to send out workers into his **harvest** field.

The Conference will again be held at the Holiday Inn Select Airport, 25-1 South High School Road Indianapolis, IN 46241. It will begin on Thursday evening, September 11, and end at noon on Sunday, September 14.

The \$75 CES early registration discount includes 2 dinners, Friday and Saturday (\$100 after Sept. 1).

The hotel room rate is \$92/night as long as rooms are available at the hotel. Their number is 317-244-6861.

We encourage every fellowship associated in any way with CES to be represented at this 6th annual Servant-Leadership Conference. Come and share the joys, the struggles, the opportunity to be a part of a ministry that is making a difference around the world.

Here is what's on the docket for this year's Conference. It will be a time to clarify and solidify the transformation of CES from provider of materials to a full service and world-wide "church" with its own vision and calling. In particular, we will be announcing the decision that the CES Board has made concerning the new name for the ministry, and how CES will continue to exist as a subsidiary

supplier of educational materials. Our people-oriented elements, like our events, the Fellowship Community, leadership development, and evangelistic tools and programs will function under the umbrella of a new corporate entity, the name of which will be announced at the Conference. We will discuss as a body what this change means and the best way of implementing it on the field.

We will show a preview of "The Good News Class," and invite feedback on the post-production aspects of the marketing of the class. The class itself and the syllabus will be nearly finalized by the time of the Conference, and will reflect many hundreds of hours of deliberations and editing, so discussion will be limited mostly to the post-production issues related to supporting the best possible experience for the participants.

We will discuss as a body the new Outreach Program, and invite feedback and discussion designed to make the program the biggest success for the participants and the biggest blessing for the sponsoring fellowships.

We will provide practical teaching on areas of concern for home fellowship coordinators, especially on conflict resolution and discipleship.

We will continue the committee work that has been done over the past two years by giving committee members a chance to meet together and then report to the larger body. In particular, the following committees will be vitally important to our discussions. We would like everyone who attends to be a part of one of the following committees which will meet during the day on Friday, September 12:

1. Women's Ministry and Events
2. Fellowship Community Development
3. Counseling Network and Healing Prayer Ministry
4. Curriculum Development
5. Marketing and Advertising
6. Arts and Music
7. Technology and Media
8. Youth Outreach and Events
9. International Outreach and Translations



Calendar Corner



2003

September 11-14

Servant-Leader Conference
Indianapolis, IN

October 8-12

Men's Conference
(At the new camp!)
Bloomington, IN

See page 2 for more info

October 24-26*

East Coast Conference
Atlanta, GA

November 1-2

New England Weekend
Details: TBA
Keep an eye on the website

November 7-9

Women's Conference
Santa Clara, CA

January 1-4

Live Out Loud
Sherman Lake YMCA Center
Augusta, MI

Register online at
www.CESonline.org
or

call us toll free at:
888-255-6189 M-F 8:30 to 5

* See fliers in this issue!

Help a CES Minister Overseas

Your gifts to our Foreign Missions Program support committed, faithful ministers and workers in the Philippines, Africa, and wherever else the Lord opens doors. These faithful men and women are very committed to the truth, and able to teach others also, and for many of them \$200 a month can sustain them and their families and help them devote their time to the furtherance of the Gospel.

Your gifts to CES for this Program are fully tax deductible, but cannot be designated for a particular individual.

If you would like to develop a personal relationship with a CES affiliated leader in one of those countries, we will send you a name and address of someone we believe is living in the truth. If you decide to send money directly to such a minister or their family, you can do that on your own, but that would not go through CES nor be tax deductible.

God bless you for your willingness to help our friends overseas who have a burning desire to bring the truth to their countrymen and also win for themselves eternal rewards.

IN MEMORIAM

Walter Patrick McCarver, Sr.

Born: August 4, 1937
Memphis, Tennessee

Entered into Rest: July 5, 2003
The Woodlands, Texas

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facility that would accommodate up 200-250 campers and staff, is accessible, attractive, and suitable for study sessions, let us know.

We are thankful to all those who have made this Teens & Twenties Camp ministry the success that it is, and for all the wonderful parents who are entrusting their precious kids to our care for a week a transformation and spiritual growth.

2004 Tour Announcement!



"Footsteps of Paul Tour"

Come join John Schoenheit and other CES believers in April 2004 for an exciting and information packed, "Footsteps of Paul" tour of Greece and Rome. There is no quicker way to learn about Paul and the Church Epistles than going where Paul went and studying on location. That is exactly what is planned for the spring of 2004.

The tour would leave NY on Saturday, April 10th (allowing people to finish a work week) and would arrive back in NY either on Friday the 23rd or Saturday the 24th (we will know this shortly). We will fly to Athens, then transfer and go on to northern Greece (Philippi and Thessalonica). After a couple days there, we will head down to Athens, Corinth, and lower Greece. Then we would fly to Rome, as well as Pompeii and other sites which will give us a look into the world of Paul.

There will be free time for shopping, eating at sidewalk cafes, and time at the beach in Greece. Also, since we are going to Greece on Easter Week (the Eastern Orthodox Easter is one week later than Western Easter) there will be some evening activities and festivities for those who want to participate. The tour cost has not been set yet, but it will be approximately \$2,600 per person.

If you are interested in more detail, please contact John Schoenheit, through the CES Home Office or e-mail him at jschoen777@aol.com.

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34. Take sound engineering courses and help us run the soundboard at CES events.

35. Raise kids who love God and speak His Word and help us teach others how to do the same via a CES parenting seminar (the same goes for every other aspect of Christian living).

36. Find a hotel, camp, or conference center in your area that could be used for a CES event, and invite us to come do an event in your area.

37. Go to a movie like "Matrix Reloaded" and leave flyers on windshields telling people how to be set free in Christ and give them your contact information or the CES toll-free phone number and website.

38. Climb Mt Everest and leave a copy of *One God & One Lord* for other climbers to read.

39. Let your imagination run free and let God and our Lord Jesus tell you something to do that nobody has thought of

Family News, Views, and Feedback

Do you have something to share with the CES family of believers that would edify, encourage, and inspire? If so, send it to us and we may publish it. To contact anyone of these folks, contact us and we will forward it on.

(We reserve the right to edit for readability and length, and unless you tell us otherwise, we will print your name, city, and state.)

Dear Sower,

Your ministry is a wonderful blessing to the Church and to the world. Please continue to provide us with the righteous truth of God.

Thank you!

Gordon Macilvaine
San Diego, CA

Rev. 3:8 (NAS)

I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

Song of Sol. 5:9-10 (NAS)

(9) "What kind of beloved is your beloved, O most beautiful among women? What kind of beloved is your beloved, That thus you adjure us?"

(10) "My beloved is dazzling and ruddy, Outstanding among ten thousand.

Oh, there is so much more to knowing Him then can be expressed here. It truly is an Unfolding Revelation of God. I thank you for your response and your ministry.

Lord Bless and Keep you.

Brother Scott Ketelsen
Tukwila, WA

Dear Sower,

Thank you so much for all the new material to look at. Your new book *One God & One Lord* just continues to open my eyes to how hidden and buried beneath the surface so much of the truth is. It is truly an eye opener and thoroughly enjoyable.

A writer named Frank Viola has a remarkable book out that few Christians are aware of called *Pagan Christianity*. It traces the origin of many Protestant practices and their services such as the pulpit, litany, and the whole church service itself to show where it all comes from. It is a very eye-opening book that you would be interested in reading.

Thank you again for all the new and wonderful readings that never cease to stimulate my thinking and understanding of who God and His Son are and how deeply hidden through the ages are their true and beautiful identities.

Love always,

Lenny Cicio
New York, NY

"The mind is like a parachute:
It only works when it is stuffed
correctly—I read my Bible."

Vince Friscia
Ft Collins, CO

Dear Sower,

My name is Scott. I recently purchased a copy of *One God & One Lord*. All I can say about it is right-on Brothers!! It has taken a lot of what we have learned about the nature of the Christ and the Father and put it all in one place. Excellent!

I showed your book to the brethren at church; we are a small fellowship in Tukwila, just south of Seattle, WA. We were wondering if you gave a discount deal on bulk orders. Like 10 or more as there were many who would like to own this book [they bought 15 copies].

We are thankful that the Lord Jesus has shown you this truth about who he really is. You guys got it and the Lord most high has revealed it to you. We are glad that we are not the only believers who have searched the Scripture just as you have to see who he really is. Jesus, He is so faithful. His name is his nature, Jesus (Yahweh our Salvation) Christ (Anointed of Yah) .

To order a copy of

One God & One Lord

go online to:

www.CESonline.org

or

call us toll free 888-255-6189

M-F 8:30 to 5

There is a bulk discount available (\$24 each) if you order 5 or more.

News and Feedback from our International Community

Dear Fellow servants,

God Bless you abundantly in Christ Jesus our Lord and savior. This month is busiest month for CES staff here in Davao City and we are so delighted serving the master this way. Last Month we were able to open a new home bible study in Royal Valley Subd., Bangkal, Davao City and it was the initiative of Ben Kiamco that the CES were able to penetrate a private school employees for Bible study. Now we conducted the Bible study there every Friday evening leaving the Bible study in Dacoville Subd. to other CES leader.

The Concert crusade in Don Marcelino will be reported in detail through our Monthly newsletter called *The Island Planter* (now available on our website, www.CESonline.org). You will be receiving copies of that newsletter soon. The total number of CES home Bible studies in Davao City alone were 7 homes where new family members and their neighbors were being taught basic teachings of the Bible before they are invited to Sunday Fellowship which is our large gathering weekly.

HOME BIBLE STUDIES:

Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.
Cañada's home

Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
Jacky and Marjorie Kiamco's home

Thursdays 8:00 p.m.
Norbing and Marina Pescadero's home

Fridays 7:30 p.m.
Elvie Llavor's home

Fridays 6:30 p.m.
Dao and neighbors

Fridays 8:00 p.m.
Montessori School

Sundays 4:00 p.m.
Edgar and Judith Bautista's home

CES NEW CENTER

Recently a wealthy family offered their 13 years old building in Coronon Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur for CES regional activities. The said building were being utilized before as hospital as the owner Dr. Angeles Velasco is a Surgeon. They were harrassed and threatened by communists insurgents in the area and the lacked of requirements was the primary reason for the closure of the hospital. Three days ago our team of young people and other saints in Dacoville and Cebulan went there for a general cleaning. There were 13 rooms (compared to more than 30 rooms reported earlier) in that building to cater the needs of Youth camps without rental, regional CES leaders conferences, CES regional women's conferences, Men's regional conferences and others.

There is big space where we can raise chicken, hog and goat for the young people who are out of school youth. Sister Marina Magallon was the one responsible of connecting us to this wealthy couple. Her only desire is to teach

out of school youth who has no means of bringing themselves into higher education, as Marina is a former Public school teacher she will devote her time in serving others.

The building needs only 22 gallon of paint, 40 meters of screen for windows, 25 fluorescent lamps assembly, curtains 70 meters for the rooms. This building has been entrusted to us with the authorization of the owner and we will start a fellowship there this second week of June every Sunday evening.

[If you want to provide some financial assistance for the above mention materials, please contact the CES home office at CES@CESonline.org or toll free at 888-255-6189.]

Persecution:

The Cebulan church with brother Ben Kiamco has been under assault from different Trinitarian churches around the area of Toril and Cebulan. Some believers there were being visited by some Pastors in house to house operation telling them that CES is a cult and they need to get out before it's too late. Ben is quite bothered as some were being enticed. This Pastors says that Willie Matub deceived Ben Kiamco so they tell people to watch out. I thank these truth ignorant pastors for making me and other leaders and CES famous once again. If you have a heart of making the Word of Truth more famous please help us open a radio broadcast even in a weekly basis so we can reach more

people of the truth.

God bless you and looking forward to hearing from you soon with great news.

Your Partner in Christ,

Bro. Willie Matub
Davao City, Philippines

on a day-by-day basis. But by God’s grace, we have with you found something more excellent than we had before, and we thank God for it.

According to my wife, this class has demystified the Word of God for us and has revealed it to us in all its greatness and light. The class has also allowed us to get more comprehension on how to pray, and to learn to deepen our gratefulness towards God, how to express our feelings towards Him, and how to open our hearts to Him. Through this class, we have got a new approach on how to weave a best rooted trustworthy relation with God and not a superficial one.

God that He will give me more knowledge and wisdom about His Word the way He wants me to understand it.

Through your tapes and *The Contender* that my father receives from you, I study the words of God with sense now and excitements, and eagerness to know more. **God’s Word really makes sense!!!** But some people I know don’t have the interest to move on, fearing complications with some of their fellow “pastors.”

Greetings from Togo, West Africa

[Editors note: This wonderful letter was accompanied by a beautiful hand-painted picture, an 11x14 photo of the students in the class, and a number of photos taken during the class. What a privilege to reach out around the world with the truth of God’s Word. We look forward to visiting Togo and seeing these saints soon. We hope to bring Moshe (and perhaps one other person) here for our Servant-Leadership Conference in September. If you would like to contribute to this, please contact us as soon as possible.]

Dear Sower,

We thank God for all this and pray for you so that He continues to yield in you the will and the desire to do great things for Him. May He destroy every negative influence so that His work may keep on being well done by you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you again. You are in our hearts. May God, He who loves us genuinely, pour on you all His blessings.

I thank God almighty through Jesus Christ our Lord that I finally found you. It’ll be my pleasure serving Him with you. Thank you for your courage and bravery in telling the truth no matter what. I owe you a lot. I just thank the Lord Jesus that during those times you were teaching in Cebu, I was there.

Our God Almighty will bless you more for not being a sissy!

Jeffrey Mernilo
Buena Vista, Philippines

God bless you all in the powerful and wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

At the end of this first foundation class—“New Life In Christ”—in Togo, we want you to know how grateful we are to God and to you.

It is because you are available to work for Him that God has chosen you for this huge work you have done that we benefit from today. Since we have left The Way International, some among us were in despair, not knowing where to go and where to keep on having a sound teaching and excellent Word of God in order to walk with God

Moshe Ayawo Amegashie
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Dear Sower,

Grace, peace and blessing from God our father and of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your households.

Last May 11-17 I am on a journey and experience the joy of my life in accordance to the preaching the Word of God. Bro. Benjie has daily vacation Bible school and the teachers he had appointed are all occupied so there is a change of plan, putting me as one of the teachers to handle the young teens. At first I was nervous because I haven't tried teaching what I have learned to those who are 13-17 years of age, but Bro.

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Benjie said to me not to worry about the handling because there's a manual for the teachers, so I said to myself to go for it.

It was Sunday afternoon around 4:00 we departed from Bais to the perspective destination, a two hours ride. Upon arriving there the brethren welcomes me with a warm coffee and of course with their warm hands for a shake. Well it warms and give a joy in my heart that my prayer of coming to this place, a ministry/outreach in the mountain of Mabinay, came true.

After that day we have the class going on, and fear governs my heart because I am afraid that the students are hard to teach, but I pray and the fear is been changed into boldness and that first day of class my students receive Christ and have confessed with their mouth and there I feel Gods glory. The following day there's a midweek Bible study and they give me the table to handle the class and without second thought I honor the privilege to share the Word of God and all are blessed but again the all the glory is been returned to God for if not because of Him I would have been tongue-tied. They are blessed, and one of them confess that since he entered the ministry, he haven't been enlighten like that before and I am happy for him. They said that they want me to stay and be their teacher but I cannot, so I just commit that I will visit every second Sunday of every month if I have enough money for the fare. Oh, what a joy that came to me this previous weeks and that experience makes me more even bolder than before.

In Christ,

Clifford Yatan
Bais City, Philippines

Dear Sower,

My happy and sincere greetings in the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Brother John, you have even when storms and hurricanes crashed upon your shoulders I know you to be a sentinel of God in this end time. Not only guarding the truth but also keeping a watchman's look out for His people. We look forward to seeing you here in India when the Lord opens the door for you to come. Many people want to hear the Word you teach. I am sending a testimony of one saved from their evil bondage through our CES literature.

In Christ,

Mandapalli Satyanandam
Andhra Pradesh, India

Dear Sower,

With love and satisfaction. I am sending you most fraternal greetings this first time around this letter. I am a man of twenty-one years of age former a pagan who had not attended any church before and around of this year one of my best brother Mandapalli Satyanandam gave me a copy of your CES literature to read. I read it and something came to my mind that I should go to CES center and accept Jesus Christ as my personal saviour and worship the living God. Since that time my life has turned completely around from the evil way to God's way. Because of your powerful CES literature, I am saved by the almighty God.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

P. Yesu Ratnam
Andhra Pradesh, India



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Frequently Asked Questions ...

(There are many more FAQ's posted on our website: www.CESonline.org)

The June Tape/CD of the month, *Growth Begins In Truthfulness and The Power of Brokenness*, is the subject of this readers question which was prompted by the following description:

Ablly representing the heart of the 2003 CES Conference on "Cultivating Wholeness," Nancy Berwid and John Lynn share openly about how their spiritual growth was greatly advanced by embracing a lifestyle of truthfulness and brokenness. Nancy models the way honesty can be liberating, and talks about how her self-deceptiveness worked against her healing and recognition of her ongoing need for a Savior. John then shares his struggle of finding the balance of godly self-esteem. He shows how the power of brokenness brings us to wholeness, as getting in touch with our failures and coming to grips with the sin that dwells in us can help us embrace our Savior's success and our righteousness in him.

Q. I haven't heard the tape but the description in your email is out of alignment with Father's Word. We can never "sort" ourselves out by getting in touch with the old man nature and all it's failings. We need simply to count the carnal old nature dead, put on the mind of Christ and let grace and the law of the spirit of life (the resurrection power from God in us) go to work in us. By this Father continues to perform the work in us until the day of Christ when He will finish the work of us being made like him. Today, we are being changed into the same image from one glory to another. We are exhorted to put to

death the deeds of the old man only by the spirit as I have explained. The only way to deal with the old is to put on the new as we are to count the old dead and not resurrect it to get in touch with it. If we put on the new we will not make provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof.

I haven't heard the tape, so maybe the description above is not a true reflection of the teaching, but it is in my heart to share this with you.

May the Father bless you wonderfully in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Conqueror.

A believer in the United Kingdom

A. Your email to CES was sent on to me (John Lynn), and I wanted to address your comments about our description of the June Tape of the Month, especially because I'm one of the teachers, and because I wrote the sentence with which you took issue. Also, I'd be most glad to send you the tape as a gift so you could hear it, along with two other 90 minute tapes that have come to mind so far as I've been thinking about my reply to you (*Battle of the Minds* (Sep. 02) and *Defeating the Enemy Within* (Nov./Dec. 97)). Just let me know if you'd like them.

I can't place you, so I don't think we have met, but from what you wrote I'm guessing that you were once involved with The Way International, as I was. I'm thinking that because what you said is very similar to the way I used to think due to what TWI taught me. In any case, I hope that what I say will help you look at the issue from a different perspective, and one that I think is more biblically sound.

First of all, **THANK YOU FOR SPEAKING UP**, and for doing so in such a gracious way. I'm (still) learning that when I risk saying what is real for me, sometimes I help others to see things differently, and sometimes the result is that I myself see things differently.

One critically debilitating error advanced by TWI, and pertinent to this discussion, was its definition of "righteousness," which was "your God-given ability to stand before Him with no sense of sin, guilt, or condemnation." Is that really scriptural? Actually, righteousness is our God-given ability to stand before Him **in spite** of our sin, guilt, and condemnation. Let's go a step further and consider how that wrong doctrine led to wrong practice. It led to any sense, recognition, awareness, or consideration of sin being sinful. And that led to people "stuffing" the guilty signals within themselves when the spirit of God was going, "Yo, you're off track!"

A sense of sin was considered to be "negative," and God forbid we consider anything "negative." Huh? If I do not get in touch with, and thus remain oblivious to, the "negative" things about myself, I cannot turn them into "positives." The basic definition of the Greek word for "sin" (hamartia) is "missing the mark." This implies a target, and an awareness of how far off your artillery round landed. If you do not know that, how could you adjust so that your next round goes where you want it to go?

This stick-your-head-in-the-sand mentality was encouraged by

the unfortunate KJV mistranslation of Romans 4:19, which says that Abraham, "considered NOT his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb." The word "not" is not in the Greek text, and thus the KJV turns the meaning completely around to just the opposite of what it originally said. The more modern and textually-aware NIV renders it: "...he [Abraham] faced the fact that his body was as good as dead--since he was about a hundred years old--and that Sarah's womb as also dead." Think about that. Abraham's realization of reality--"I'm a prune and my wife is a raisin"--showed him that his options were either to give up in hopeless despair or turn to the only One who could bring life from death, the God who had promised him a son. We like to say that Abraham "faithed the fact," that is, he doggedly held on to the promise of God as opposed to what his senses told him. And that is why he was fully persuaded!

I'd like to send you the *Battle Of The Minds* (Sep. 02) teaching because it elaborates on Romans 7:14-25, a key section in understanding this issue. We need to understand that section in light of the whole parenthesis of Romans 6 & 7, and if you would like to really pursue this, I highly recommend our 12 hour seminar covering Romans verse by verse.

To try to summarize, Romans 6 & 7 show us that Paul was very concerned with getting in touch with "the sin that dwells within him," that is, recognizing even the slightest deviation from the standard of God's Word. That makes sense, because if we do not know exactly how we are deviating from the Word of God, how can we adjust our trajectory? If we don't realize that we are not on the radio

station we want, we won't know to adjust the frequency.

Yes, we are to reckon the old man dead, but Scripture shows us that this is not a one-time, across-the-board declaration. Rather, it is an "accounting," which is actually what the word *logizomai* ("reckon") means. That implies a meticulous consideration of everything on the ledger, so to speak. The sin nature dwelling within us is extremely subtle and deceitful, and we need the spirit of God within us, the written Word of God, and the people of God to help us see how it is influencing us.

As 2 Corinthians 13:5 exhorts us, we are to "examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith." Passages like 2 Corinthians 7 show us that we often need other people in the Body of Christ to point out to us our sins that we cannot see by ourselves. It is coming to grips with the badness of sin that drives us to the goodness of our Savior. If we do not get how hideous our sin nature is, we might not call upon the Lord as our Savior from the sin that dwells within us, and cooperate with him by dying to self. I like to think of such loving honesty with one another as helping one another "avoid the rush" on Judgment Day, because those things that we become aware of and deal with now won't be on the ledger then.

You referred to 2 Corinthians 3:18, saying that today "we are being changed into the same image from one glory to another," but that does not happen automatically just because we are born again. Rather, our walk with the Lord is a reciprocal relationship--he always goes first and does his part, then we do ours in response, and he does his by responding to our response. The context of 2 Corinthians 3:18 is all about our responsibility of "turning

to the Lord" (3:16)--not only once for salvation, but daily for wholeness. And it is about "renouncing shameful and secret ways" (4:2), which we do by bringing them into the light so that they lose their power over us.

I John 1 & 2 is a great section that elaborates on these truths, e.g., "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves..." (1:8) If I never get in touch with my sin, I might well come to think I don't have any. 1 Corinthians 4: 4 is also pertinent in regard to the subtlety of the sin nature that plagues us daily: "My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me." Each of us needs help to recognize how the sin within us is coming out in our words and deeds, and who better to see that than those around us?

Romans 7:14-25 is an awesome section showing both the goodness and the badness living in each Christian, a distinction that we must make moment-by-moment if we are to become like Jesus. A big key to powerful Christian living is to differentiate between the good part of us and the bad part of us so that we neither lose sight of our righteousness in the face of the sin within us nor underestimate the power of that sin. The way that we "crucify our flesh (sin nature)" is by choosing God's way instead of our self-willed way, and that is painful. Recognizing the intricacies of our sin nature is the first step toward it not having us even though we'll always have it!

Hope this gives you something to think about, and please let me know if you'd like the tapes I mentioned.

John Lynn

Back To Basics

Atlanta, GA

Fri., Oct. 24, 10 a.m. to Sun., Oct. 26, 12:30 p.m.

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Acts 2:42-47

And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer...

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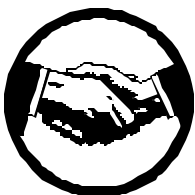
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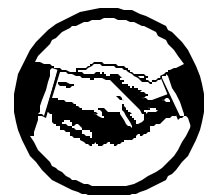
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