

One Vision, One Heart

A quarterly letter for participants in the Partnership Program of CES.

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For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.
1 Corinthians 3:9



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Dear CES Partner,

May our indescribably wonderful heavenly Father bless you richly in all categories of your life this day.

This letter is our second quarterly communication to you this year. The first was our end-of-January thank you letter for your 2002 contributions. We give thanks to God for you, and we hope to convey to you how grateful we are for your love, prayers, and financial support.

This morning, I (John Lynn) looked at the Greek word *koinonia*, which means a full sharing. Interestingly, one biblical translation of a related word in the *koinonia* family is “partner,” and that ties right in with some thoughts I had as I looked at this word in Scripture in preparation for writing to you. In Acts 2:42 (KJV), on Day One of Christianity, what got those believers “off on the right foot” was that “they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and in fellowship [k.]” It seems God wants to make it clear that Christians believing and practicing right doctrine gives us the best shot at genuine intimacy, which is at the root of the Church bearing fruit in “in-reach” (quality) and outreach (quantity) (vv. 43-47).

In Philippians 3:10 we see that this intimacy with the Lord includes, and is actually dependent upon, our relentlessly entering into the “fellowship (k.) of his sufferings” (KJV).

The use of *koinonos* in 2 Peter 1:3 shows us that in our new birth, we each became a “partaker” (partner) in the divine nature, thereby bonded forever to God and the Lord Jesus. In that unbreakable connection, God has “called each of us into fellowship (k.) with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Cor. 1:9) as the key to unity in the Body (1 Cor. 1:10). In Philippians 3:10 we see that this intimacy with the Lord includes, and is actually dependent upon, our relentlessly entering into the “fellowship (k.) of his sufferings” (KJV). And 1 John 1:3 shows that fellowship (k.) with our Father, our Lord, and our brothers and sisters is the key to us living with the fullness of joy.

It is noteworthy, then, that *koinonia* is the word used a number of times in the Church and Pastoral Epistles to refer to financial giving (NIV): “share with,” “make a contribution,” “the privilege of sharing,”

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“willing to share,” “distribution” (KJV), “communicate” (KJV). Surely one point being made is that the sharing of one’s hard-earned money or material possessions with another is potentially a very bonding act. When both the giver and the receiver have a godly attitude, a deep connection is very likely the result. Such a relationship with you is our heart’s desire.

You can also see that we have an operating shortfall year-to-date. If each of you signed up a new partner with a pledge of \$20 per month, we would make up that deficit in less than two months.

Please consider the financial summary below. Our goal is that our partners finance the day-to-day operations of the ministry. At the present time we are a little more than half-way toward that goal. We thank you! You can also see that we

have an operating shortfall year-to-date. If each of you signed up a new partner with a pledge of \$20 per month, we would make up that deficit in less than two months. Each subsequent month would bring an operating surplus that would allow us to increase our staff, improve our equipment, and provide us with other means of accomplishing our goals and dreams as a ministry. We deeply appreciate your partnering with us to help us grow. Please consider winning a partner for CES.

CES Mission Statement

To glorify the One True God and the Lord Jesus Christ by providing sound biblical teaching and a spiritually-empowered fellowship community so that all people may be saved, come to a knowledge of the truth, and become established in faithful and fruitful Christian living

Financial Summary

	2001	2002	Jan-Mar, 2003
Partner Giving	256,565	339,344	90,469
Non-partner Giving	291,138	313,227	56,399
Total Income	547,703	652,571	146,868
Salaries & Wages	242,296	323,929	62,149
Administrative Exp	206,347	238,468	67,932
Foreign Missions	63,038	96,401	16,769
Program Expenses	6,129	7,210	2,257
Special Projects (from restricted gifts)	-	-	13,393
Total Expenses	517,810	666,008	162,500
Net Operating Income	29,893	(13,437)	(15,632)
Bookstore Net Profit	(10,268)	29,424	2,082
Camps & Conferences Net Profit* (top of pg 3)	(32,773)	3,682	12,318
Net Income	(13,148)	19,699	(1,234)

	2001	2002	Jan-Mar 2003
Number of partners	300	431	449

*At the beginning of 2002, the Finance Committee and Board of Directors set a goal that CES camps and conferences should be self-supporting relative to direct costs. We accomplished that goal within the year. January – March 2003 Camps & Conferences Net Profit is overstated due to event expenses not yet on the

books. Camps & Conferences net profit will be slightly above break-even when all expenses are in.

Above and beyond financing our day-to-day operations, we have projects, one-time and on-going, that are financed through special gifts.

Funded or Completed Projects – Thank you!!

Reprinting of *One God & One Lord* - \$19,000

Phase 1 of *The Good News Class* - \$23,000

Phase 1 of Philippine translation work, purchase of computers and software - \$3,500

Translation of *Becoming a Christian* into Arabic - \$500

Projects Still Underway or Under-funded

Camp Vision**

Completion of *The Good News Class* - \$15,000

Bring three Filipino elders here for two weeks including the Leadership Conference - \$5,000

Translation of *One God & One Lord* into Russian - \$1,300

**Perhaps the most visible project now is the development of Camp Vision, 23+ acres of property just south of Indianapolis that Dan and Lori Gallagher purchased and which we hope to purchase from them soon. After we do, we plan to apply for a grant from an Indiana foundation for some funds to renovate the buildings there.

In addition to your financial giving, there are other ways for you to share your life with CES. The above projects involve many different talents and abilities, as well as unskilled volunteer labor. Please prayerfully consider how you might volunteer your talents and time.

The following verses (with the pronouns changed to plurals) provide a fitting expression of how we hold you in our hearts:

Philippians 1:3-6

(3) We thank our God every time we remember you.

(4) In all our prayers for you, we always pray with joy

(5) because of your partnership [k.] in the gospel from the first day until now,

(6) being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Much love in him,

Mark Graeser, John Schoenheit, John Lynn, Gary & Karen Theisen

The CES Board of Directors

Don Stone, Dave & Sue Carlson

The Finance Committee

To increase your partnership commitment
please contact John Lynn at the CES office toll free, 888-255-6189 M-F 8:30 to 5
or e-mail him at JALCES@AOL.com
Your increase, no matter the amount, will make a difference!

Know Anybody That Would Like To Become A CES Partner?

If each of you signed up a new partner with a pledge of \$20 or more per month, we would make up our operating short fall in less than two months. Each subsequent month would bring an operating surplus that would allow us to increase our staff, improve our equipment, and provide us with other means of accomplishing our goals and dreams as a ministry.

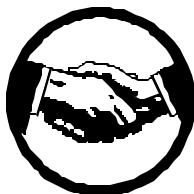


2003 Calendar of Events



**Note: Our policy and goal is for every CES event to be self-supporting*

June 28–July 4	Teens & 20s Camp	Camp Hope, Waynesville, NC
July 7–12	Appalachian Trail Outdoors Adventure	Contact Billy Darr: Billydar@CESonline.org
July 20–25	Family Camp	Pokagon State Park, IN
September 11–14	Leadership Team Meeting	Indianapolis, IN
October 10–12	Men's Conference	Camp Vision , Bloomington, IN
November 6–9	Women's Conference	Santa Clara, CA



Together We Can!

