

# Exciting Changes Ahead for CEIF

Over the past couple years, the leadership of CEIF has been in focused prayer, seeking God's direction for this ministry as to how best use its' mission to serve His Kingdom. We have tried to be patient and wait for His clear instructions. Recently, we received the answers to those prayers in the form of a couple changes we are confident will help us better serve you. Perhaps, like most things in life, it might take a bit of time to allow for these adjustments. However, we are hopeful that God's faithfulness will allow us to look back on these changes as positive improvements.

First, we are excited to announce the opening of a **second CEIF office**. As of **June 30, 2014** we will have an office open in Elk Grove, California. Our largest group of churches and investors are located in the West and we believe we can best serve this region by having an office in the area. We also know that a vital part of our ministry is located in the Midwest and East, so we will continue to maintain an office in Illinois so that we can best serve these regions as well.

Now, you might be asking yourself, "How do I know what number to call if I need to get in touch with you?" The good news is that the phone numbers will remain the same. If you call our **800 number, both offices will ring**. To you, it will be seamless. Previously, our constituents on the West coast would need to call us before 2:00 pm because our office in Illinois would be closing. However, **after June 1st, 2014**, when you call CEIF, we will have someone ready to serve you **8:00 am to 6:30 pm (CST)**.

If you need to mail a correspondence to us, you can **begin sending correspondence to the Elk Grove office at 9401 E. Stockton Boulevard, Suite 240, Elk Grove, CA, 95624** effective **June 30, 2014**. However, if you forget and mistakenly send it to the Glen Ellyn office, don't worry. We'll take care of it for you.

The second change we are excited to announce is a **name change**. It's not much of a change, but we feel it is one that will make it easier to communicate who we are. Over the years we have been known as Church Extension Investors Fund (CEIF), but it has always been a mouthful for anyone to say and has actually caused confusion to many. Therefore, we are dropping the word "Extension". We will now be doing business as "**Church Investors Fund**" (CIF). Much simpler, right?

If you are wondering about our email addresses and website - don't worry. We have **kept our email addresses** exactly as they are (\_\_\_\_@ceif.org). If you want to visit our website you can still visit us at [www.ceif.org](http://www.ceif.org), but you can now also visit us at [www.cifinc.org](http://www.cifinc.org), [www.churchinvestorsfund.org](http://www.churchinvestorsfund.org) or [www.churchinvestorsfund.com](http://www.churchinvestorsfund.com). Each of these website addresses will take you where you want to go.

Lastly, if you still refer to us as CEIF, don't worry; we will still respond and accept any correspondence as such. We are not completely abandoning the CEIF name. We know who we are and where we came from. We are merely simplifying it so that current and future ministry partners can understand more of the ministry itself and place less focus on what the acronym CEIF stands for. So say it with me: "**Church Investors Fund**" or "**CIF**". It rolls off the tongue better, doesn't it?

## CONTACT INFORMATION FOR OUR 2 OFFICES, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30TH, 2014:

### California Office:

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# EXTENSIONS

BUILDING UP THE CHURCH ONE INVESTOR AT A TIME



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## CONGRATULATIONS ISRAEL TRIP WINNERS!

At the start of this year, CIF sponsored an essay contest for an educational trip for two pastors and their respective spouses to take a tour of the Holy Land this spring. This contest was open to churches who currently have a loan or investments with CIF. The question posed was: "Who from the Old Testament would you first want to meet in Heaven and what would you like to talk about?" Pastors needed to answer this question in 250-500 words on paper or digital format. A panel of CIF management and Board of Directors decided the winning entries.

Congratulations to our 2 winners: Pastor Harry Bicknell, Summit Drive Baptist Church, Kamloops, BC and Pastor Dennis Dewey, Hope Fellowship Baptist Church, St. Louis, MO!

Pastor and Mrs. Bicknell and Pastor and Mrs. Dewey joined our CIF Board Directors on an 11-Day Heritage of the Holy Land Tour. They had the opportunity to visit Jerusalem, Nazareth, Dead Sea, Masada, Mount of

Olives, Sea of Galilee, Caesarea, and Mount of Beatitudes, seeing places in person they have only read about in the Scriptures, and walking where Jesus walked.



As the financing ministry of the NAB Conference churches, CIF helps finance church building projects by offering interest-bearing investments and encourages biblical stewardship. We offered this contest to both encourage and appreciate our pastors. We trust the many experiences Pastor and Mrs. Bicknell and Pastor and Mrs. Dewey took away from this trip will further strengthen their passion for serving our Lord and Savior.

Please join us in praying for their discernment in how to best apply all they took away from this experience in their daily lives and in the churches they serve. We trust God touched and refreshed their hearts, and hope to share with you some of their takeaways from this experience in our next quarterly newsletter; be sure to check it out! \*

## CARE TO SHARE: WHAT GOD HAS DONE THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF CIF

*We've never felt we could contribute very much to CEIF but we started early in our ministry to do what we could and God multiplied it through the years. In the 50's when we served our NAB church in Paul, Idaho, we were recipients of CEIF. God blessed the ministry with a building program during those years.*



RETIRED PASTOR MYRL AND VIRGINIA THIESIES

Has the ministry of CIF in some way personally touched your heart or impacted the church you attend to make a difference in your community? Please share with us at [ceif@ceif.org](mailto:ceif@ceif.org)!

## LIGHTER SIDE



**"Rover, your gift test indicates you'd do best at fetching and sitting at my feet, but our family needs someone to sit on the branches and sing. Do you think you could handle that?"**

## A FOND FAREWELL – VIVIAN GILLETTE

The long awaited day is almost here! At the end of April, I will step out of the busy work world, close the door and enter the unfamiliar land of retirement. I'm leaving my work at CIF in the capable hands of Igor Mokhov, a young man with a strong faith in God, a brilliant mind, and a winning smile!



I've been asked many times, "what are you going to do when you retire?" My husband and I are going to fulfill a dream we've had for many years. We're going to travel. For as long as the Lord provides good health and physical strength, we want to travel throughout the country, visiting National Parks, seeing the beauty God created, and meeting new friends.

Perhaps we will see some of you as we travel and we can share stories of life, families, and God's goodness to us. So if you happen to see a travel trailer parked at a state camping area, with a senior couple and an overweight beagle, stop and say "hello." It just might be us!

Thank you, CIF, for allowing me to be part of such a wonderful ministry for a short time. And thank all of you for your prayers as we set out on the adventure of our lives!

VIVIAN GILLETTE, CIF CONTROLLER (8/2010 - 4/2014)



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## 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

### FEATURED CHURCHES: HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH AND TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

We are thankful for the opportunity God provides us through our faithful ministry partnership with people like you who want to place your finances where they can earn a competitive rate of return while making a Kingdom impact. Each year we look forward to sharing some of these impacts with you in our annual report. Be sure to check out these stories as you are bound to be encouraged and inspired about what God is doing! For example:

"Our children and youth ministries are one reason why we are excited about the extra space coming with our building expansion... Having more adequate facilities will enhance the impact we will be able to have on these young lives."



SENIOR PASTOR BRIAN KIRSCH  
HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH  
YORKTON, SK

"This new building, located next door to their worship center, will house their nursery through Grade 6 children and accommodate their Sunday School, Children's Church and AWANA ministries." ... "We are grateful for investors who have joined us in our vision by trusting CEIF with their dollars. CEIF has been a great encouragement to Temple Baptist Church by their believing in our vision, seeing the potential of ministry opportunities before us and loaning us the funds to fulfill our vision." \*



EXECUTIVE PASTOR STEVE OPP  
TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH  
LODI, CA

## RATE REVIEW

### US TERM CERTIFICATES\*

	\$1,000-\$4,999	\$5,000-\$99,999
5 YEAR TERM	2.25%	2.75%

### CANADA TERM BONDS\*

	\$1,000 - \$4,999	\$5,000-\$99,999
5 YEAR TERM	2.50%	3.00%

\*Rates good through May 31, 2014, and subject to change without notice.

This is not an offer to sell investments or a solicitation to buy. The offer is made only in states/provinces where authorized and solely by the CIF Offering Circular/Information Statement.

# STAFF SUCCESSION - HAPPY RETIREMENT, VIVIAN! WELCOME, IGOR!

## CONGRATULATIONS, VIVIAN!

We are thankful for the years of service Vivian has provided to our ministry partners and staff in her role as CEIF Controller, and that she chose to conclude her working career here at CIF. Vivian is a woman who is steadfast in her faith and has served the CIF staff and ministry partners with smiles of warmth and understanding and faithful fervent prayers. We send her off rejoicing, but she will be missed for her kind, southern hospitality, delightful laugh, and gentleness that comes from a soul who sees the world through God's eyes of love.



As Vivian, and her husband Ed, embrace retirement, we know God has orchestrated a calling outside of the work world. As they step out in faith, we entrust them to God's good keeping. Their journey is only just beginning as they set out this April to explore the contiguous states and Canada. We look forward to receiving a postcard or two of their adventures!

We look back with thanksgiving at knowing God brought Vivian to CIF, and forward with excited anticipation on her behalf regarding her retirement. We wish her many congratulations on this next step in her life. Thank you for enriching our lives, Vivian, and may God bless you and Ed with many opportunities as you travel in your retirement to touch other lives, as well as be held in awe of His beautiful creations.

## WELCOME, IGOR!

Before she takes her leave of us, Vivian has been busy mentoring her successor, Igor Mokhov, offering her knowledge and wisdom to best prepare him for his service in his new role as CIF Controller. We trust this will make for a smooth transition for everyone, but most importantly, you, our ministry partners, as he has underwent both our U.S. and Canada audits with the benefit of Vivian's prior experiences available to him.



Igor was born in Russia, and was raised from the age of 5 in California where he attends one of our NAB Conference churches – Second Slavic Baptist Church. He graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree in Business/Accounting.

Igor brings to CIF a love to use the talents God has blessed him with to serve His Kingdom. He is a driven and energetic young man of God, mature in his convictions. We know he is the best fit for this role and look forward to how his addition to our staff will make us better able to serve you, our ministry partners.

If you would like to reach out to Igor and personally welcome him to his new role at CIF, please don't hesitate to reach him by email at [imokhov@ceif.org](mailto:imokhov@ceif.org) or phone at 800-543-2343, ext. 236. Welcome, Igor! 🌟

## RECIPE CORNER

### INGREDIENTS: LEMON GLAZE

- 3 c powdered sugar
- 1/4 c Real Lemon Juice (Brand)
- 3 Tbs melted butter
- 3 Tbs boiling water

### INGREDIENTS: CAKE

- 1 pkg. lemon velvet cake mix (Betty Crocker)
- 1 pkg. lemon instant pudding
- 4 eggs
- 3/4 c water
- 3/4 c salad oil

### LEMON GLAZE CAKE

FROM THE KITCHEN OF: NANCY KLEISS, GLADWIN, MI

#### DIRECTIONS:

Beat together all cake ingredients for 4 minutes. Pour into two greased loaf pans or one 9"x13" pan. Bake 40-50 minutes at 350°F.

Mix together all lemon glaze ingredients. When cake is done, poke holes from top to bottom of cake (about 60). Allow to cool 5 minutes, then pour lemon glaze over top, letting it fill all the holes on the cake. ENJOY! 🌟



## LIVING H<sub>2</sub>O

"I AM THE TRUE VINE, AND MY FATHER IS THE GARDENER...EVERY BRANCH THAT DOES BEAR FRUIT HE PRUNES SO THAT IT WILL BE EVEN MORE FRUITFUL."  
JOHN 15:1, 2B



## ADDITIONAL NEWSLETTER COPIES

Are you willing to post the CIF newsletter at your church and would like multiple copies? Just send us an email at [ceif@ceif.org](mailto:ceif@ceif.org) or call us at 800-543-2343 and let us know how many copies you need and we will be sure to send them each quarter. Thank you in advance for your willingness to share about this ministry. 🌟