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Ronald L. Dart

The Problem with Sin

CEM is moving. We aren't moving far, but the time has come to move. Rents keep rising, and it now makes more sense to own our own building than to rent. In less than a year, we will be moving our offices to Whitehouse, Texas. I know, you probably thought that was where we were already, but we have an office in Tyler and use the Whitehouse post office for convenience. So, it made more sense to move the office to Whitehouse (which is a suburb of Tyler), than to buy the more expensive property in Tyler.

Our office doesn't need a high priced location because we have very few drop-in visitors. The new offices will not be hard to find, but they will be out of the Tyler traffic pattern, which is becoming more crowded all the time.

Economically, the move makes even more sense. Over the next ten years, our cash outlay for office space will be less than if we stay in our present location. In that time period, we would have three lease renewals, each with an increase in rent, plus we get surcharged for utilities and other factors. Our month to month cash outlay will be little different to start with, and the

mortgage payment will stay the same for the duration of the loan. When the building is paid for, the costs will drop still further and our goal of maximizing our output to the public will be enhanced.

Why didn't we do this sooner? When we started out, I wanted to avoid going into debt. I saw other ministries get in trouble by becoming over-committed financially, and I wanted us to be able to walk away, if need be, without leaving obligations unmet. I wanted a pay-as-you-go operation. What has changed is that we have come to the place where, once the property is purchased, the month to month outlay is not appreciably greater, and the building will serve to secure any debt we incur to build it.

You probably won't even notice the difference (unless you come by for a visit) but our staff

will appreciate having less crowded and much more efficient space that is custom designed for the work they have to do. The new building will be about 4000 square feet, allowing plenty of room for our staff and room to expand. We will have a different physical address which we will announce when we open our doors.

We really appreciate the support of our friends who have made this move possible. CEM is becoming a much stronger ministry day by day and is reaching out to support churches and people across a broad spectrum. I think we have come to the place where CEM, if not *Born to Win*, will continue long after Allie and I have passed from the scene. Someday I should tally up for you all the things God has helped us do in the past 11 years. When we started this ministry, I never imagined we would come this far.

I have joked that we retired in 1995, and started CEM to have

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You've Asked . . .

How are CEM and the *Born to Win* broadcast sponsored? They are sponsored by friends like you who give their tithes and offerings so that others may hear the clear message Christ taught. Many *Born to Win* programs are sponsored by individuals or by a group of people who want to anchor others to Christ. If you are interested in helping or sponsoring a program in your local area, contact Larry Watkins at 1-888-BIBLE 44.

CEM Feast of Tabernacles 2007

Emerald Coast Conference Center • Ft. Walton Beach, FL

After a year away from the beach, CEM will return to the Destin area for 2007 Feast of Tabernacles. The CEM Feast site is well known for its edifying messages, inspiring music, exiting YEA classes, fun filled activities, insightful seminars, and opportunities to fellowship with other Christians. Of course we will have the famous Pie and Ice Cream Social, the Family Picnic, golf, and activities for teens and children. We will have one or two service projects to help the needy in the area. There will be two dances—one for everyone, and one especially for the teens. It will be difficult to top last year's Seniors Luncheon, but this year's promises to be even better. One could say, "I know all that, CEM has great activities every year, but what else is on the agenda?" New events that are sure to add to your enjoyment of the Feast are being planned. A "Mystery Dinner Theater" is in the works. CEM strives to present as many opportunities for fellowship as possible. Some will be planned, but some will be spontaneous. Last year we had our first "movie night." We plan to have one or two more this year. A canoe trip up the river (yes, there is a river) is being planned. All in all, this Feast is shaping up to be very special.

As many people know, the CEM Feast site is "member driven." The Festival Association is an all volunteer group which plans and carries out the Feast. Since the CEM Feast site is independent, we depend on the attendees to step up and serve each other. We will need many volunteers again this year. If you are willing to pitch in and help, please contact Linda Benton at CEM 1-888-BIBLE-44, or lsbtexas@cemnetwork.com. Linda will be able to tell you which areas where we will need help, including actors, directors, and stage hands for the dinner theater.

It takes a lot of help to provide state-of-the-art YEA classes for our young people. We need everyone who has helped before and many new people to staff seven classes. YEA makes your job easy and anchoring our youth to Christ fun and fulfilling. Classes and seminars are for students between the ages of three to 20. If you are interested in teaching, assisting, and/or learning how to use the YEA books effectively in your local church, then you're who we're looking for. Please call 1-888-BIBLE-44 and ask for a YEA Volunteer Form to be sent to you.

If you haven't already made housing arrangements, check out the rental agencies below. Be sure to check our website at www.borntowin.net for more information about the CEM Feast site.

2007 Feast Housing Accommodations

Warning: Some Realtors have changed their deposit and cancellation policies. Before you rent, be sure you have checked out their policy. We have asked all Realtors to go by the old policies, but some have not agreed to do so. Again, before you rent, discuss their specific cancellation and deposit policies, and fees for CEM with them.

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Destin, FL 32541
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something to do in our retirement. But CEM got out of hand, and what we are doing today doesn't feel much like retirement. Nevertheless, we love what we do and have no reason to retire. When people ask me if I have plans to retire, I usually reply, "I might, if there was anything else I wanted to do." There isn't. Our next task is to make sure CEM continues far into the future as a service ministry for God's people. With your help and prayers, it can surely be done.

Keeping in touch,

Ronald L. Dart

PS. Meanwhile, our offer this month is a presentation that will end up in my new book, *Law and Covenant*. You can get a preview by listening to *The Problem with Sin*. I used to be a teenager and, although it was a long time ago, I still remember some of the questions about the Bible that troubled me back then. One I struggled with was this: "Why would God give man a set of laws he cannot possibly observe, and then punish him for not observing them." This and other questions are answered in this program. Let us know whether you want a tape or a CD, but don't miss this *FREE* offer. For your convenience, an envelope for the Pentecost offering is enclosed.



It's new and it's for you: YEA! Let's R.E.A.C.H. Daily companion activities for parents, students, home schooling parents, and teachers are available on CEM's website to reinforce and extend at church and home the YEA Sabbath School books. The R.E.A.C.H. acronym stands for:

Reinforce
Extend
At
Church and
Home

This developing web program begins with the YEA *Dreams and Promises* Creation Book Two for Primaries (6-8). Cynthia Saladin and Diane Kleeschulte, both with master's degrees in elementary education, are putting these activities together for the web. As they have time, the R.E.A.C.H. activities on the web will reinforce and extend all five age groups. There are at least 13 fascinating activities for each lesson in the first set to challenge kids to learn God's Word while making the lessons memorable. Students will need the companion YEA book and parents will need the Parent/Teacher's Guide because many activities tie in with, and refer to, the lessons in the YEA book.

Some activities can involve the entire family. The YEA lessons and R.E.A.C.H. activities are designed to anchor children to Jesus Christ and ground them in the faith while strengthening family relationships, as parents do these biblically oriented activities with their child or children. Spread this good news. Tell your friends, family and neighbors about this outstanding tool. Check out our website at www.borntowin.net, under "What's New" look for YEA! Let's R.E.A.C.H.

CEM and YEA take educating children in the Word of God seriously—it's our middle name. R.E.A.C.H. is just one more step in doing this while bonding families together and to Jesus Christ.

In Memory

Christian Educational Ministries gratefully acknowledges the generous donation made in loving memory of Wilbert Seibel of Velva, ND who passed away March 28, 2007. Our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to this family during their loss and grief. We also gratefully acknowledge the generous donation made in loving memory of Clarence Lucas, of Wylie, TX, who passed away February 18, 2007. He was a minister of the Church of God. Our prayers and deepest sympathies go out to Genevieve and his family. He will be missed.

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Calendar of Events

Meet the Teacher, May 19, 2007, Memphis, TN: Join Ronald L. Dart on Sabbath, May 19th at 11 a.m. at the Wingate Inn, 2270 North Germantown Rd, in Memphis. If you have any questions or need directions please contact Sharon Richardson in Memphis at 901-366-5781 or shay100@bellsouth.net, or Larry Watkins in the CEM office 1-888-BIBLE 44 or lsw@cemnetwork.com.

Memorial Day/Pentecost Family Retreat, May 25-28, 2007, Paris Landing State Park, Buchanan, Tennessee: For reservations, call: 1-800-250-8614 CEM group number 3078, double rooms discounted to \$67.50, parlor rooms \$50.00 (kitchenettes adjoining sleeping rooms). For more information, contact Linda Benton in the CEM office 1-888-BIBLE-44 or lsbtexas@cemnetwork.com.

Summer Camp, June 24 - July 1, 2007: It is time to begin planning for Summer Camp at Camp Wewoka Woods, near Wewoka, OK. Camp is open to all teens who will be 13 by the time camp ends and who have not yet turned 19, regardless of the teen's or parents' church affiliation. For more information, contact Larry Watkins in the CEM office 1-888-BIBLE-44 or lsw@cemnetwork.com.



**Radio
Update**

Nashville, TN
WNQM 1300 AM
M-F 4:00 p.m.
Sun. 3:30 p.m.

**Christian Educational
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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Three Months Ended
January 31, 2007

Receipts:	
Contributions	\$368846
CEM Bookstore	27259
Interest Income	6459
	\$402564
Expenses:	
A/V Supplies	\$ 9337
Rents	11771
Office & Adm. Expenses	2331
Mailing Expenses	6182
Postage	17226
Printing	13660
Radio Expenses	206872
Telephone & Utilities	2669
Youth Ministries	7206
CEM Bookstore	6050
Foreign Operations	1510
Conference Expenses	1489
Employee Benefits	13883
Wages & Payroll Taxes	103528
Total Operating Expenses	403714
Decrease in Fund Balance	(\$ 1150)

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*That the man of God may be proficient
and equipped for every good work.*