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Greetings! Praise the Lord, what a GREAT trip we had. We met so many new friends, enjoyed visiting with old friends, went here & there to see the sights and just has a marvelous time. We thank all of you who made this trip possible.

While we were in the Atlanta area we had the opportunity to stay in an empty (temporarily) cottage at Christian City, one of our sister Children's Homes. This worked out just fine as we were just across the street from the cottage where our dear friends, Clyde and Sarah Moore are living with their family and 12 children of Christian City. We talked and visited into the wee hours, slept late, went swimming almost every day, & just lazed around in between our speaking engagements, going to Stone Mountain Park, and going to Six Flags. We also got a chance to visit the Grant Park Zoo while in Atlanta.

We're rather rushed for time in getting this letter out to you folks, so next month we will put in lots of pictures of some of the many things we saw and did while we were gone.

There are so many things I'd like to share with you about our trip that I hope we get the chance to come speak to your congregation

very soon while they are all fresh in my mind.

We have many new and fresh ideas and plans since seeing how this other children's home operates. We're hoping that it won't be too long before we are going full strength just as they are. We can do it with God's help and you folks behind us all the way. Won't you pray about what you can do to help get Christian Acres moving ahead at full speed? You will find a list of various projects which need your help in the newsletter this month. Won't you decide which one you and your group could take on and let us know right away? We'll be waiting to hear from you real soon!

Carl

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We want to send out a special thank-you to all those who loaned us the sleeping bags for our trip these past two weeks. Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Bill Carnes, Mr. & Mrs. Don Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Carter, Mike Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Hylton, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Harry. Because of you folks, we didn't have to sleep on the hard floor while we were gone and we surely do appreciate that!

HELLO!
BOY, DID I HAVE FUN!----I REALLY
HAD A FANTASTIC TIME----NOT ONLY
DID I GET TO GO ALONG ON THE TRIP
BUT I GOT TO RIDE RIGHT UP FRONT
ON THE DASHBOARD WHERE I COULD
SEE EVERYTHING----WE WENT TO THE
ZOO, CLIMBED A MOUNTAIN, AND WENT
TO THE BIGGEST AMUSEMENT PARK I
EVER SAW!----WHY, I EVEN FOUND
MY LONG LOST BIG BROTHER AT SIX
FLAGS----HIS NAME IS CLARENCE AND
I GOT TO BRING HIM BACK HOME WITH
ME TO LIVE----THESE FOLKS HERE AT
CHRISTIAN ACRES ARE SWELL!----IN
A FEW DAYS WHEN ALL THE KIDS GO
BACK TO SCHOOL, IT WILL BE GREAT
TO HAVE MY BROTHER HERE TO KEEP
ME COMPANY----I'LL TELL YOU A BIG
SECRET----MAYBE THERE WILL BE A
LITTLE ONE NOT GOING TO SCHOOL IN
THE VERY NEAR FUTURE----HOPE SO!
WELL, GOTTA GO AND SEE THAT ALL
MY CLOTHES ARE WASHED AND READY
FOR SCHOOL REGISTRATION----NO, I
DON'T REGISTER, BUT I'VE GOT TO
GO ALONG TO SEE THAT IT IS DONE
PROPERLY, DON'T I? SEE YA SOON--
LUV, CHARLIE

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A BATH MAT IS A LITTLE RUG THAT
CHILDREN LIKE TO STAND BESIDE!
THOUSANDS CLUB MEMBERS-----

It is time again to begin
thinking about getting your money
in to Christian Acres. We're do-
ing really well on paying off our
notes ahead of time. We know it
is because of you and your dedi-
cation to God's work here. Keep
up the good work!

PRAISE GOD!! We have high hopes
of being able to tell you that we
are filling up the Children's
Home very soon! We have been
corresponding with Etienne Pro-
phete, a Missionary in Haiti, for
the past several months. He has
knowledge of four children who he
feels would benefit greatly here
at Christian Acres. We are try-
ing now to make plans to get them
here to the states and to Christ-
ian Acres.

Again, we are asking for your
help in doing this. We will need
four individuals or groups who
would be willing to sponsor these
children each month financially
after they arrive. This will in-
volve paying into C.A. the amount
equal to what the welfare would
pay if the child were placed by
them; that is approximately \$130
a month. Also, we would like the
sponsors to be responsible for
the necessary funds with which to
get each child here from Haiti.
This amount is not definite, but
we think it will be around \$300
for each child.

We regret that we do not have the
pictures of these children as yet
but will publish them just as
soon as we receive them. However
we can tell you a little about
them. There are two boys, both
nine years old; Ronald and Herve.
Both of these boys have shown a
thirst for knowledge which they
are unable to quench in Haiti be-
cause of their circumstances. Mr.
Prophete believes they would cer-
tainly profit in our Home. The
other two children are girls, one

nine years and the other just under four years old. Their names are Fernande and Brunide. From what brother Prophete tells us, we have reason to believe that all four of these children are on their own in the world. We feel they need to know that someone loves them and cares what happens to them. Will you help us to see that they have a happy, loving home? Will you help us to spread God's love across the ocean to scoop these four waifs up in loving arms and bring them to Christian Acres? We pray so!! Let us hear from you as soon as possible because Mr. Prophete plans to be in the States around the middle of October and could (if we can get plans finalized by then) accompany the children all the way to our house. Write us at Rt. 5, Box 399B, Bluefield, W.Va. 24701, or call 304-589-6296. Do it now!

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The annual Men's Clinic was a fine success. The only thing that could have made it any greater was to have had more men here. For the Friday evening sessions, there were approximately 120 men here. And on Saturday, there were about 75 here. Those of us who were here truly enjoyed great moments with God with these fine men singing and speaking to us! I do pray that more of you men will plan to be here next year to get in on this 'mountain-top' experience with God!

Yes, Camp Season 1977 is over now and we are all getting rested up in preparation for school and all but I'm sure that the good times, the fellowship, and the love we all felt here at Christian Acres Christian Service Camp will last for a long, long time. We had a total of 135 campers here this year plus our counselors, deans, cooks, teachers, and helpers. We want to thank everyone who helped to make this year's camp season a success and ask you all to come back next year for even more fun and, we hope, even greater experiences with God and His Word.

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Bluefield Areas Ladies' Retreat Report-----

We were gone during this gathering, but have been informed that the ladies had a really great turn-out for the Retreat. There were between 240-260 women who were registered for the Retreat. So nearly that many showed up here at Christian Acres for all sessions. I've been told that their speaker was super and they had some really fantastic specials in song. Great going, ladies. Let's hope that next year will be as great and hopefully, the men will turn out in number for their time of Retreat, too.

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A LITTLE WHITE LIE GETS DIRTY QUICK!

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR CHRISTIAN AORES SERVICE CAMP
AUGUST 1977

Balance	165.86
Incoming Receipts:	
Jr. Week of Camp	760.00
Spiritual Emphasis Week	385.00
Meals at Camp	13.00
M/M Dan Cuckler	20.00
M/M Clarence Bowman	10.00
Mudfork Church of Christ	60.00
M/M Rhudy Hearn	5.00
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J. T. Vedder	15.00
Midway Church of Christ (Camp Exp.)	25.00
Men's Clinic, Offering	357.90
Men's Clinic, Registration & Meals	441.50
Men's Clinic, (Exp. 1st. Chr. Ch. Montcalm)	25.00
Camp Registration	80.00
Mudfork Church of Christ	20.00
1st. Chr. Ch., Montcalm	40.00
1st. Chr. Ch., Montcalm	20.00
First Chr. Ch. Montcalm, (Camp Exp.)	25.00
First Chr. Ch. Montcalm	91.70
Willowton Christian Church	10.00
Oak Grove Christian Church	102.00
Midway Church of Christ	400.00
Springville Christian Church	25.00
Mapleview Christian Church	100.00
First Christian Church, Hinton	20.00
Falls Hills Christian Church	450.00
Lindside Christian Church	10.00
M/M Floyd Ferguson	10.00
Central Church of Christ	50.00
Cedar Grove Church of Christ	20.00
Cedar Grove Church of Christ	319.65
Lerona Church of Christ	30.00
Community Christian Church, Hinton	24.00
Fine Grove Church of Christ	100.00
Laurel Fork Church of Christ	10.00
Hollybrook Faith Promise	15.75
Petty Church of Christ	50.00

Roxefield Christian Church	20.00
Midway Church of Christ	238.00
Bozoo Christian Church	10.00
Mudfork Church of Christ	205.30
M/M E. E. Shrader	30.00
Returned from camp Petty Cash	<u>42.16</u>
Monthly Income	4,610.96
Net Income	4,776.
Less Expenses:	
2033 Emily Hale, Camp Cook	130.00
2034 Balah Brittan, Camp Cook	250.00
2035 Carl McIntosh, Salary	433.32
2036 Roy J. Hale, Salary	162.42
2037 Roy J. Hale, Salary	162.42
2038 Roy J. Hale, Salary	162.42
2039 Roy J. Hale, Salary	162.42
2040 Roy J. Hale, Truck Exp.	20.00
2041 Roy J. Hale, Telephone	17.39
2042 Krogers, Food	214.49
2043 Carl McIntosh, Postage	16.88
2044 Carl McIntosh, Food	28.52
2045 Knofel Staton, Clinic Speaker	332.00
2046 Gospel Lads, Clinic Singers	300.00
2047 Eller's Produce, Food	22.25
2048 Farnbest, Food	235.93
2049 Citizens Ins. Agency, Camp Ins.	161.98
2050 Pet, Inc., Food	18.22
2051 Paper Supply Co., Supplies	60.45
2052 Sterling Frosty Foods	18.54
2053 Brierfield Farms, Food	59.10
2054 Betsy Foss Bakeries, Food	91.18
2055 Thompson Bros., Food	638.86
2056 Serv-All, Food	<u>1,012.74</u>
Total Expenses	4,711.83
Balance After Expenses	64.
Net Income	510,647.71
Net Expenses	510,582.72

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 1977
 CHRISTIAN AGES CHILDREN'S HOME

Balance:	468.19
Incoming Receipts	
Midfork Church of Christ (speaker)	38.22
Seekers Sunday School Class Peach Creek:	
For Lianna Box	50.00
Arthur K. Jauchins, Jr.	8.00
M/M Michael Gunter	100.00
M/M Ray Shadowens	65.00
Midway Church of Christ	15.00
Midway Church of Christ	47.75
State of W. Va.	21.72
State of W. Va.	366.00
Missionary Offering, Jr. M. Camp	26.75
Central Church of Christ	25.00
Midway Church of Christ	60.36
Midway Church of Christ	15.00
Gveta Elmore	10.00
First Christian Church, Montcalm	<u>91.70</u>
Monthly Income	940.50
Net Income	1,428.69
Less Expenses:	
372 Carl McIntosh, Petty Cash	170.59
373 Carl McIntosh, Petty Cash	155.67
374 A. E. P. Co.	90.18
375 Sterling Frosty Foods	105.63
376 Bailey Lumber Co.	3.00
377 C. R. Jennings Co. Mach. Sup.	36.03
378 Southern Office Supply, Off. Sup.	64.95
379 General Telephone Co.	<u>59.09</u>
Total Monthly Expenses	685.14
Balance After Expenses	743.55
Net Income	49,930.45
Net Expenses	49,186.90

If at any time there is a mistake in anyway, please let me know as quickly as possible. If any questions on any of the financial statements please call and I will answer to the best of my knowledge.

Don Holmondollar

Here is another puzzle for you. I hope you all enjoy doing these as much as the few people who mentioned them to me. Find all words printed in capitals in the bunch of scrambled letters below.

SING to the LORD a NEW SONG: SING to the LORD, all the EARTH.

SPLENDOR and MAJESTY are BEFORE Him, STRENGTH and BEAUTY ARE in His SANCTUARY.

ASCRIBE to the Lord, O FAMILIES of the PEOPLES, ASCRIBE to the LORD GLORY and STRENGTH. ASCRIBE to the LORD the GLORY of His NAME; BRING an OFFERING, and COME into HIS COURTS. WORSHIP the Lord in HOLY ATTIRE; TREMBLE BEFORE HIM, all the EARTH.

Psalm 96:1,6-9

S P I H S R O U H A J E S T Y
O I E A R T H H E D R O L R T
N E N O U T T E R I T T A R U
G B A G P E G V A G G U E S A
N I H L L I L N S N H T M I H E
I R E O O N E I I G B D T E B
R C O R T I R S M L R R D B E
B S Y Y L E T A E O A I R I F
S A L I F R S P L E N D O R O
I O M F U S L O R D R O L C R
H A O O A T H T G W E R T S E
F A C E R O F E B I R C S A N

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SOMETIMES THE BEST WAY TO CONVINCE A CHILD HE IS WRONG IS TO LET HIM HAVE HIS OWN WAY.

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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY IS LIKE CHARITY---IT BEGINS AT HOME.

Once again, as fall approaches, we look forward to the starting of school. The children here at the Home are all ready and anxious for school to begin. Naturally, Carole is ready for a big break, too, although she will be just as ready for the kids to be home again in a few weeks and be wishing that school was still a long way off.

With the starting of school, we have quite a few needs here and I want to list them so that perhaps one of the Women's Groups, or a S.S. Class might have the opportunity to serve by helping us out with one of these needs.

Naturally, all the kids need jeans and sneakers. The sneakers have recently been taken care of, but they still have need of some jeans. We need them in sizes:

boys---size 10
size 14, slim
size 34 waist-31 ins.
girls---size Jr. 5
size Jr. 7
size womens 34
size little girl 7

all the kids could use socks (for the girls--knee highs). They'll need size 9-11 women's and 7-9 in little girls. The boys wear 9-11 and 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ -9 in little boys.

Also, Ricky needs pullover shirts and p.j.s. We are also in need of underwear for all the kids.--Girls 5-6-9 & boys 12-14-30/32.

NEEDS & PROJECTS

1. We would like to get all twin or bunk beds here in the Home so that our capacity will be increased. One of the rules we must abide by now is that each child has his/her own bed. With double beds in some of the rooms, this is hard to work out. Right now we have three double beds we would like to do away with and replace with twin or bunk beds.
 2. We have two small children at the moment, with more to come, we hope. We need a swing set or some sort of play equipment here in the backyard.
 3. Still at the top of our list of needs is our store room/garage area. We need materials and some "armstrong" labor. We'd like so much for this room to be completed before winter.
 4. One of the big projects here at Christian Acres is a swimming pool. This would be such a tremendous help in drawing more of the young people out for camp and I'm sure it would get a workout from the children here at the Children's Home.
 5. Another of the bigger items we are trying to get here for the camp is a picnic pavillion. This would be a big asset for camp and various church-sponsored activities during nice weather.
 6. I, just this afternoon, heard from one of our caseworkers. She is bringing us a newborn baby at 10 a.m. tomorrow. We are in need of an infant-seat. Do you have one you are not using at the moment? This baby will be placed for adoption in 2½-3 months so we would not need it for long.
 7. Another of the big projects I know of is the need for a tennis court/volley ball court here on the campgrounds. Again, we need materials and labor to see these plans materialize.
 8. Always we need paper for our monthly newsletter. If you would prefer, we could use donations to C.A. to be used for paper. Please designate your donations.
 9. This is something that your entire family could share in. We would like to see each of the children here at C.A. have a sponsor who would be responsible for seeing that they have a 'happy birthday', someone to perhaps come and take them out for a day's outing every once in awhile. What we are looking for is someone to take an interest in each child to show him/her that someone cares. It would cost you very little financially and just a little of your time every so often. How about it---will you give it a try?
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- ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT THINGS TO GIVE AWAY IS KINDNESS--IT IS USUALLY RETURNED.

LEAVE THE KIDS

Dallas, our newest son, is just 14 and will be in the 8th. grade at Central Jr. High school. He likes models, dogs, and girls-not necessarily in that order. Dallas has been with us here at Christian Acres since just before we left on our trip to Ga. so he got to go along and join in on the fun.

Michelle is our new little girl and Dallas' younger sister. She is just 9 years old and will be in the third grade at Bluewell Elementary this fall. Michelle, or Shelly, as she likes to be called, is a real sweetie and loves her dollies and is thrilled at the idea that we will soon have a real baby here.

Baby?? That's right, we don't even know her name yet. Just that she will be here tomorrow, (August 26th.) and that she will be three days old when she comes right from the hospital. We'll only have her for a few months as she is a pre-adoptive child, but we'll enjoy her as long as she is here.

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Don't forget---Thousandair Club Members----your semi-annual dues will be due in just a few months on Nov. 1st.

MAMMA NEEDS THIS LONNIE

- pizza mixes
- cake mixes
- tuna
- canned fruit
- canned veg.
- kool aide
- cocoa
- peanut butter
- cookies
- laundry soap
- kleenex
- shampoo
- paper towels
- toilet tissue
- dish soap
- deoderant
- jelly
- Kraft dinner
- baby cereal
- baby food (fruit's)
- disposable diapers

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