

A New Day for CEF of Australia

Almost twenty years ago, CEF Australia established a Building Fund to finance a permanent home for CEF. We were encouraged as we saw the Fund gradually grow, and we were confident that in God's good time He would provide the necessary finance and the right facility.

In an amazing sequence of events, God has honoured the faith and prayers of His people because on August 18 this year, CEF took possession of a brand new commercial unit which uniquely suits the needs of the ministry. Of course, we will need to install partitions and drapes etc, but the building layout is ideal. It is located near our previous location and is close by a railway station at Regents Park. We had offered a low figure for the unit and this was accepted.

In August last year, Sydney experienced a violent storm and the roof of the Christian Education block of the Lidcombe Church, where CEF has been since 2000, lifted and smashed down on the rafters causing much damage to the ceiling and insulation. There was little damage to the CEF office. We continued to operate expecting repairs would be carried out promptly, but nothing happened.

In February this year, my wife saw a funeral notice in a Sydney

newspaper for Miss Dulcie Bird who had died in Adelaide, South Australia, but who was to be buried in her parents' grave in Sydney. Dulcie had joined CEF from the church where my father was the pastor and after six years with CEF in Sydney, she transferred to Adelaide. I contacted the undertaker in Sydney and was put in touch with the man who was to conduct the grave-side service, requesting some



time in the service to speak about Dulcie's ministry and the work of CEF. Before the service, as we stood talking, I heard someone say that CEF had closed down years ago, to which I replied, "Indeed CEF has not closed down". A man standing beside me asked if I was involved with CEF, and I answered, "Yes". He then asked if he could talk to me after the service.

I spoke briefly about the importance of the ministry of CEF and the faithful service of Dulcie Bird in that work and then stood back. After the service, the man who asked to speak to me took me aside and explained that he was the

executor of Dulcie Bird's will and that he and his secretary had come over from Adelaide for the service. He was pleased to have made contact with me as I was able to give him answers to many questions. He told me that Dulcie had inherited a very sizeable estate from her parents and this estate was to be divided equally between three organisations, one of which was CEF Australia. He indicated that the amount to come to CEF would not be less than \$300,000.00.

He said, "You seem surprised". I replied, "Yes I am, but I shouldn't be, because we have been praying for years that God would give us a home for the work of CEF in Australia."

Then in June this year, the Insurance Company finally decided to repair the roof at Lidcombe. However, this meant we had to completely vacate the premises. This meant finding temporary accommodation and through

the kindness of two Christian businessmen, we were able to move into a warehouse at Rydalmere, Sydney, courtesy of Lots of Watts.

Having been required to vacate premises twice in the past eight years, and with a sizeable amount in the Building Fund and the amount of the legacy from Dulcie Bird, the National Board decided it was time to start looking for a home of our own and God led us to the building at Regents Park.

We want to thank the people of the Lidcombe-Berala Baptist Church for

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CEF Singapore Open House

July 12, 2008 was an exciting moment for all of us — the CEF (S) Open House. That's right, CEF is back in Singapore. 'I am so happy that CEF is back in Singapore...' said one of the participants. Many people are excited and looking forward to what God is doing through CEF.

During the open house, we saw more than 70 people came for the three workshops offered free – Gospel At Your Fingertips; Reaching and Teaching Preschoolers; and Craft for Christmas.

We saw how God put together the volunteers and

helpers who served in various ways; welcoming the people, teaching in the workshops, and in preparing the refreshment. Indeed, God is our Jehovah Jireh, even providing extra rooms for the extra workshop sessions.

Yes, God is at work in CEF Singapore. We saw His hand also at work in the lives of the people who came — representatives from Churches and Kindergarten schools. Everyone enjoyed the speakers and the warm fellowship.

Praise God for all that He has done, all Glory and Honor to Him! - **Lorita Lim**

Korean Flag Flies at International Plaza Dedication

What a blessing to witness the dedication of the new International Plaza at the *Child Evangelism Fellowship* World Headquarters last May 8, 2008. Along with Headquarters staff, Board of Trustees members, CEFON leaders, regional directors, national directors and CEF workers from many parts of the world, including friends and donors.

A symbol of "what mission is all about", the International Plaza has nine flag poles for each of the eight regions and one for the 58 target countries. A raised platform with a large globe signifying CEF's world outreach sits at the center of the plaza, surrounded by several statues of children representing the children of the world. Three plaques with the phrases "Every Nation, Every Child, Every Day" goes around it. A large millstone at the south end reminds us of Matthew 18:1-6.

During the dedication, the regional directors and their assistants raised the flag of the country they chose from their region. Rev David Ra, acting regional director for Asia Pacific chose to fly the flag of Korea recognizing the country's aggressive missionary efforts with 60 CEF missionaries sent out. He was assisted by Rev. Won Jang Choi, the former national director of Korea.

Mr. Jeremiah Cho takes on the role as new national director. Please pray for him.



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their fellowship in ministry over the last eight years. We also want to thank all those who have contributed to the Building Fund over the years and we rejoice together in God's goodness.

We have been amazed at how all these factors have come together over the last six months. We praise God for such a wonderful provision and give Him the glory for great things He has done. God has been most gracious and we are convinced that this is the beginning of a new day for CEF of Australia.

BRUCE LEGHORN, CEF of Australia

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