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NEW RATES

We remind you to note the new rates for Caribbean Bible Lessons beginning with the May-August 2013 (2013B) issue. This is due to the ever increasing production costs. We look forward to your continued subscription to enable the distribution of material to Sunday Schools in the Caribbean.

*"The spirit of Christmas is annual;
the Spirit of Christ is eternal."*

Stuart Briscoe

May the peace of Christ be with you now and always



*Beaming the Light of God's
Word to Caribbean People*

News & Notes

The Caribbean Bible Lessons Newsletter for Sunday School Leaders

December 2012

From the Director's Desk



Our newsletter has been out of print for a few months due to circumstances beyond our control. We apologize for its absence and hope that you will find this issue interesting.

Some of you will recall that in 2008, we launched the development of a new curriculum with a foundations curriculum conference. In 2010 we commenced the development of a three-year cycle curriculum for Beginners, Younger Children and Older Children. We completed it in 2012. We are extremely grateful to the writers from Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, St Vincent & the Grenadines, Turks & Caicos Islands and the USA. Representatives from the countries mentioned met in workshops each year to write the lessons for which Bible backgrounds were written by many other persons from across the Caribbean. Our gratitude also to those churches who sponsored, in part, airfares to Jamaica of those who represented them as writers.

The CCP Director and staff, particularly the editors, thank God for the invaluable service rendered by all, including the Rev. Arthur Edgar who reviewed most of the frameworks from which the lessons were developed; and Mrs Linett Edgar who guided the development of the Beginner curriculum.

The three-year cycle of the new Children curriculum is now in its second year of use; and we look forward to the commencement of the six-year cycle curriculum for Youth and Adults, for which plans are being put in place by the editors of the Adult and Youth Departments. Our goal is to begin the writing of the Youth and Adult lessons in 2014.

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A fund-raising effort that CCP has engaged in over the past two years is a lap-a-thon, which has become an annual event. While the event is to raise funds for developing CCP's new curriculum, it's intention is also to help to bring about awareness on how to have a healthy lifestyle and to highlight the Sunday School as an important agent in the spreading of God's Word. The lap-a-thon is held in Kingston, Jamaica in January of each year. Do encourage the groups in your church, especially your Sunday School, to be a part of this whether from a distance or by your actual presence. Where ever you are in the Caribbean, you may sponsor a staff member - the editor of your age group lessons, for example - to do a certain number of laps (US\$1.00 per lap). We look forward to the participation of all and to see those who will make it on the morning of January 12, God willing.

Change in the CCP staff complement has been mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. Another impending change is the end of tenure of the current Director. She has served CCP for 12 years, six years as Adult Editor/Assistant Director and six years as Director. It has been a fulfilling experience, and a privilege to have been a small part of a Christian ministry which provides material that teaches persons to "come to know Christ and live to the glory of God and in the service of others".

We are in the season of Advent and Christmas. The season calls for spiritual preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ and a time to focus our reflection or place more emphasis not only on His birth but also on His coming into our lives. May our reflection lead us into a closer walk with Christ and a deeper desire to serve for His name's sake and for His glory. A peaceful Christmas to all.

Gillian Francis

CCP Staff News

The year 2012 has been one of change for many including CCP. Sadly, we said goodbye to a few members of staff: Elaine Neufville, Judy Carpenter and Sheldon O'Connor.



Elaine Neufville spent five years as Promotions and General Assistant. She made her contribution to the CCP literature ministry, working alongside the editors and the marketing assistant. Elaine was also proof-reader of manuscripts for Caribbean Bible Lessons and the editor of News & Notes.



As a missionary of the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Judy Carpenter served through CCP for 17 years. She was the administrative assistant. Many will remember her as the person who was the immediate contact concerning ordering and shipping of Caribbean Bible Lessons. This is Judy's retirement year and she has returned to her homeland, the USA (Tennessee). Just before leaving CCP, Judy's autobiography, *In His Hands* was published. Copies are available through CCP.

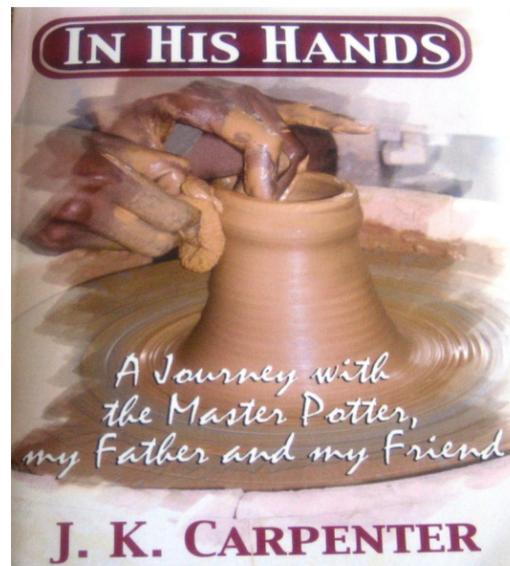


Sheldon O'Connor joined the CCP staff in 2005 as editorial assistant and marketing officer. He became the adult editor in 2006 and in 2010 he took on responsibilities for Marketing and Field Services. He served through CCP for six years and recalls how his spiritual formation was aided while he learnt the significance of Christian Education. Sheldon is grateful for the opportunity to have impacted thousands of people through the CCP literature ministry.

We are grateful for their service and wish them God's guidance in their different ministries.

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