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Matching Forever Families for over 38 years!

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A letter from our President...

Happy New Year!

A new year provides a time of reflection, but also a time of looking forward with hope and excitement for all God has in store for each of us. As we close the chapter on 2016, I find myself amazed at all the Lord's blessings at CAS. Here are a few of the highlights:



Kevin Qualls
CAS President

- 13 domestic placements since October
- Hague accreditation of our international program renewed for another 4 years
- North Carolina licensing renewed for another two years
- 2 successful golf tournaments
- Great additions to the CAS staff team
- Record-breaking Angel Fund receipts of over \$28,500
- Donations of over \$75,000 to orphanages in Liberia
- 10 churches and businesses that have come along side to support CAS

As we look forward, 2017 provides even greater opportunities for CAS to expand its ministry to impact more children and families. One thing that I am very excited about is our first ministry-wide mission trip this fall to Monterrey, Mexico to minister to children in orphanages. If you are interested in attending, please contact us at the office. We are also opening up more volunteer opportunities at the office. If you are interested, please let us know.

In 2016, Christian Adoption Services connected **49 vulnerable children with forever families!** We had 18 international placements and 31 domestic placements.



We are excited about 2017 and look forward to what God has in store for CAS as we continue our mission to build God's kingdom by connecting vulnerable children with Christian families!

In just a few weeks, we will be debuting a brand new updated website that we believe will help us engage families and birth moms more effectively. Community involvement and awareness is high on the priority list for this new year. I am excited to be sharing on WRAY TV in Wilson this week about CAS. The list goes on, but needless to say, we are an agency that is on a mission.

On a personal note, thanks to so many of you for your prayers and support during the recent loss of my mother. She was a special lady that fell in love with the ministry of CAS and prayed each day for God's protection for the agency. She will certainly be missed in so many ways, but I know she is experiencing first-hand the joy of her salvation. That is the heart of our ministry as well, which is to "Build God's Kingdom by connecting vulnerable children with Christian families."

Buckle your seat belts because 2017 promises to be the most impactful year in the history of our ministry. Thank you for your prayers and support of CAS - God's

ministry. It is such a tremendous blessing to be a part of the CAS family!

In Christ,

Kevin Qualls

Kevin's Speaking Schedule

February 12: New Prospect Baptist Church, Inman, SC

February 26: Beulaville Baptist Church, Beulaville, NC

Come hear Kevin as he speaks about adoption at the churches above-- he would love to see you there!

If your church or group is interested in having Kevin speak, please contact the office at 704-847-0038, or e-mail Kevin, kevin@christianadoption.org.

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Thank You
for your gifts to the

Angel

Christmas Fund!



Wow! We have been blown away by the generosity of our Angel Fund donors. Thanks to all of you who gave, we have more than doubled our year-end goal. This financial blessing will help us as we continue to serve families and vulnerable children. The year is off to a busy start with lots of babies being born, so we are grateful for your support of our ministry. Thank you!!! The Angel Fund will be open until January 31st...to donate, visit our web site at christianadopt.org.

HAGUE ACCREDITATION ACHEIVED

With no surprise, CAS has had a strong start to 2017. At the end of December, we achieved our Renewal of Hague Accreditation through the Council on Accreditation (COA). This achievement was received as a result of our staff's commitment to the children and families we serve both here and abroad. We often say that we have a great team at CAS but it is more than great. The passion that our staff has for our mission is abundantly clear and helped to make this tedious but necessary process as smooth as possible. While everyone did their part, I would like to specifically recognize Walt Johnson, Brenda High and Jenica Cannella. These three spent many hours working toward our reaccreditation and as a result, we are now accredited until March 31, 2021. To see the official accreditation letter, please click [HERE](#). Great job everyone and thank you for your ever present support.

Hague Accredited



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Chosen

Out of all the people on the face of the earth,
the Lord has **CHOSEN** you to be His treasured possession.

~ Deut 14:2

Table Host Registration Now Open!



Beth Guckenberger
Back2Back Ministries

Save the date for our annual Benefit Banquet to support the mission of Christian Adoption Services. We are excited this year to welcome Beth Guckenberger as our keynote speaker. Beth serves alongside her husband, Todd, as Co-Executive Director of Back2Back Ministries - a leader in the field of orphan care and child development. Their desire is to see lasting change in the lives of the orphans they serve. Between biological, foster, and adopted children, Beth and Todd have raised ten children. Beth is an author and the recipient of the the 2013 International Network of Children's Ministry Legacy Award and the Cincinnati Christian University Salute to Leaders Award for her and Back2Back's impact on children internationally.

Go to www.christianadopt.org to register as a Table Host by January 30th.
Attendance registration will open on February 13th.

Taking a step
toward
ADOPTION?

Join us for our
Informational Meeting
for Domestic and International Adoptions
Thursday, March 2nd - Matthews, NC
Details and Registration Info [HERE](#)

Please visit our website, www.christianadopt.org, to get more details and to register.

EMPOWERED TO CONNECT SIMULCAST

Friday, April 7th - Saturday, April 8th
10 am - 6 pm (both days)
CAS Office, Matthews
\$25/per person



Empowered To Connect, together with Show Hope and The Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development at TCU, hosts the Empowered To Connect Conference - a two-day conference designed to help adoptive and foster parents, ministry leaders and professionals better understand how to connect with “children from hard places” in order to help them heal and become all that God desires for them to be.

The conference features David Cross, Mandy Howard, Daren Jones, Dan and Terri Coley, Ryan and Kayla North, Casey Call, and Cindy Lee and is ideal for adoptive and foster parents, those considering adoption or foster care and those who are serving and supporting others, including social workers, agency professionals, church staff and ministry leaders, counselors, therapists and others.

Visit www.christianadopt.org to register

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