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A letter from our President...

Dear CAS friends and families,

Fall is finally here! This is hands down my favorite time of the year. I am not a big fan of raking leaves, but I love college football and the coolness outside after a hot summer. I hope you enjoy this season, because Christmas will be here before you know it. The last few months have been extremely busy at CAS! One of the highlights for me was the huge success of the golf tournament in Charlotte. We were able to raise over \$22,000.00 for the ministry! Thanks to many of you for your help and support of this tourney. I am looking forward to our next tourney in Rocky Mount on October 14th. Another big blessing was our Hague review which took place a few weeks ago. We are expecting a final report soon, but the exit interview from the reviewers proved to be very positive. Big thanks to our international staff and extended team members for helping us prepare properly.

One joy for me over the last 6 months has been to work with our founder and domestic program coordinator, Doris Woodward. Doris and I have grown very close and am very thankful for her and her service to the Lord these 37 years at CAS. I wanted to share with all of our CAS family that



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CAS Founder

Doris will be retiring from her position as domestic coordinator effective October 16th. However, she has agreed to serve as a senior adoption consultant for CAS as needed. I will miss Doris in an everyday role, but am thankful that she will be available to CAS as we continue to fulfill our mission. Sheryl Naylor, who has served CAS for the last 16 years as a pregnancy counselor will step up and serve as domestic program coordinator. As most of you know, Sheryl served as our emcee at the 2016 banquet and did a fantastic job. Sheryl has a heart for adoption and will do a wonderful job stepping into this new role at CAS. Please keep Doris and Sheryl in your prayers during this transition.

Thank you for your prayers for me as I preach and share the message of adoption in the Carolinas. God is blessing and moving through this ministry in a mighty way. The biggest thing I have learned in my six months here is how much the evil one does not like what we represent and do as a ministry. I have been on my knees praying and pleading for the Lord's protection of this ministry more than I ever have in 22 years of church ministry. My hope is that you will join



Doris Woodward
CAS Founder

the staff and me as we pray for God to lead and bless the ministry of CAS. This is His agency and it is a privilege to be a part of something so much bigger than ourselves. Will you commit to pray for CAS and those serving this ministry daily?

May God bless you and know that I am personally thankful that you a part of the CAS family.

In Christ,

Kevin Qualls

Kevin's Speaking Schedule

October 16:	First Baptist Church, Robbins, NC
October 23:	Lake Wylie Bpatist Church, Lake Wylie, SC
October 30:	River of Life Church, Sunset Beach, NC
November 6:	River of Life Church, Sunset Beach, NC
November 20:	Mt. Harmony Baptist Church, Matthews, 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@christianadopt.org.

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Former Executive Director Receives Congressional Coalition on Adoption Angels in Adoption Award

Jim Woodward, recently retired Executive Director of Christian Adoption Services, Inc., was honored as a recipient of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Angels in Adoption Award at a ceremony in Washington, DC on September 21, 2016. This award is presented to organizations and individuals making extraordinary contributions in adoption, permanency, and child welfare. Jim was nominated by Christian Adoption Services board and staff, and his nomination was submitted by US Representative Robert Pittenger. Receiving this award is a rare honor and certainly well deserved, given Jim's 37 years of service as the leader of our agency. **Congratulations, Jim!!**



Angels in Adoption™



Jim Woodward
Former Executive Director & CAS Founder

HELP US



SAVE ADOPTIONS

The US State Department proposed new rules regulating intercountry adoption that will drastically impact the ability for orphaned children abroad to be adopted.

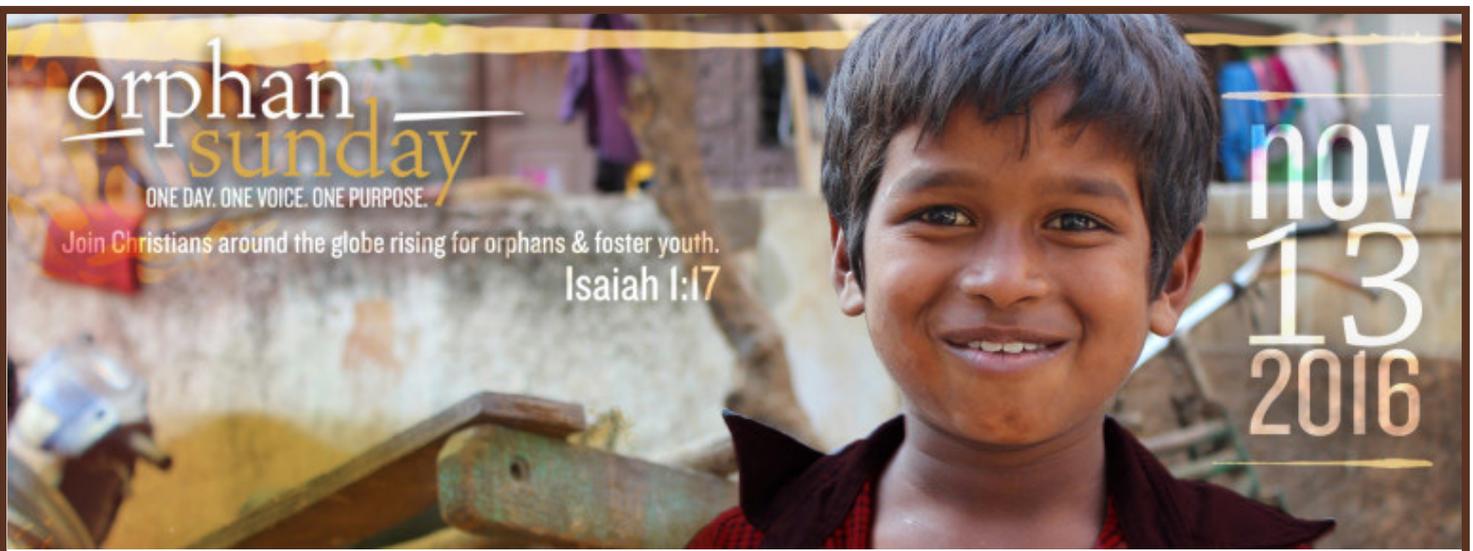
These rules would restrict the number of agencies working in foreign countries and are motivated by an anti-adoption agenda.

The rules are impossible to implement, and will put the nail in the coffin for international adoption.

Dear Friends of International Adoption!

We need to ask for your immediate help in protecting all US based international adoption providers from dangerous proposed changes in federal regulations that will either put many agencies out of business or significantly increase costs. This would affect providers placing children as well as providers that provide home study services, thus jeopardizing the opportunity for thousands of children abroad to have a more promising future. The National Christian Adoption Fellowship and National Council on Adoption have prepared a petition opposing these regulations. To date, 35 adoption service providers have permitted their name to be shared in a letter to the US Department of State concerning these proposed changes. Thousands of individuals have already signed the petition, and the goal is to have 250,000 individuals do so. Please view their website, saveadoptions.org, to view the aforementioned letter and sign the petition. Timing is critical, as the public comment period for these regulations is November 7! Please help us fight these unnecessary changes in international adoption by immediately signing the petition, and sharing this information through your personal and social media contacts. Contact information for sharing the petition on Facebook, Twitter, Google+ and LinkedIn is noted on the link.

Blessings,
Kevin Qualls, President
Walt Johnson, Interim Executive Director



Throughout history, Christians at their best have been known as a people who take special care of the fatherless. It's thrilling to see believers re-earning that reputation, from adoption and foster care to global initiatives. Any church or family can be a part of this growing movement on Orphan Sunday, November 13, 2016. Learn more at orphansunday.org.

Domestic Fall Workshop



Saturday, November 12th
8:30 am - 5:00 pm
CAS Office, Matthews, NC

If you need to attend one of the two required trainings for Domestic Adoption, you can register NOW for our Fall Workshop!

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

Taking a step toward adoption?

Join us for our **Informational Meeting**
for Domestic and International Adoptions

Thursday, December 1st - MATTHEWS, NC
6:30-8:00 pm - CAS Office



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



1st Annual
GOLF
 CHALLENGE



It was a beautiful day of golf for our first Annual Golf Challenge tournament at the Cedarwood Country Club in CHARLOTTE! Thank you to all those who participated in any way - all of our golfers, our hole sponsors, and our prize and silent auction donors! We raised over \$22,000 and are excited to see how God will use this blessing to further our mission. Our ROCKY MOUNT tournament is currently underway and we'll give you more information about how it went soon!

The golfers hit the ball well and here are our CHARLOTTE winners:

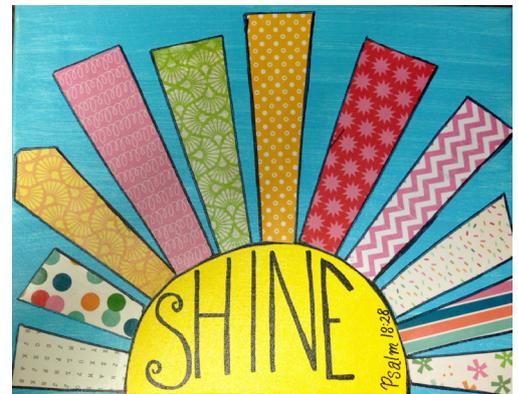
- 1st Place Team - Barry Teague, Paiton Wiginton, David Rogers, Nick Robbins
- 2nd Place Team - Reno Heine, Andy Crisp, Alex Ness, Alex Johnson
- 3rd Place Team - Art TerKeurst, Matthew Haneline, Stockton Perry, Rob Rogers

Thank you all for a great day of golf and support for Christian Adoption Services! We look forward to seeing you out on the course next year!





What a blessing it is to be able to celebrate the Birth Mother Retreat every year! The women asked for the beach, so this time around we were able to hold the retreat at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly located at Fort Caswell. The theme this year was “Shine”, inspired by Psalm 18:28, “You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.” It was amazing to assure these women that even in their darkest times the Lord allows us to shine. As a favorite activity of the retreat, the craft for the theme was a beautiful sun, the multiple colors of the rays reflecting how individually wonderful we all are.



The weekend was surrounded by love and support. Each woman was made to feel special by God’s light. A true blessing to our ministry, our own Marsha Hancock preached an encouraging message about being “enough”. Cementing to all, that they are enough for themselves, but most importantly they are enough for God’s love and perfect in his eyes. Marsha’s words addressed that there is no place for shame in our lives and relief was felt throughout. It was a sacred time of prayer and support felt by all. Many of the moms were able to let go and give their shame to God. As a keepsake in remembrance of this precious time, Marsha presented each woman with a heart shaped mirror that said “I am enough”. Many of the birth mothers were excited to hang the mirror in their bedrooms.

The highlight of any retreat however, is the packages that the Birth Mother’s receive of their children they placed. It is a time of pride and tearful joy; each mother so giving in their support of one another. The packages received are so greatly appreciated and it is truly amazing to witness the incredible process that is adoption. Truly another unforgettable retreat...on to the next!



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perfect day to parade



matthews alive 2016



The Matthews Alive Parade was a great place to be the Saturday before Labor Day, and the crowds packed the streets of downtown Matthews to watch the parade. Christian Adoption Services was well represented with families and staff on our float - thanks so much to those who joined us - and we were able to connect with our community, handing out information, and of course, some candy! Come join the fun next year as we help spread our mission of helping vulnerable children connect with Christian families!



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