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Taste of Israel

Awesome! It was an experience I will never forget! This is the simplest way I can describe my trip to Israel in November of 2006. I never traveled much when I was a growing up. In fact, this was my first overseas trip ever.

So when I heard that we at CEIF were organizing a trip to Israel to tour the Holy Lands, I quickly realized this could be a once in a lifetime opportunity. CEIF is always looking for ways to enrich our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ financially, spiritually and emotionally. We have organized trips in the past as a way to connect with our investors and really get to know them on a more personal level. So to organize a trip to the Holy Lands seemed like a wonderful opportunity to give our friends in Christ the chance to better understand His Word and become enriched spiritually.

What I want to do now is give you a little taste of what our group experienced on the trip. So please close your eyes and envision yourself in Capernaum, Israel (OK, maybe you shouldn't shut your eyes. It might be a little difficult to read). But let your mind go (I know mine is gone) and come on a brief



stop with me.

It's a warm day in Capernaum. It's not too hot and not too cold. You can go with or without a jacket. Although this is their rainy season, the sun is shining and the sky is blue. As I step off the bus, I'm finding myself feeling almost giddy. To think that this is where the apostle Peter lived with his mother-in-law

and family and where Jesus lived for a while. As I approach a gated area, I realize that Jesus probably walked right where we are walking.

We walk through the gates and there to the left of me and in front of me are the ancient ruins. I know things don't look exactly the way they did back in Jesus' day, but you can still make out what everything was, thus making it pretty



easy to visualize. We walk a little further, and there to my left is the synagogue. The synagogue where Jesus taught. You can see where people sat around the outer edges and where Jesus would have probably stood when teaching. Next we see where the homes were. Most are like the others, but then there is one that is a little different. This one was probably Peter's home. Then, off in the not too distant is the Sea of Galilee. You can see its shores. It was a pretty easy walk for the fisherman. Hmm, I thought the Sea of Galilee would look bigger. It's really more of a small lake. Still, it looks absolutely beautiful. It's a calm day, so from a distance the water looks almost like glass.



Well, it's time to go. I'm sorry if you couldn't be there with us. I hope we will have the opportunity to get to know you better at a future CEIF organized event. **by Bob Glim**
Marketing/Public Relations



Kitchen Corner

"Overnight Coffee Cake"

ingredients:

20 Aldens dinner rolls frozen

1/2 cup pecans

1/2 tsp cinnamon

1 stick butter/margarine melted

1 - 3oz box vanilla pudding (not instant)

1/2 cup brown sugar

At night:

Put frozen rolls in bundt pan. Mix remaining ingredients together and pour on top of dinner rolls. Cover and let sit over night.

In morning:

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Enjoy!

by Sue Vogt
[wife of Tom Vogt - CEIF Controller]

If you have a special recipe that you would be willing to share with others, please email us at newsletter@ceif.org.

BIBLE quote

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" - Hebrews 13:5-6

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U.S. - IRA

This is a friendly reminder from CEIF that you have until April 15, 2007 to contribute to an IRA for the 2006 tax year.

If you've already taken care of it — good for you! If not, please don't let lack of knowledge or a small amount to invest stop you. Now is the time to start.

Did you know? With the new IRA contribution limits, you may be able to contribute:

- \$4,000 for 2006 & 2007.
- an *additional* \$1,000 catch-up contribution annually if you're age 50 or over.

This depends on your income level.

Not only will your interest grow tax deferred, you may be eligible to deduct your IRA contributions from your income taxes.

Canada - RRSP

This is a friendly reminder from CEIF that you have until March 1, 2007 to contribute to an RRSP for the 2006 tax year.

If you already have a plan — good for you! If not, please don't wait to start investing in your future.

Did you know? Your allowable RRSP contribution for the current year is the lower of:

- 18% of your earned income for the current year, or
- The maximum annual contribution limit for the taxation year (\$18,000), or
- The remaining limit after any company sponsored pension plan contributions.

Not only will your interest grow tax deferred, you may be eligible to deduct your RRSP contributions from your income taxes.

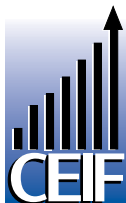
Rate Review

US Term Certificates*		
	Under \$3000	\$3000 and up
Three Year	4.86%	5.39%

Canada Term Bonds*		
	Under \$3000	\$3000 and up
One Year	3.75%	4.25%

*Rates good through February 28, 2007.

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Online Account Access

Yes, the day has arrived! You can now view your accounts online (Sorry, U.S. Only). Are you wondering if a payment has been received and deposited? Do you need to know the maturity date on a particular investment? Have you forgotten what interest rate your Certificate is set at? You can find these answers and more by accessing your individual accounts through our website by visiting us at www.ceif.org.

Here are the steps you will need to follow in order to access your account online:

1. Call CEIF at 1-800-543-CEIF (2343) to ask for your *"Account Number"* and *"Initial Password"*.
2. Please visit our website at www.ceif.org and click on *"Online Access"*, which can be found on our homepage located on the left of your screen.
3. Enter in your *"Account Number"* (you will need this every time you login in the future).

4. Enter an e-mail address.
5. Enter in your *"Password"* that was provided to you by CEIF in *"Step 1"*.
6. At the *"Member Initial Setup"* screen, retype the *"Password"* you just typed in on the previous screen.
7. Enter, and confirm, a *"New Password"* of your choice.
8. Enter in a *"Confidence Word"* of your choice (this name will appear every time you login to your account).
9. Choose the type of computer you are working on. (Personal/Business or Public).
10. Click *"Save"*.

We hope this will be a time saving way for you to have access to your accounts whenever it is most convenient for you. If you do not have access to the internet, and are in need of knowing any information about your accounts, our friendly staff will be happy and able to assist you over the phone. Please call us at 1-800-543-CEIF.