

## What is the one place from which you DON'T want to receive a letter?

You guessed it; the IRS!

We received such a letter this summer and we were devastated. The letter stated that we were taken off the tax-exempt list along with 275,000 other nonprofits because we hadn't filed certain paperwork for the past three years. Even though it was paperwork that we did not have to fill out, they wanted us to re-file a 30 page application and pay fines in the hundreds of dollars.



Wanda McRae began hours of research to see if there was a mistake or some shortcut to the filing process which can take months without thousands of other organizations re-filing at the same time.

We called special finance committee meetings with our board to discuss the ramifications and to decide what steps to take next. Without our tax exempt status we couldn't receive donations from individuals. We had to inform them of the situation and ask them not to send any more donations until we were able to get our tax exempt status back.

As you can imagine we were greatly concerned and much in prayer. Because the filing process would take so long, be costly and take an accountant familiar with nonprofit tax law to fill out, we decided to first try a letter. Scott Champion, a CPA on our board, drafted a letter of explanation of why we were not required to file the specific paperwork in question and asked that our tax status be reinstated without going through the re-filing process and paying the fines.

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Home	Name	Country	Mission	Phone #	From Date	To Date
103A	Dick & Mary Ann McCloy	USA	BCM International	(856) 925-1075	Present	November '11
106	Tim & Ruth Allen	USA	Pastoral Ministry	(856) 925-1077	Present	December '12
108	Bob & Wanda McRae	Guatemala	Assistant Director	(856) 925-1087	Staff	
112	Jim & Joanne Callahan		Director	(856) 925-1073	Staff	
112A	Scott Taylor	Africa	ABWE	(856) 679-0936	Present	December '12
116	Kim & Lori Fox	France	Calvary Baptist Church	(856) 925-1074	Present	June '12
118	Gary and Terri Camlin	Portugal	Evan. Free Church Mission	(856) 679-0935	Present	January '12
120	Michael & Vanessa Cox	Brazil	Word of Life	(856) 679-0934	Present	June '13
123	Jim & Melody Bjur	Chile	Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions	(856) 679-0938	Present	November '11
124	Fernando & Mariah Oliveira	Brazil	Word of Life	(856) 361-2005	Present	June '12
125	Gerald & Alice Harkins	Senegal	World Venture	(856) 361-2009	Present	March '12
126	Craig & Sue Querfeld	Peru	TEAM	(856) 361-2006	November '11	February '12
128	Alberto & Jo Ann Pagano	Chile	Word of Life	(856) 679-0937	Present	December '11
130	David & Connie Johnson	Brazil	Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission	(856) 679-0939	Present	February '12
132	Paul & Cheryl deMena	China	Evan. Free Church of America International Mission	(856) 679-0940	December '11	January '12
133	Carlos & Neyzi Reyes	Guatemala	Maintenance	(856) 679-0933	Staff	

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We sent the letter off and were in constant prayer for God to intervene in the situation. Six weeks later we received a reply from the IRS stating that it was their mistake and that we were put back on the tax exempt list.

Though that letter came in early August, I am still rejoicing for God's answering our prayers for His provision and intervention in the situation.

**Thank you, Lord!**



**Cedar Lane Missionary Homes  
is now on FACEBOOK!  
Look us up =)**

## Could the Cedar Lane Yard Sales be a thing of the past?

Cedar Lane has been doing yard sales over ten years now. They have been very helpful to the budget (\$8,000/yr) and for upgrading the homes. The last three or four years have seen a decline in yard sale attendance and income (about \$5,000/yr) even though we have more donations than ever. Also rain has postponed the sales two or three weeks in a row. It takes all day Thursday to move the items to the field so we need three sunny days in a row to have the sale.



Because it's getting difficult to hold such large sales, we're going to try sending the unneeded items to an auction about twenty-five minutes south of us off rt. 295. We'll send most of what comes in for the yard sale to the Dutch Auction once or twice a month. The benefits we hope to see are: a similar amount of income generated, easier sorting and storing, eliminating the exhausting setups and cleanups of a normal yard sale and still being able to keep the best items for use in our homes.



We are planning to still have two or three book sales a year. We get a lot of books and they do well at the yard sales but they wouldn't sell at the auction. We'll try the new system for the next year and see how well it works for us.

**Would you like to come off the mailing list?**

**Or would you like to receive the newsletter via email?**

Please fill out the form below and send it to the office or call us at 856-783-6525.

You can also email us at [cedarlane@furloughhomes.org](mailto:cedarlane@furloughhomes.org)

Please take me off the mailing list. (We will get your address from the front of your envelope)

Please switch me from receiving the newsletter snail mail to receiving it via email.

My Email address: \_\_\_\_\_



## Help with the Amish food donation needed

We receive food donations from churches, the food bank, Trader Joe's, and the Amish farmers market in Williamstown. The food donations are so helpful that some of our missionaries have said they barely need to spend \$10/week for food. The Amish market is one of the most helpful for our missionary families.

We could really use some help picking up and sorting all the Amish food that comes in Saturday night. It takes a couple of hours from about 3:30 to 5:30. We do have regulars who get the food so you don't have to commit to every Saturday, just fill in when needed. Call the office if you think you can help. (CLMH office: 856-783-6525)



## Fuel For Prayer

--**Praise God** for sustaining us and through the IRS ordeal.

-**Praise God** - enough funding has come in to be able to put the bathroom in the conference room.

-**Praise God** for full houses even though many families are here short term.

-**Please pray** for the Fox family who have come home from France and are looking for a pastorate or an assistant pastorate position in a church.

-**Pray for** wisdom in evaluating the change from yard sales to auctions.

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