

JOYFULLY SERVING JESUS E-NEWSLETTER

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UPDATE & THANK YOU!

A big **THANK YOU** to each of you who responded to our urgent appeal this summer. Just under 80% of our need has come in, allowing us to get current with all our present obligations and continue into the fall. Another big **THANKS** to those who pledged monthly support to this ministry. The lives of hurting people are already being impacted by your generosity.

To the churches that have supported PCCA, **THANK YOU** for recognizing the mission field of hurting individuals and families we serve right here in the Phoenix area. Thank you for taking the lead in adding PCCA to your church's missionary budget. We invite others to do follow your lead.

With the stresses of the poor economy, more families than ever need support, guidance and the clarity of God's word, while facing difficult choices and challenges.

May the LORD bless you abundantly for your support.

Alan Cook,
for the Board of PCCA

Director's Corner, by Joan Cook, MC, LMFT, Director

This month I would like to share a true story about the power of prayer to change a business operation.

The struggle had been going on for months; from a human perspective, it looked dire. The expected improvement in the financial situation had not been fulfilled. The months of the continued "juggling act" of deciding which bill needed to be paid now and which could wait a day or two or be late, was draining. All known resources were exhausted. Then came the traditional "dry" season when productivity generally slowed down, so the pressure mounted. Some advised, "Just close the place."

But, the vivid memories of miraculous provisions from unexpected sources for many years, offered hope. While the small band of staff and board were praying consistently, it was truly a small group. It was evident that a larger group of believers needed to be on the team praying for yet another miracle. The need was to reverse the financial situation and to prevent forced closure of the operation. It would indeed take a miracle.

A new voice stepped forward to proclaim the severity of the need with a powerful presentation of the facts. Many joined in prayer for God to work in this situation. As He often does when we pray, He worked in the hearts and lives of those praying, prompting some to come forward and contribute from their resources to help meet the need.

The miracle is in process, the resources are being given, and the place remains open and available to serve those who need it. The important work of the place is the service provided to those who are hurting, struggling, and suffering; but the bills have to be paid if it is to continue. With the arrival of gifts and commit-

ments, there appears to be an awareness that, "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it." (1 Cor. 12:26)

As I'm sure you've guessed, PCCA's recent history was portrayed in this story. When you joined us in praying and asking God for the needed miracle, He worked in and through **you** to meet the immediate need. We have reached over 75% of our immediate goals, with \$8,000 in one time gifts and 16 monthly commitments. These gifts have allowed us to become current with all our bills and to know the resources are there to cover payroll. **THANK YOU** for listening and responding to God's prompting.

And the work is not over; we need your continued prayers and support to sustain the ministry of assisting those who cannot pay the full fee for services. Well over half of our clients receive a modified fee, and the donations we receive help to cover the remainder of the cost of services. In our almost 10 years of service, PCCA has given almost \$500,000 in services to those in need, with \$215,000 received in donated funds to offset. I challenge you to find that kind of return on investment, 232%, in any financial market! And this investment potentially has eternal returns.

We are aware that as long as we offer the modified fees to help many families get the counseling they need at a price they can manage, the need for donations will be here too. This is a work that cannot be done without the care, prayers and donations of many others. With your help, we eagerly anticipate more years of counseling from a biblical perspective in the Valley of the Sun.

Phoenix Christian Counseling Associates is a 501(c)3 organization. All donations are tax deductible.

Our Mission Statement:

Phoenix Christian Counseling Associates is a non-profit organization that provides a full range of affordable, professional, Biblically based counseling services to encourage personal growth and strengthen families.

BE AWARE of potential dangers happening around you:

The county authorities report that area thieves are becoming more clever in their approaches to take you, your money and your car. Here are a few things to be aware of:

When you get into your car, and start it up, be aware if you see a paper on the back window that blocks your view. When you get out of the car to remove the paper, a thief may jump in, back up (almost running you down) and take off with your car, cell phone and purse with all your identifying information. If you feel you must get out, check around you as best you can first and take the keys with you when you get out.

While driving, you see an infant seat with a blanket over it by the side of the street, but no one is near to protect the abandoned "baby." When you stop to check on its safety, the thief jumps out from the bushes into your idling car....

At night, eggs are thrown at your windshield. If you spray water it combines to form a milky substance, when the wipers spread it, you can't see out the window. When you stop to clean it off, the thief jumps in....

HAPPY 10th BIRTHDAY TO PCCA

On October 23, 2010 PCCA will celebrate 10 years of serving the Valley. When God called our original five counselors to form this new ministry, we answered that call though we had few capital resources. PCCA is an amazing testimony to God's faithfulness to provide for this ministry and allow us to serve emotionally hurting people. We are committed to serve in this capacity as long as God provides for the needs: when He ceases to provide, we will know that our call has been fulfilled. Please join us in giving praise and thanks to the God who is faithful to His promises and provides for His ministries.

Did you know that you could donate to PCCA on line using your debit or credit card? Donating on line saves you time, the cost of a check and stamp and a trip to the post office. You can make secure donations on our website, just click <http://shop.pcca-az.org/> Whether you're able to donate \$10 or \$30 a month, we need you on our team, praying for and supporting us in this work.

Counseling Assistance Program (CAP)

Does your pastor know the benefits of referring to PCCA? Does he know how we help churches help their people through our Counseling Assistance Program (CAP)?

Our representative would be pleased to spend just 15 minutes with him/her to share about the available resource of PCCA.

Need a Speaker?

If your small group, church or business is looking for a speaker, call us at 602-548-8508. Our professional counselors are equipped to share on a variety of topics including: stress management, anxiety, communication, parenting, depression and many more. We can tailor the topic and length to fit your needs.

CHILIS' GIVE BACK DAY

EAT AT CHILI'S and SUPPORT PCCA.

CHILI'S Restaurants are again offering PCCA a "GIVE BACK" day on Thursday, September 9 from 11 AM to 11 PM.

You and your small group could meet for fellowship and a meal, enjoy each other's company and raise money for PCCA.

Just click here <http://pcca-az.org/events.html> to obtain the September flyer, then present this flyer with the bill.

These locations are participating: Metro Center, Deer Valley, Arrowhead, Phoenix Bell, Palm Valley, Chandler Fashion Center, Surprise and Tempe.

Opening for a Male Counselor:

PCCA is currently looking to add a licensed male counselor or master's level graduate intern to our counseling staff. If you or someone you know is interested in such a position, please e-mail us at phxcca@yahoo.com or fax a resume to 602-548-1201.

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