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Child Evangelism Fellowship® of Centre Region Newsletter

Reaching the children of Centre, Clinton, and Cameron Counties!

God's Provision!

What a summer God gave us here in Centre Region! Throughout the entire summer 682 children heard the message of the Gospel at 20 5-Day-Clubs, a week of Good News Adventure Camp, and 6 days of the Story House at the Grange Fair! Our team of 6 summer missionaries worked long days at clubs and outreaches teaching Bible lessons, singing songs, and sharing the joy of their salvation with the kids.



Morning activity time each day at camp involved something new: basketball, line dancing, and sidewalk chalk to name a few!

As we reflected on the summer and the incredible methods that God used to draw people to Himself, God began to reveal to us how He used our local committee and their wise leadership to make a lasting impact on our summer ministry and two children named Clint and Ezra we met this summer (names have been changed for privacy purposes).

It began during our committee meeting last December when the question was raised about putting an ad in a kids' feature in the February edition of "Town and Gown". The committee unanimously agreed that this would be a great way to get the word out about CEF. Then, a month later, at our committee retreat in January, we decided to pray specifically that God would double the number of children who attend Good News Adventure Camp in August, asking that he would provide for 106 children to attend.

Thanks to the advertisement going out in February, camp registrations began to come in faster than they had in previous years! Clint, a 9-year-old camper, was one of the earliest to register. However, as August loomed on the calendar and camp volunteer commitments

were dwindling, we began to question whether asking God to double the number of campers had been a wise prayer.

As a result of our concerns, we asked the committee during our June meeting if we should cap the camper registrations at 70 (36 less than what we had prayed for) since we only had enough volunteers signed up to accommodate that many campers. The committee gave us a resounding no.

They reminded us that God was answering our prayer for campers and that we should trust Him to bring us the volunteers as well. Praise God they did! Not only did God bring in the children and volunteers that we prayed for, but he also brought Ezra, an 8-year-old boy who signed up 3 days before the start of camp. By trusting in the wisdom God had placed in the leadership over us we were able to have both Clint and Ezra at camp with us and it was literally a life-changing decision for both boys.

Vanessa got to talk with both boys one-one-one during the camp devotional time. She learned that Clint was a foster child who once carried guilt and shame over past misconduct. However, he told her that he had prayed to accept Christ's forgiveness that week and that he wanted to get to know God better so that He can help him not to sin. **(Continue on back)**



Vanessa getting soaked in the dunk tank during the carnival on Friday at camp

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Upcoming Events:

YMCA Trunk or Treat

October 27th

State College YMCA

5:00-7:00pm

Stop by our booth at the Y's Trunk or Treat event for balloon animals and a Gospel message.

Good News Clubs Begin!

Fall 2023

Centre Region Elementary Schools

Good News Clubs are starting up at 11 local elementary schools. For more information and/or to sign up your child visit our website at: www.cefcentrecounty.org/good-news-clubs.html

Teaching Children Effectively

January-February 2024

Location TBA

Want to learn how to teach children the Gospel more effectively? We're excited to announce we'll be having a TCE Level 1 course offered this winter! Contact the office for more details or to sign up!

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God's Provision! (Continued)

(Continued) While talking with Ezra, Vanessa learned that he was from a Buddhist family who believed in many gods. However, he told her that he now believes in Jesus, the one true God and he was excited to read the Bible that was given to him so that he could get to know God better!

God reminds us in 2 Corinthians 9:8 that He "...is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work". We were reminded by our committee that God had called us to

this work, had given us this goal, and that He would provide for the needs of the ministry.

Thank you to all of you who prayed for us and the children we served this summer! God provided abundantly through volunteers and resources to bless so many children! And if you feel God leading you to take a further step in being involved and would like to be a part of the committee, we invite you to attend one of our monthly meetings and learn more about us!

CYIA Team's Reflections on the Summer



(Front) Ana, John, (Back) Donna, and Anny studying during a class at CYIA training camp in June.

"Not everyone has a Bible or Christian parents," said Ana Davis, our second year summer missionary, when asked what impacted her the most this summer. She went on to explain that at one of the 5 Day

meeting children with different backgrounds and needs that are very different from what she is used to in her own social circle. She was grateful for the opportunity to step out of her comfort zone to share the love of Jesus.

Third year summer missionaries Nathan Kondratyev and Joshua Wang really stepped into their roles as leaders for the team this year! Both encouraged and helped train our new summer missionaries at training school and then stepped into the lead teaching roles for all our 5-Day-Clubs this summer. As Nathan shared in his support letter, "CEF helped me to not just minister with children but also with people my age and older." We're praying him, Josh, and the rest of our team head into their schools with that missional mindset and God continues to speak through all of them!

Clubs where she taught the Bible lesson, she had the opportunity to talk with a boy who came from a non-Christian family who had tons of questions about what it means to be a follower of Christ. He was given a Gospel of John and the next day he came with questions about the meaning of light and darkness from John chapter one. Then, on the last day of club, he told us that he prayed to accept Christ that week!

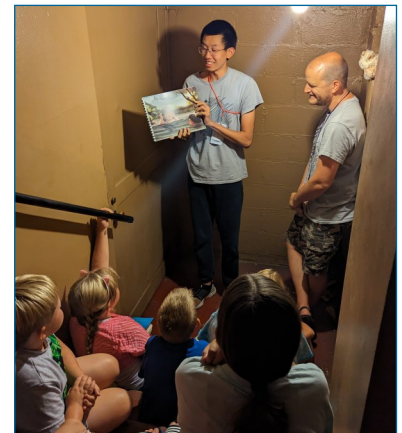
First year summer missionary Anny Xu was similarly impacted



Nathan Kondratyev teaches a Bible Lesson at the club at Brookside Wesleyan Church.

by the club outreaches this summer. She commented that her favorite part of traveling around the Centre Region and leading clubs was

Thank you to everyone who supported and prayed for our summer missionary team! We were all stretched and pushed out of our comfort zones at times (just ask Joshua who taught the missionary story in a dark stairwell during a tornado warning!) but many children were impacted with the message of the Gospel and that is why we do what we do!



Summer missionary Joshua Wang and Titus Morehead teach a club at the bottom of a stairwell during a tornado warning!

CEF of Centre Region Financial Update

2023 Giving Goal (Jan-August):	\$93,879
Giving as of 8/31:	\$120,055
	\$26,176

Thank you financial donors! God has continued to use your generous giving to bless us this year! Please continue to pray that God would meet our year end financial needs and give wisdom as we set our 2024 budget next month!

Be a part of our team!

- Yes, I am interested in visiting/joining the CEF Committee.
- Yes, I would like to join/get more info on a Good News Club team.
- Yes, I will join the CEF prayer team and pray for ongoing ministry.

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