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## Luke 10:2 and Our Summer Ministries

"The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into His harvest."

In the fall of 2018, the Lord put on the hearts of CEF USA leadership to implement Luke 10:2 in the strategic planning for the future of this ministry. Prayer is of utmost importance to inspire more workers to spread the Gospel and teach our children Biblical truths.

We are thankful for our existing workers here in central Ohio, but we need to earnestly pray that more workers would be willing to take on this vital ministry to children. This summer we were privileged to take the Gospel to local children during 5-Day Clubs, fairs and festivals. Our Ministry Coordinator Laura Gardner worked with our Christian Youth In Action teens, including team leaders Elise Herman and Xander Weidner, along with Samantha Castle, Allie Copeland, Kayla Herman, Michael Herman, Lucas Justice, and Lillian Lagerstam. Following are some testimonies and pictures from our summer work during 5-Day Clubs.



## "I've Got the Word of God!!!"

Little 6-year-old Corbin gave his heart to Jesus on July 18, 2019. Allie Copeland, one of our summer missionaries, led him to Christ. When she asked him if he had a Bible, he said no, and Allie told him we would get one for him. He was disappointed that he had to wait. Allie told me how much he wanted a Bible. I remembered I had a little New Testament in my van, so I gave it to Corbin. He was so excited that he exclaimed, "I've got the word of God, I'VE GOT THE WORD OF GOD!!!" as he held it up and then began lovingly looking at the pages. It touched my heart that a little 6-year-old boy, who couldn't even read yet, was excited about having God's Word. Then the next day we gave Corbin and the other children a whole Bible. He was just as excited as the day before as he began to look at the words on the pages.

On the last day of club, I found out that Corbin's dad had been arrested that week and was in jail. His 5-year-old sister Millie had been coming back for counseling but she was always distracted and did not seem to have a clear understanding of the Gospel. I asked Millie if there was anything I could pray

**2018 Worldwide  
CEF Ministry Statistics**

**Teachers Trained**  
2017 - 363,579  
2018 - 392,992  
(29,413 or 8% increase)

**Good News Clubs**  
2017 - 75,453  
2018 - 98,618  
(23,165 or 31% increase)

**Children Reached**  
2017 - 22,878,335  
2018 - 25,478,771  
(2.6M or 11% increase)

**Professions of Faith**  
2017 - 10,330,267  
2018 - 10,480,210  
(149,943 or 1.5% increase)

about for her and she said, "My daddy is in jail and I want him to come home." I prayed for Millie and Corbin's dad. Allie walked Millie and Corbin home and was praying with their mother when Corbin came back over to me, Bible in hand and looking up at me with eyes that pierced my soul, and asked, "Where are you going?" I told him we had to leave now, but he now had Jesus to watch over him. I didn't want to leave. Thankfully the church that sponsored this 5-Day Club, Crossroads CCC in Circleville, will be following up on Corbin and Millie's family as they have an outreach to their community.

It is very important that we get out of our churches and share the Gospel so children like Corbin and Millie can hear about Jesus. I am thankful for the eight teenagers who gave up much of their summer to share Christ with 203 children and for the 19 salvations. I also would like to thank those who donated snacks for the children and money to feed them lunch this summer. Not only were they hungry for the Gospel but many of the communities we go into are poor and because of your generosity we were able to feed 100 children. I would also like to thank Crossroads CCC for providing lunch for our team during the week we were in Circleville. A special thank you to Matt Capsel for cooking for us every day. The food was delicious.

If you or your church would like to reach out to the children in your community, CEF is here to help you. We have training and materials that will help you effectively reach the children. If you would like more information contact me at 614-272-8217.

Laura Gardner, Ministry Coordinator

Here are our teens presenting the Bible and the Gospel to children during 5-Day Clubs.





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## Good News Clubs Starting This Month

Schools have started and there is a great opportunity to share the Gospel through Good News Clubs. There are thousands of children in public schools here in central Ohio, and most of them do not attend a church of any kind. Who will tell them about Jesus if not you and me?

We're praying that you will be someone who helps us get more Good News Clubs started in more schools this year. If you are able to partner with us financially – GREAT! Everyone can partner with us in prayer for more schools to be open to Good News Clubs, more churches to sponsor schools, and more students to attend existing Clubs.

Good News Clubs have started this month and all our Clubs from last year's schools are returning. We are also excited to report that we expect four new Clubs at schools in Circleville and Columbus.

If you would like to get involved with CEF or help start a Good News Club in your area, please contact Laura Gardner (Ministry Coordinator) at 614-272-8217 or Ray/Sandy Harper at 614-732-0448.

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## World Day of Prayer - November 6

It is tradition that Child Evangelism Fellowship sets aside the first Wednesday in November as World Day of Prayer. On this date the staff and volunteers in the CEF family at USA Headquarters suspend their routine responsibilities to spend a full day in prayer. This special day is spent interceding for the children of the world and the workers called to bring them the Gospel.

Though we don't expect you to spend the entire day in prayer, we ask that you spend a short time in prayer on November 6, or a day of your choosing, to pray for the outreach to children in central Ohio. We need the power of God, enabled through our prayers, working in the midst of our ministry.

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**"Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work." ~Oswald Chambers**

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## Curriculum Workshop



Pictured are the attendees of the September 14 Curriculum Workshop that prepared our teachers for the new year of Good News Clubs. We are grateful for these lead teachers, who with their teams are faithfully sharing the Gospel and discipling the children in our clubs. Not pictured yet is a new team of enthusiastic workers sponsored by Crossroads Church in Circleville. They plan to soon divide into two teams. Along with these two clubs, two new ones will be opening in inner city Columbus to bring our total to 10 clubs.

We thank the Lord for your faithful prayers and support, and for His going before us.

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We praise the Lord for your faithfulness in prayer and support of this ministry. The Lord is using you to make a difference in lives. Only Jesus and His Word can bring salvation and the way to walk for His glory.

### Praise God for:

- The return of all of last year's Good News Clubs.
- The new Clubs in Circleville and Columbus.
- Those children that heard the Gospel and responded in faith at the 5-Day Clubs, fairs, and festivals.
- New and existing teachers and workers being trained for the upcoming Clubs.
- New Committee members Betsy Starkey and Jim Forrest.

### Please Pray for:

- Very needy children in our inner-city Clubs.
- Continued growth in children who have received Christ.
- Children who will attend Good News Clubs this school year.
- Additional churches to adopt schools and supply workers.
- A Director for our Chapter and extra funds to support him or her.
- Health and protection for Club workers and Committee members.



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