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## Summer Slowdown With a Few Fair Surprises

With the summer coming to an end, we praise the Lord for the opportunity to minister at the Union County Fair again. We shared the gospel with 137 children and teens and 22 prayed to receive Christ. Pray for these new believers to attend Bible-centered churches to help them grow.



We enjoyed conversations with adults as well. One man, seeing our booth and Bibles shared with tears that this was a divine appointment. He had attended church all his life, but had experienced several struggles, so had quit going for quite a while. He expressed that he now felt God's leading to return to Him.

We met and enjoyed fellowship with two pastors from other booths; we were able to recommend their churches to the new believers. One young woman who was a member of one of their churches stopped by to share the joy she'd found in Christ after being delivered from drugs. She had removed earrings from all over her face and tongue in order to glorify the Lord and eagerly told others about Him.

We had a drawing for an ice cream cake. When we called the winner, we were amazed that the dad remembered Ray sharing the gospel with his 4th grade son and was grateful. Two of our trained CYIA teens were a wonderful help with Laura Gardner, engaging with children and sharing the gospel with them. Their heart for reaching others is a blessing to see. Thank you, Allie and Lucas! Thank you to Jim, as well, one of our Good News Club teachers, who was a pied piper, inviting children on the grounds to visit our booth.

COVID-19 had its effects. For the first time in many years, the number of teens from all over the state attending CYIA summer training was down. In Columbus, we usually have eight or so 5 Day Clubs in backyards. But we didn't even have a team to serve. Not to be discouraged, Lucas (who was previously trained), volunteered his family's home and ran a whole Club with a group of children. If you know teens of this caliber, with a heart to serve, CYIA is an invaluable resource to recommend to them. By God's grace, doors will be open next year.

by Ray & Sandy Harper

## Christmas is Coming to Ohio



Yes, Christmas is coming to Ohio. That is to say, all the local Ohio Chapters of CEF will be training children's workers in Ohio churches to host a one-time Christmas Party Club.

**2020 Worldwide  
CEF Ministry Statistics**  
(decreases due to the  
COVID-19 pandemic)

**Teachers Trained**  
2019 - 429,083  
2020 - 273,875

**Good News Clubs**  
2019 - 109,828  
2020 - 58,616

**Children Reached**  
2019 - 25,182,420  
2020 - 16,443,289

**Professions of Faith**  
2019 - 9,285,456  
2020 - 5,616,966

Sadly, many children have never heard about Jesus and the true meaning of why we celebrate Christmas, but you can tell them this Christmas.

If your church would like to reach the children in your area with the Good News of Jesus this Christmas or would like more information, please contact me, Laura Gardner at 614-272-82178 or laurabeth4062@outlook.com.

If you would like to support a Party Club or another part of our ministry, please mail your donation to the address on page 1 or visit cefcolumbus.com.

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## More Training in Columbus by Laura Gardner

Sandy Harper and I held a Super Seminar training in August for Project Reset. Reset is a Christian organization partnering with Columbus Public Schools to share the Gospel with children during the school day. Children are released from the school building to attend one hour of Bible instruction and then return to school for the rest of the day.



Sandy and I trained seven of their workers on how to effectively share the Gospel, how to lead a child to Christ, teaching children memory verses, as well as other topics.

One young man who was there told me he works 16-hour days and was tired but was very glad he chose to come. He said he learned so much and that he will be using what he learned in all the teaching he does not only with Reset but as a youth leader in his church.

We are thankful for this training and look forward to training more workers who want to learn how to reach children for Christ! Contact me if you would like training for your church or organization.

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**Prayer Requests** – For the Lord to open the door to additional Good News Clubs in schools and other facilities • Protection from & an end to COVID-19 • A Director for our Chapter and extra funds to support that position • Additional church partners/volunteers



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