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No staff at the current time. We are looking for a Local Director and Ministry Coordinator. Let us know if you know someone who is interested.

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Easter Party Clubs Were Hopping with Hope in Fairfield County by Janice Howdysshell, GNC Team Member

"Hear ye, hear ye" were the bellowing words spoken at the start of the Easter Party Clubs held at Liberty Union (Baltimore) and Pleasantville Elementary Schools. Following these words were, "What are we all here to celebrate?!" The children all responded, "Easter!!!"

In attendance at Liberty Union were 49 children. Nine of those children came to talk with counselors to learn more about becoming a child of the King. One of those boys said he had never heard of Jesus before. Two girls said their dads were in and out of jail on drug charges.



Pleasantville children were hosted at a nearby church. The pastor was excited about having the children at their church. He will be doing follow-up to encourage them to come to church. Thirty-one children attended the party club. We were so surprised when 21 children wanted to talk about their need of a Savior.

Only God knows the hearts of these children. We had the extreme privilege of having fun with them presenting the lesson, playing review games and active games, and most of all sharing the best news the world has ever known. Seeds were planted and we trust God to use it in their young lives.

During the Pleasantville Easter Party Club, the children were told they could obtain a wordless bracelet at school simply by asking the Bible teacher when they saw her (she works at the school). Three weeks after the club, three different children came up to the teacher at school and asked for a bracelet. One child, when given the bracelet said, "I forgot what this means; would you tell me again?" The other children heard the commotion and all wanted a bracelet. The boy who first asked for the bracelet passed out 90 bracelets the next day. A bookmark explaining the Gospel message was passed out with the bracelets. Matthew 18:14 continues to ring true, "It is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish".



Children Are Eager to Be a Believer by Laura Gardner

Recently in a release time program, I was teaching the children about Jesus and how He had left His home in heaven and came down to earth to be born and that Joseph was not His father. I told them that Jesus knew what it was like to live with a step-parent because Joseph was not his real father. I was very touched when a little girl raised her hand to ask if Jesus had a good step-father or a bad step-father. I told her that He had a good step-father because God the Father chose Jesus' step-father. The look on her face when she asked the question made me wonder what kind of a home she may be living in. When I gave the invitation to receive Christ there was no time for counseling. So I guided the children on what to tell God as they prayed that day. I then passed out a Gospel tract and told them if you prayed to receive Jesus today in your heart, you could fill in your name and date on the tract. She quickly asked for a pen and filled in her name. She was smiling as she quickly left for the bus to go back to school. She comes almost every week excited to learn more about God and has a lot of questions.

I am finding as I teach that all the children have questions and they are very eager to learn about God. Children are so hungry for the truth and love of Jesus in a world so full of hate and confusion. Let's keep these little ones in our prayers.

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him? – Luke 11:13

Visit Our New Website at cefcolumbus.org

Our website has been completely revamped and provides information on our local ministries, how you can get involved, previous newsletters, and how to donate (including online donations & Kroger Rewards).

Praise God for:

- Two Easter Party Clubs in Fairfield County with 80 children reached that had children and parents who received Christ.
- The ability to have several Clubs in schools during the current pandemic.
- Several new people stepping forward to help in current Good News Clubs in Pataskala and Circleville; and a possible new Good News Club in Baltimore.
- Brand new volunteers desiring training to help with our CEF booth at the Union County Fair.

Please Pray for:

- God to reveal His choices for new Greater Columbus Committee members.
- More churches in Central Ohio to adopt Good News Clubs.
- More teachers and helpers to be trained for fall Good News Clubs.
- The person that God knows to take the leadership role for the Greater Columbus area; pray that we do this right and that funding will be available to care for that Local Director.
- The children attending our summer ministries to have an open heart to the Gospel.



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