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TCE1 Training is Reaching Children for Christ!

This past year I was able to lead a Teaching Children Effectively 1™ (TCE1) Training in the Greater Columbus area. We had three students in the class. One student named Amber felt God wanted her to start teaching Sunday School. The pastor's wife told her about the TCE1 class that would be starting in a few days and that she might want to take it. She felt God leading her to take the class because she also had a burden to reach her nieces and nephews for Christ.

The first thing we teach in TCE1 is how to share the Gospel with children using the Wordless Book.

Each student must do a practicum (role-playing practice) with an evaluator the following week. We encourage them to practice presenting the Wordless Book to real children.

Amber came back the next week ready to do her practicum for me. Before having her teach, I asked her if she had a chance to share the Wordless Book with any children. With a big smile on her face, she said YES! She told me that she had shared it with five of her nieces and nephews. The two older ones had accepted Christ two weeks before in church but that the Wordless Book presentation helped them to understand more about their decision to follow Christ. One niece listened but was not ready to accept Christ at that time. Still smiling, she told me she also shared it with her niece who is 11 and her nephew who is seven and both accepted the Lord. Praise God!

Amber said this about having the opportunity to lead her niece and nephew to Christ: "That is a beautiful memory that I will cherish and will always carry with me as I continue down the path God leads me to hopefully lead other children to Christ."

If you asked Amber if it was worth all the hard work to take TCE1, I know she would say YES!

If you would like more information on training for you or your church to reach the children in your community, please contact me, Laura Gardner, at 614-266-7287, or Laura@cefcolumnbus.org.

Please continue to pray for the children and for more workers to come along side us in this great harvest!



Amber smiles when sharing the Gospel

God With Us!

Adapted from the CEF USA Ministries Team

The reality of "God with us" should blow us away! I admit it doesn't always feel or look like it's true because we don't see Jesus as we would a brother, sister, or friend. Yet I suggest that He is closer than those relationships because He sticks "closer than a brother" ever could. He has taken residence inside us, and your brother never did that!

The God of the universe, with all glory, power, and wisdom, chose a special way to be with you and me. It should still take our breath away as we consider all that this means for our experience on planet earth, and for the future. He is available, active and aware; and with us today and forever.



Consider just briefly what life would be like for you if He wasn't? He is our Redeemer and Sustainer through life. He takes even the wrong choices and redeems them when we turn to Him. He upholds us in and through the challenges we face. He never leaves or forsakes His own children.

What a wonderful message that our world needs today. He is "God with us," and available to all who would call on Him to be saved as their Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!

Thank you for helping us share the Lord Jesus Christ's life-changing story with the next generation. For our September 2023 – August 2024 Ministry Year, we were able to share the Gospel with 522 children in Good News Clubs, 5-Day Clubs, and fairs & festivals, with 77 children accepting Christ as their Savior.

If you would like to support the Greater Columbus Chapter's outreach to children in Central Ohio, checks can be mailed to **CEF of Ohio – Greater Columbus Chapter, PO Box 1173, Columbus, OH 43216**. Debit/credit card donations can be made through PayPal by visiting the link on our website at **cefcolumnbus.org/donate/**. If you would like to designate any part of your donation to help support our Local Director Laura Gardner, please indicate that on your payment.

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